

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
September 28, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

Anthony Serna, President  
Rick Rodriguez, Vice President  
Valda Lewis, Secretary  
Gilberto Cantu  
Eugene Austin

STAFF:

Ateria Allen  
Dawn Dawkins-Legal  
Vanessa Hernandez-Orange

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

Telephonic: Valda Lewis, Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: Ateria Allen  
Genesis Jones-Gary

MR. SERNA: We do have a quorum.

First, under Administrative Matters,  
we have approval of September 14, 2021 meeting minutes,  
as written. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

MS. LEWIS: I move for approval.

MR. CANTU: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

Next we have approval of payroll  
dated September 17, 2021. Entertain a motion to approve  
payroll of September 17th.

MR. CANTU: Make a motion.

MS. LEWIS: Second.

MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by

1 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

2 Motion carries.

3 Next approval of Warrant 091621 PB,  
4 in the amount of \$181,730.24. I will entertain a motion  
5 to approve Warrant report.

6 MR. CANTU: So moved.

7 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

10 Next approving Warrant 092321 PB, in  
11 the amount of \$64,436.93. Entertain a motion to approve  
12 Warrant report.

13 MS. LEWIS: I move for approval of the  
14 report.

15 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

18 Old Business: MOU with East Chicago  
19 Little League. We are bringing this up under old  
20 business because we approved the MOU with the Little  
21 League at our last Board meeting contingent upon the  
22 changing of the dates because Attorney Dawkins brought  
23 up that the dates needed to be changed and needed to be  
24 cleaned up. So we did approve the MOU and we did get a  
25 cleaner copy. And so we have the date on here of  
September 28th, the date that I will be signing, but we  
did clean this all up.

Basically it's the same agreement,  
same MOU from the summertime with the East Chicago  
Little League and just something that we wanted to do  
for Fall. This is retroactive to September 3rd of this  
year, until the end of their Fall league, which I  
believe is at the end of October.

MRS. JONES-GARY: October 27th.

1 MR. SERNA: Thank you very much, Genesis.  
I will entertain a motion again to approve this cleaned  
2 up and polished up MOU between the Board of Parks and  
Recreation and the East Chicago Little League.

3 MS. LEWIS: I move we accept the MOU for  
4 the Little League.

5 MR. CANTU: Second.

6 MR. SERNA: This is just a formality. We  
did approve this at the last meeting and I do have the  
7 cleaned up copy.

All in favor signify by saying aye?  
8 (All signify aye.)  
Motion carries.

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10 Next item on the agenda is New  
Business. Genesis Jones-Gary, Manager of Parks and  
Recreation.

11 MRS. JONES-GARY: Good evening. We have  
12 no new business. The Parks and Recreation Department is  
running well. We are preparing for our Fall and Winter  
13 activities. We have no new business to introduce to the  
Park Board today.

14 MR. SERNA: Are there any questions for  
15 Mrs. Jones-Gary? (None) Thank you very much. I'm  
aware that you do have a camp going on right now at  
16 Heritage.

17 MRS. JONES-GARY: The basketball camp for  
two days, today and tomorrow, for children 1st grade  
18 through 6th-grade.

19 MR. SERNA: That's awesome. All right,  
thank you very much.

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21 Next item is public comments.

(None)

22 Our next meeting date is Tuesday,  
October 12, 2021, right here at City Hall Council  
Chambers at 5:00 p.m.. Entertain a motion to adjourn.

23 MR. CANTU: I move adjourn.

24 MS. LEWIS: Second.

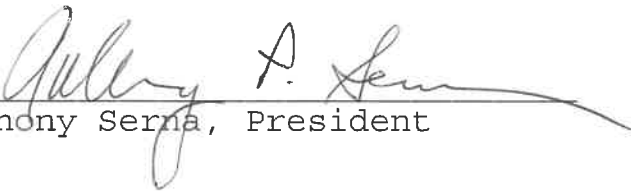
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1 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?  
2 (All signify aye.)  
3 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

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

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6 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday  
September 28, 2021

7 Approved and signed October 12, 2021

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10 Anthony Serna, President

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Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

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14 Valda Lewis / Zoom  
15 Valda Lewis, Secretary

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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 Munster, Indiana, this 1st day of October, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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