

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
November 23, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:	STAFF:
Anthony Serna, President	Ateria Allen
Rick Rodriguez, Vice President	
Valda Lewis, Secretary	Vanessa Hernandez-Orange
Gilberto Cantu	
Eugene Austin	

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

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present: Anthony Serna, Rick Rodriguez,  
Eugene Austin

Telephonic: Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: Ateria Allen

MR. SERNA: We do have a quorum.

First, under Administrative Matters,  
we have approval of November 9, 2021 meeting minutes, as  
written. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Move for approval.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Next approval of  
payroll dated November 12, 2021. I'll entertain a  
motion to approve the payroll.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries. Next approval of  
Warrant Report 111521 PB, in the amount of \$178,740.37.  
Entertain a motion to approve warrant report.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve.

MR. CANTU: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries. Next approval and  
signing of Warrant 112321 PB, in the amount of  
\$52,495.94. Entertain a motion to approve.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve  
report.

MR. CANTU: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)  
Motion carries. Next item on the  
agenda is Old Business. Do we have any Old Business?

MS. ALLEN: No.

MR. SERNA: No Old Business, move on to  
New Business. I received a call from Vanessa Hernandez,  
our Director of Parks and Recreation. She advised me  
there is an event going on right now and she wouldn't be  
able to get away. They needed all hands on deck at the  
event. She did advise there was nothing new under new  
business that she had to bring up, and if there were any  
questions, please contact her at the office between  
8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m..

Next is public comments. Do we have  
any public comments?

MR. AUSTIN: I have some people asking if  
there is going to be a give out for Thanksgiving like we  
used to do, so I said I would bring it up.

MR. SERNA: I know we do Christmas. I  
think that's what the event going on now is something  
along the line of Christmas. But Thanksgiving, I'm not  
aware of anything. I don't think Parks, we have done

1 anything for Thanksgiving. Christmas is our big push,  
2 so nothing for Thanksgiving.

3 Any more public comment? (None)  
4 Next meeting date is Tuesday, December 10, 2021, right  
5 here at the City Hall Council Chambers, at 5:00 p.m.

6 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to adjourn.

8 MR. CANTU: Second.

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

11 (All signify aye.)

12 Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

13 \*\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*\*\*  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25



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 Munster, Indiana, this 29th day of November, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25