

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
May 10, 2022

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Reported by: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR
Fissinger & Associates

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Grayling Gordon,
Gilberto Cantu, Eugene Austin,
Rick Rodriguez

Staff Present: Ateria Allen

MR. GORDON: We do have a quorum.

First, under Administrative Matters,
we have approval of April 26th, 2022 meeting minutes, as
written. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

MR. CANTU: So move that we accept the
meeting minutes.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Now we have approval and signing of
payroll dated April 29, 2022. Do I have a motion for
approval of payroll?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'll make a motion to
approve.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

1 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

2 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

3 Next approval and signing of WARRANT
050422 PB, in the amount of \$41.00. She talked about
4 this last time, that these are expenses that had to be
dated at a certain time. So can we get a motion for
5 approval and signing of warrant?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve
warrant report.

7 MR. CANTU: Second.

8 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
9 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

10 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

11 Next on agenda, approval and signing
of WARRANT 051022 PB, in the amount of \$31,727.20. As
12 you can see, approximately, she said 27,000 would be for
utilities and the rest for other expenses. So can I
have a motion for approval and signing of warrant?

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve
14 the warrant report.

15 MR. CANTU: Second.

16 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

17 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

18 Next we have Old Business. Madame
Secretary, is there any old business?

19 MS. ALLEN: You do have Ozoh Engineering
20 for old business, but since Vanessa is not here to speak
on that, you have to table it.

21 MR. GORDON: Okay. Again, we talked
22 about Ozoh Engineering, the rates, and it was tabled
from our last meeting. Once again we'll put it to rest
23 till next meeting, so it will be tabled. Any questions?

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Madame Secretary, do you
know if this is time sensitive?

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1 MS. ALLEN: I do know she said it was
2 approved previously, at a previous meeting. But, you
3 know, after COVID and stuff, there was inflation in
4 prices. She wanted to make sure that they were still
5 okay with these prices, and also she needed to add a "do
6 not exceed" because accounting is asking that for all of
7 the contracts and rates.

8 MR. GORDON: Basically the state law
9 changed.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So nothing has been
11 changed yet?

12 MS. ALLEN: No, this is the same one
13 presented at the last meeting.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to table it
15 again.

16 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

17 MR. GORDON: So we'll wait till she can
18 speak on this. Any questions on the motion? (None)
19 All in favor signify by saying aye?

20 (All signify aye.)

21 Motion carries.

22 Is there any New Business, Madame
23 Secretary?

24 MS. ALLEN: Yes. So you have the 2022
25 Greenhouse annual price list. It was provided to you in
the packet. This is like a condensed list and the ones
listed here is the change of price from last year. The
ones not listed would be for the same price as last
year. But she just wanted these to get approved today
and then we'll get an additional price list at a
different meeting.

MR. GORDON: Okay. Before we go ahead
with the motion, is there any discussion? (None) Is
there a motion to accept the 2022 Greenhouse price list?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to accept
the price list for the flowers.

MR. CANTU: Second.

MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?

1 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

2 Motion carries.

3 As we can see, there is no other
4 people here, so there is no public comment. Do any
5 members have anything to discuss?

6 MR. AUSTIN: Just one note, people are
7 going out wanting to have things in the park. Have we
8 heard anything about the prices or do the prices stay
9 like they were before this took place?

10 MR. GORDON: You have the updated prices,
11 that's what she just gave us.

12 MS. ALLEN: You mean for the plants at
13 the Greenhouse?

14 MR. AUSTIN: That's what I'm saying, are
15 they going to be the same?

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, the ones we just
17 voted on, those are the price changes. The other ones
18 that are not on the list, they are staying the same.

19 MR. GORDON: As far as we know. We'll
20 get an updated list. When we get another updated list,
21 we'll let her speak on that.

22 With that being said, our next
23 meeting will be Tuesday May 24th, 2022, right here in
24 the City Hall Council Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis
25 Boulevard, East Chicago, at the appropriate time of
5:00 o'clock.

With that, can I have a motion for
adjournment?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to adjourn
the meeting.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

MR. GORDON: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

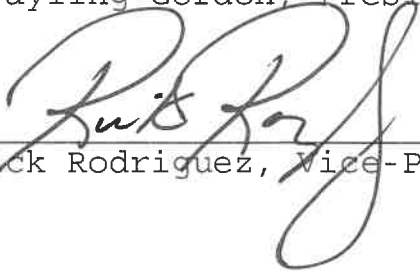
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday
May 10, 2022

Approved and signed June 14, 2022

Grayling Gordon - Zoom

Grayling Gordon, President



Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

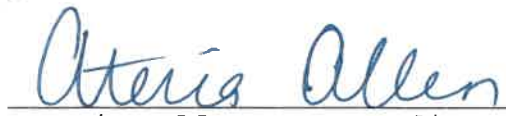
Valda Lewis, Secretary



Gilberto Cantu, Member



Eugene Austin, Member



Ateria Allen, Recording Secretary

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Valparaiso, Indiana, this 13th day of May, 2022.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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