

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
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Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Staff Present: Debra Gritters  
Vanessa Hernandez-Orange

MR. GORDON: I would call the meeting of  
the East Chicago Board of Parks and Recreation to order.  
We do have a quorum.

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

MR. CANTU: Move that we accept the  
meeting minutes.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next, approval and signing of  
payroll dated July 29, 2022. Can I have a motion for  
approval of payroll?

MR. CANTU: Move that we 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 Approval and signing of payroll  
dated August 5, 2022. Can I have a motion for  
4 approval of payroll?

5 MR. CANTU: Move to be approved.

6 MR. AUSTEN: Second.

7 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?  
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?  
8 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.  
9 Approval and signing of Warrant  
080322 PB, amount of \$196.14. Can I have a motion for  
10 approval of signing of warrant?

11 MR. CANTU: Move that we approve.

12 MR. AUSTEN: Second.

13 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?  
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?  
14 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.  
15 Approval and signing of Warrant  
080922 PB, in the amount of \$64,205.11. Can I have a  
16 motion for approval of warrant?

17 MR. CANTU: Move to approve.

18 MR. AUSTEN: Second.

19 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?  
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?  
20 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.  
21 Madame secretary, is there any old  
business?  
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23 MS. GRITTERS: There is no old business.

24 MR. GORDON: We'll move on to new  
business. We have Parks and Recreation Director, Mrs.  
Vanessa Hernandez-Orange.  
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1 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Good evening.  
2 Before you I have two items that I am asking for  
3 approval. The first one is City Cruise, Signature Lunch  
4 Cruise on Lake Michigan for our senior citizens. This  
5 cruise is being brought back. This is not the first  
6 time it's been done, but we are bringing it back. Our  
7 senior citizens have called numerous times to our office  
8 and were asking what are we doing for our seniors. They  
9 asked to have the boat trip brought back.

10 After many people calling, I asked  
11 the Mayor if I could be allowed to have it done. I  
12 asked the health director also how she felt about this,  
13 if it was safe for our senior citizens. She said as  
14 long as senior citizens keep their masks on, she didn't  
15 have any problem with it. So I ended putting it on the  
16 sign up. We have 80 sign ups in less than a month and  
17 that's people having to pay \$45.00 in order to sign up  
18 to go.

19 So what you have before you is the  
20 actual document for how much we are paying. Obviously  
21 the \$45.00 doesn't cover the whole thing because we go  
22 on a Coach bus, but we are at least able to bring  
23 something to our senior citizens.

24 With that I am asking for you to  
25 approve the Signature Lunch Cruise on Lake Michigan for  
our senior citizens.

MR. GORDON: First of all, I'd like to  
thank you for bringing it back. It was a good thing for  
our seniors and I know that they have been asking for  
some more things to do, so I'm glad to have it. With  
that being said, any questions?

MR. CANTU: I have a question. Last time  
we had a cruise like this, it was three years ago, okay.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: It was more than  
that.

MR. CANTU: Before you came, and you been  
about two years now.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Myra did not do  
it. It was probably about 4 or 5 years ago.

MR. CANTU: It was three years ago. You  
just come here, what, two years?

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Myra didn't do

1 it.

2 MR. CANTU: That was before the Pandemic  
3 when we did the last one. I remember that one because I  
4 paid to go and I wasn't able to go, and then I offered  
5 to him. Remember?

6 MR. AUSTIN: I remember.

7 MR. CANTU: We paid. Here on these  
8 things you are saying -- you are not saying anything  
9 about you charging people to go. And also you are not  
10 saying anything about transportation to go over there.  
11 You see, when we had these cruises, we had them for the  
12 last ten years prior to you. We started and the Mayor  
13 continued doing that. And I came here in 2009 and that  
14 was the first time I went, and I used to go every year  
15 until the last one, when I wasn't able to go and offer  
16 him to go in my place. You were not able to go because  
17 he was working.

18 But, anyway, that's the last time,  
19 that was three years ago. But to do this, you had to  
20 charge people to go and this one is about opportunity  
21 for the old timers, the seniors, so they can come to the  
22 cruise and enjoy themselves. And they had a list --  
23 they used to have a list every year. All of the same  
24 people that used to go because it was like that, and  
25 that's the way it was before.

So this is what you charging now for  
the food and all that stuff, which is fine. We were  
paying that one, the City. And then everyone had to  
sign in at the boat, and then there was a fee, you know.  
When I started was like \$20.00 and the last time it was  
\$40.00, because things went up. But we also had to hire  
two buses so we can carry the people. We used to get  
that while they were here, and then the City paid the  
rest anyway.

But you had to charge people to go  
over there and you are not bringing anything here saying  
it is going to be a fee so we can cover some of the  
cost. The buses, they usually charge us 7, 800 per bus,  
like \$2,000 for the trip. So that 30, \$40.00 that we  
are charging per person, it was something to cover some  
of the expenses, and then the City was paying the rest.

MR. GORDON: I guess the question would  
be from Mr. Cantu, is there any way that you can provide  
some transportation for the seniors, to pick them up?

1 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: So I'm assuming  
2 there is two things that he is asking. One, did we  
3 charge a fee to the senior citizens? Yes, \$45.00 for  
4 the fee, which includes a Coach bus, as well as the  
5 cruise itself.

6 The reason why the Coach bus isn't  
7 going before you because we ended up doing a bus thing  
8 because we anticipated that, that doesn't have to be in  
9 here. All I need to get approved is the actual lunch  
10 cruise.

11 MR. GORDON: So you will have the bus?

12 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: We are having two  
13 Coach buses for 80 people. This is solely for the  
14 cruise.

15 MR. CANTU: But there is no bus included.  
16 How people going to get over there?

17 MR. GORDON: No, she will have a bus for  
18 the people to get there.

19 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: So when I  
20 announced it on our flier, it says, bus transportation  
21 included, cruise included with food, \$45.00 to sign up.  
22 We are all meeting at the baseball field so there will  
23 be more parking.

24 MR. CANTU: This is what you have to show  
25 us, that you are going to charge so much money down  
there, charge \$45.00 per person.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Yes, \$45.00 per  
person.

MR. CANTU: Last time is 40, which is  
fine, things going up. I saw only on here the trip and  
that's the reason I mention to you about the buses and  
the expenses. You brought us that one. We accept this.  
We already had to have the assignment, so we can pay for  
the buses too because it's going to come from the City.  
Understand what I'm saying? You need to tell us, I'm  
going to hire two buses and they are going to charge 7,  
800 a piece. And then you going to ask \$45.00 for  
people that would like to go.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Got it.

1 MR. CANTU: This is fine, but this is  
2 incomplete because you already want to have a trip, how  
3 you going to go about it. You need only this, you need  
4 transportation, be sure that we pass is the money for  
5 the buses because the City won't pay unless we have to  
6 pass.

7 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: You actually did  
8 on your same docket.

9 MR. CANTU: You had us approve the  
10 voucher for the buses too?

11 MR. GORDON: We passed them before.

12 MR. AUSTIN: I'd like one question. What  
13 I would like to know, why can't we -- I mean this is  
14 kind of in the past -- but in the near future, why do we  
15 -- now we can rent buses, two buses. We worry how much  
16 on each bus, just about a hundred people, 80 people; so  
17 40 on each bus who are signed up. And then if there's  
18 any extra, that we can be sure everything is paid,  
19 because like it is now, the weather. Plus it really  
20 throws us off with COVID 19 because everybody scared of  
21 that. Now this thing came up about the new strain,  
22 whatever it is now. And I think that this would be a  
23 nice thing for us to do, but seeming we always have some  
24 problem when it comes to the end. We should be able to  
25 capitalize on the whole price at the start and then that  
26 way you can just about know what we going to do, instead  
27 of running into a problem like we doing now.

28 But we can understand this problem.  
29 Some people, just saying, you going out there on the  
30 water and then, you know, a lot of people. I rather go  
31 on the bus rather than the water, I ain't used to water  
32 yet.

33 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I understand.

34 MR. AUSTIN: We should ask our people,  
35 you know, our community, talk to them personally what  
36 they think about this, and that way it will be easy.  
37 And I'm quite sure the City will chip in with a certain  
38 amount.

39 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I agree. I think  
40 it's a very important step, that's why right now we have  
41 senior sign ups. I tell people all the time, make sure  
42 to come and ask me if you would like to see something.

1 I would love to do it. On our website we have a  
2 proposal for anyone who would like to bring something to  
3 the Parks and Recreation. Talk to me and we'll think of  
4 a program. What are you interested in? I'm open to  
5 hearing it. And if it's an idea that I believe that we  
6 can go with, and if we have funding for, I don't mind  
7 moving forward with it. So I am open to hear new  
8 things.

9 MR. GORDON: I think the one thing that  
10 he was saying, that he would like to see more complete.  
11 One of the things, if you look at it, you can see that  
12 the deposit was already made, I believe, for \$2250; is  
13 that correct? And what he was saying, but I don't want  
14 to speak out of turn, I think the difference of the  
15 money is going to be what the City has paid for.

16 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: So the money,  
17 whatever the seniors are paying, it goes to the  
18 difference of, yes, the rest of the payment for the  
19 cruise and/or the offset for the bus. So it just  
20 depends.

21 In reality, after I do the math, it  
22 can't even pay for the cruise itself or the buses alone.  
23 The buses went up so much, and literally they changed  
24 within two weeks after we called, that's why we put in  
25 the claim immediately to say, you cannot change the  
price anymore. As the weeks go on, they are changing  
prices left and right.

So we wanted get it under the  
threshold, so we did not come before the Board. But  
it's all done, and unfortunately what we are getting  
from the residents will not pay for either or, and it's  
a total.

18 MR. GORDON: So the bus is already  
19 accounted for?

20 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Absolutely. So  
21 at the beginning of the year what we do, we took out a  
22 PO for Coach buses. We have the Shipshewana trip that  
23 we are going on. We have the seniors on the Lake trip.  
24 That will all be from that PO, it was already in my  
25 budget. We only have to bring it before the Board if  
that's going to be more than \$5,000. Well, it's not, so  
that's why you don't have it before you, but it's the  
approval on the claim, that's the way it is. If you  
would like to see that, you want to see that we have a  
bus, we are paying for the bus, and we have the cruise;

1 I can do that for you for next time.

2 I thought Ateria sent everyone a  
3 flier at one time, I think awhile back, of the senior  
4 boat trip and it was going to be transportation  
5 included, meet at the baseball field, but I will do a  
6 better job of letting you guys know the whole entire  
7 package that will be included. I can do that for next  
8 time.

9 MR. GORDON: Now my question is, so what  
10 kind of timeline are we under, without the price change,  
11 to pass this, because we don't want it to go up if we've  
12 got to wait.

13 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Hundred percent  
14 agree. So this right here is locked in, but the issue  
15 is, if I don't get this approved today, I'm not going to  
16 have a check for when we go, and I need to pay the other  
17 half, which is the remaining balance. In order to pay,  
18 I have to have the check done to go on the trip. So it  
19 has to be done, I think, 48 hours prior to the trip has  
20 to be paid.

21 MR. CANTU: So the price for people to go  
22 before you is \$45.00?

23 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: For the people  
24 it's \$45.00. I didn't want to make it too high. And  
25 the reason why is because of COVID, everyone doesn't  
have money, but it's \$45.00.

MR. CANTU: Because now, you know, the  
gasoline is so high and so forth, so I know that buses  
going to charge you more money down there.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: They're trying.

MR. GORDON: But the bus is already  
accounted for?

MR. CANTU: This is fine. Only have to  
let us know and bring it so we can pass to pay for this,  
that's what I'm saying.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I understand.

MR. CANTU: We can approve this and then  
you have to bring the buses, so we can approve it too  
because we have to pay it. The people ain't going to



1 pay. They just have to sign in at your office, you sign  
2 them in and have a form down there that we are not  
responsible down there.

3 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Right, right.

4 MR. CANTU: If they get sick or whatever,  
5 it's going to be on their own because we are not  
responsible.

6 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Agree.

7 MR. CANTU: When they go to the trip or  
8 to the ball park or whatever, she has to make something  
so they can sign.

9 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Right.

10 MR. CANTU: That's the way we did for  
11 years. This is first time you are going to do it, I'm  
12 letting you know, because I been involved in those  
13 years. It's a beautiful trip to go down there. It's  
14 beautiful. You going to be seated like sardines because  
15 you going to have 80 people down there at every table.  
And the space, you know, you are tight, and then another  
table because it's not too big. It's beautiful when you  
go on the deck on top and you can see. It's nice. I  
recommend it for anyone that would like to go.

16 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I'm excited.

17 MR. CANTU: But everybody has to pay  
something down there.

18 MR. AUSTIN: And to add to what Mr. Cantu  
19 is saying, we try to put going down to Chicago, the  
20 older people, they would enjoy it. We should put that  
21 at the top of the list, secure that. And then all the  
22 others, we just let things till the end and I think that  
23 would be much easier if we settle before, but we headed  
it off at the top. This is for what we are going to do  
and then secure the buses and everything, drivers to  
safely take us down there, take the people down and  
bring them back. I think we would not have this kind of  
problem because that's how it is.

24 Everything under that we negotiate  
25 on it, but the top of the list, you do not mess with  
that.

1 MR. GORDON: And it also says that they  
2 can't increase, not decrease, so we are in pretty good  
3 shape. We are going to make a motion to approve the  
4 cruise on Lake Michigan for our seniors in the amount of  
5 \$5,791.00.

6 MR. CANTU: Hold on, that would be  
7 \$8,041.00.

8 MR. GORDON: This amount has been paid  
9 already.

10 MR. CANTU: This is only down payment.  
11 then at the end, before we go to the cruise, we have to  
12 send the other five.

13 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: We have to  
14 approve the full amount.

15 MR. CANTU: Down payment, she want to pay  
16 everything, she can pay the 8,000.

17 MR. GORDON: Let's get approval for the  
18 \$8,041.00, for the Signature Lunch Cruise for our  
19 seniors. Can I get a motion for approval?

20 MR. CANTU: I move that we accept it.

21 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

22 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?  
23 (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?  
24 (All signify aye.)  
25 Motion carries.

MR. CANTU: Also I want to mention this.  
This here, it said additional information, it said,  
cruise, go for free. You are not going to take  
children. This is only for the senior people, we don't  
want to be responsible for a child down there or  
children. There would not be space down there.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Senior citizens  
only.

MR. GORDON: That's on this flier. All  
right, if we can move on.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: The next item we

1 have on the agenda, I'm asking for approval for our  
2 Christmas decor. We are wanting to add a couple of  
3 items for our holiday lights. The first main item, the  
4 reason why we are adding lights to the shelters, only  
5 certain shelters have lights around them, in certain  
6 areas of the City. I don't think it's fair that only  
7 certain parts or certain areas of the City have lights.  
8 I think it should be throughout the entire City. It  
9 should be fair and equal, so this is the reason I'm  
10 asking for the approval of the shelter lights.

11 The second thing is, East Chicago is  
12 known for being Monarch friendly. We are in the path  
13 way of the Monarch butterfly. As you know, we have a  
14 Monarch Butterfly Fest in the City of East Chicago,  
15 hence the reason why I am asking to add Monarch lights  
16 at Washington Park because of the fact that we have the  
17 Monarch Butterfly Fest and just to give homage to the  
18 flights of the butterfly. Because we have the  
19 Greenhouse in that area where we end up kind of fencing  
20 it off, we are able to keep that butterfly statute in  
21 the morning, but lights up at night for the entire year.  
22 It wouldn't be just at Christmas. We will leave it up  
23 all year round. So it helps with, you know, the  
24 lighting of the parks and the same time it's something  
25 that's nice to look at.

14 MR. AUSTIN: Well, may I ask, with this,  
15 do you have any idea, if you add this up, what the total  
16 will be, the total price? That way, let's not overdo it  
17 and then come in and have a different item, try to line  
18 it up in a way that what we plan, it would take care of  
19 itself and not interfere with what you think about, just  
20 checking it out and bring it to the Board and we'll look  
21 over that?

19 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: So what I am  
20 giving you now for the shelters is the total of how much  
21 it will cost to bring, I guess, all up-to-date at all of  
22 our parks. And the yearly, I guess, maintenance or the  
23 yearly amount, service amount, usually the Special  
24 Events team are the ones who pay for it. I do have it  
25 in my budget. I put it in my budget, but we try to give  
it to the Special Events team.

23 MR. AUSTIN: Let us know on the Christmas  
24 thing, give us some figures and let us look those over.  
25 We feel like it might not be over our budget, but so we  
have what the last Christmas cost, do you know?

1 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: For the service  
2 maintenance of it, it was \$64,000. It goes to the cost  
3 to put it up, take it down. They check the lights. We  
4 have a lot of squirrel damage for all of the parks and  
5 it was \$64,000, but again, it doesn't come out of our  
6 budget.

7 MR. AUSTIN: I think that's too much.

8 MR. GORDON: I guess one of the questions  
9 that we have up here is the invoice says Myra and is  
10 from April 11th. Is there any way -- if we are using  
11 this invoice, because if we change it, the cost will go  
12 up or what is the reason? It's kind of outdated a  
13 little bit.

14 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: So not that the  
15 cost will go up, but this is when the original quote was  
16 given to me. It was the 31st. I wasn't sure if I was  
17 going to receive the finances from the Council to pay  
18 for it, that's why that invoice was from then. I asked  
19 for the quote awhile ago. It's just now that we are  
20 getting ready to get to Christmas and trying to get  
21 started, that stuff pushed out ahead of time, that's why  
22 it's before you now. I can ask them to change the name  
23 and bring it before you, and you can approve at the next  
24 meeting under old business, but this is the reason why.

25 MR. GORDON: Did we do this last year,  
anything similar to this last year?

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Adding new  
Christmas lights?

MR. GORDON: Yes.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: We did not add  
anything new Christmas wise to the parks. It just was  
too late, and also, I didn't know exactly what we have  
to pay for or I didn't know exactly how to go about  
asking for new things. Now I do know that and, you  
know, while they move some things around, I just didn't  
feel like the park areas were not the same as others.  
And I am just a fan of balance and that wasn't equal to  
me.

MR. AUSTIN: Well, you know, that's kind  
of steep. We could have a center piece. I don't think  
people really expect all the others are going to look

1 like the center pieces, you know. I'm going to say a  
2 center piece where everybody would come look and then  
3 you look off, drop off. You are not going -- how many  
4 parks we got here, five?

5 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: How many parks?  
6 There are 17 parks.

7 MR. AUSTIN: 17? Oh, my god. I'm just  
8 saying, now we just talking about it, so it's just  
9 something to think about. Last year you said it was  
10 50,000?

11 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: \$64,000 is what  
12 it was for the maintenance, to put up and take down.  
13 The Park Department, it doesn't come out of our budget.

14 MR. AUSTIN: Try this time a different  
15 way, but give you the same look. That's what I am  
16 saying, not as many, I think that would work. That's my  
17 opinion. The people might enjoy it, but afterwards you  
18 going to ask, why did you do it.

19 MR. CANTU: I thought you were here last  
20 year, right?

21 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Right.

22 MR. CANTU: How come you don't have your  
23 name on this thing?

24 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I'm going on  
25 this, it's probably just an error. I didn't look at it.

MR. CANTU: All I'm saying, that you been  
here two years and you are the one in charge.  
ServiScape has been good working for the golf course and  
so forth, we always give business to them. They always  
being compliant and they have beautiful things for  
Christmas and decorations all over. We appreciate the  
beautiful things.

My concern is, this past two years,  
Myra, she is not here. Your name should be on there  
because you are the one come to the Board so we can pay.  
So you suppose to ask and tell them, I want an invoice  
with my name and this what I am requesting. We want to  
pass this. I want for you to request a new invoice on  
your name. The quotes they are fine. Every year we are  
going to go up. So whatever they are doing for whatever

1 they do. But tell them down there to get off that name.  
2 You've been here for two years, your name is suppose to  
3 be on all invoices because you are responsible. And  
4 then you come to us to pay, so that's two years passed.

5 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I understand.

6 MR. CANTU: You haven't noticed that  
7 either?

8 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I did not notice  
9 the name, I did not.

10 MR. CANTU: You manager down there, check  
11 all their invoices down there. They need to change name  
12 because you belong on there. You are the manager, it's  
13 not Myra.

14 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I understand.

15 MR. CANTU: You renew all invoices in the  
16 name of Myra for the last two years, you are  
17 responsible. Myra is not here anymore. Please, we want  
18 to pass today, but you request an invoice in your name.

19 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I got it and I  
20 will make sure that's done.

21 MR. CANTU: And next meeting we can pass  
22 it. I don't feel right when you give me an invoice on  
23 somebody else's name for so much money.

24 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I would just ask  
25 the Board to table it until next meeting and then I will  
26 have the name corrected.

27 MR. GORDON: So that's what we will do.

28 MR. CANTU: Table this one until next  
29 meeting, okay. You better start telling everybody,  
30 whatever you buy, have your name on it.

31 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Got you.

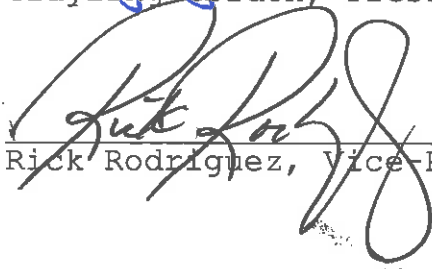
32 MR. CANTU: You don't want to have Myra's  
33 name down there. She's gone for the last two and a half  
34 years.

35 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I got it.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday  
August 9, 2022

Approved and signed August 23, 2022

  
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Rick Rodriguez, Vice President

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1 MR. GORDON: ServiScape, Christmas  
2 decor/holiday lights for the parks and the various  
3 locations, we are going to table that until our next  
4 meeting. And at that time we would expect to see from  
5 Mrs. Orange a new invoice.

6 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Okay.

7 MR. GORDON: All right. Is there any  
8 other new business?

9 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Nothing from me.

10 MR. GORDON: Okay. We have no public  
11 comments. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 23,  
12 2022, right here at City Hall Council Chambers, 4525  
13 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana, at the  
14 appointed time of 5:00 p.m..

15 Can I have a motion for adjournment?

16 MR. CANTU: I move to adjourn.

17 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

20 (All signify aye.)

21 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

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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.

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Dated at Valparaiso, Indiana, this 15th day of August, 2022.

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