

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
August 10, 2021

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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: Anthony Serna, Eugene Austin, Rick  
Rodriguez

Telephonic: Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: Ateria Allen  
Genesis Jones-Gary

MR. SERNA: We do have a quorum.

First, under Administrative Matters,  
we have approval of July 27, 2021, meeting minutes, as  
written. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I move for approval.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next, approval of the payroll dated  
August 6, 2021. Entertain a motion to approve the  
payroll.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I move for approval.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

1 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

2 Next approval of Warrant Report  
081021 PB, in the amount of \$102,026.36. I will  
3 entertain a motion to approve warrant report 081021 PB.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I move for approval.

5 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

6 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

7 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

8 Move to Old Business. Madame  
Secretary, any old business?

9 MS. ALLEN: No.

10 MR. SERNA: No old business, move to New  
11 Business. Genesis Jones-Gary, Manager of Parks and  
Recreation.

12 MRS. JONES-GARY: Good afternoon  
13 everybody. I have two items for new business. One is  
the past due invoice dated April of 2021. It's past due  
14 due to the fact we just received it from the Controller,  
therefore we had to have it approved.

15 Second item for new business is the  
16 ServiScape Lighting for Washington Park. We would like  
to put up lights at the trees of the entrance of  
17 Washington Park because it's very dark going up that  
path. These lights would be permanent. They would stay  
18 there all year round and we can change the colors and  
things of that sort, like at the holidays.

19 MR. SERNA: First, the past due invoice.  
I see it's only \$8.00; is that correct?

20 MRS. GENESIS-GARY: Correct.

21 MR. CANTU: I move to accept it.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

23 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
24 saying aye?

25 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

1                   Next is ServiScape. So that's  
2 lighting for the main walkway. Is that the one that you  
3 hit right off of 142nd?

4                   MS. JONES-GARY: As you are going up  
5 Grant, passed the hospital -- yes, sir. That's the main  
6 one, with all the pretty flowers that we have right  
7 there. Right now it's very dark in the summer and  
8 winter. Going up that walkway we don't have very many  
9 lights there.

10                   MR. RODRIGUEZ: Are those going to be  
11 dusk to dawn?

12                   MRS. JONES-GARY: They are -- yes, they  
13 are. And they have remote controls where we can control  
14 the color and things of that sort. There's 14 colors  
15 with a blue tooth extender.

16                   MR. SERNA: If there are no further  
17 questions, I'll entertain a motion to approve the  
18 ServiScape Lighting in Washington Park, for the amount  
19 of \$9,545.00.

20                   MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve  
21 lighting.

22                   MR. CANTU: Second.

23                   MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
24 saying aye?

25                   (All signify aye.)

                  Motion carries.

                  Do you anything further, Genesis?

                  MS. JONES-GARY: No, I do not.

                  MR. SERNA: Do we have any questions for  
Genesis Jones-Gary, Manager of Parks and Recreation?

                  MR. RODRIGUEZ: Where is Vanessa?

                  MR. SERNA: She's on vacation. Thank you  
Next item, Public Comments: None  
Next meeting date is Tuesday,  
August 24, 2021, right here at the City Hall Council  
Chambers, at 5:00 p.m.

                  Is there a motion for adjournment?

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MR. CANTU: Motion to adjourn.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

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

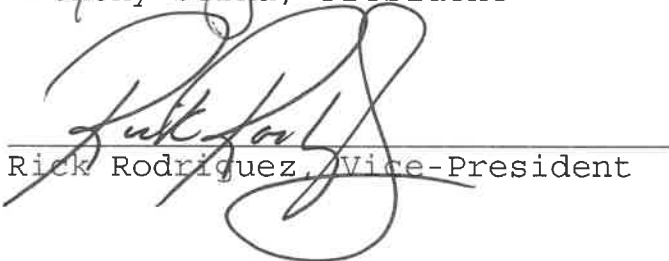
(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned.

\*\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*\*\*

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday  
August 10, 2021

Approved and signed August 24, 2021

  
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Anthony Serna, President

  
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Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

Valda Lewis / Zoom  
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Valda Lewis, Secretary

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Gilberto Cantu, Member

  
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Eugene Austin, Member

  
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Ateria Allen, Recording Secretary

C E R T I F I C A T E

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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 Munster, Indiana, this 12th day of August, 2021.



*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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