

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Tuesday, April 28, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Ateria Allen
Dawn Dawkins-Legal
Mayra Acosta, Dir.

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

Call to Order: 5:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Anthony Serna, Rick Rodriguez
ZOOM: Valda Lewis, Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: (ZOOM) Dawn Dawkins, Legal Counsel
Ateria Allen, Recording Secretary
Mayra Acosta, Director

CHIEF SERNA: We have four of our five members present, so we have a quorum.

First thing, under Administrative Matters, I would entertain a motion to approve meeting minutes of April 14, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes of April 14, 2020, made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Valda Lewis.

CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

Next we have approval of Payroll dated April 17, 2020. I'll entertain a motion to approve the payroll dated April 17th, 2020.

Motion to approve Payroll dated April 17th, 2020, made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Valda Lewis.

CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

1 Next we have approval of the Warrant
2 Report 042820 PB, amount of \$92,656.74. I'll entertain
3 a motion to approve Warrant Report 042820 PB.

4 Motion to approve Warrant Report 042820 PB, amount of
5 \$92,656.74, made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Valda
6 Lewis.

7 CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by
8 saying aye?

9 (All signify aye.)

10 CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

11 Next we'll move on to Old Business.
12 We have the proposals for Groupon for MacArthur Golf
13 Course, the batting cages and mini golf, and for the
14 golf course. We have Mayra here, would you like to
15 speak on this?

16 MS. ACOSTA: So on this item we were
17 waiting for our Attorney to be able to review the
18 contract and maybe speak to someone at Groupon to see if
19 it's something we can get approved. However, due to the
20 current Pandemic, there is a chance that we won't open
21 the golf course this year. So I'm okay with just
22 leaving this.

23 CHIEF SERNA: Should we table this till
24 further notice or should we pursue with Groupon and have
25 our Attorney talk with Groupon?

MS. ACOSTA: I think we can table it, but
if Miss Dawkins can continue seeing if she could get
ahold of someone during this time.

CHIEF SERNA: Attorney Dawkins?

MS. DAWKINS: I'd be willing to do that,
because the gentleman that I was speaking with, he
didn't have any authority to make any decision. They
wanted me to submit something in writing, and around
that time my cousin died and my mom died, so I haven't
had a chance to prepare documents for their attorney to
review.

CHIEF SERNA: Okay. Miss Lewis, Mr.
Cantu, what do you think -- should we table this?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'll make a motion to
table the Groupon proposals.

1 Motion to table Groupon proposals made by Rick
Rodriguez. Second by Valda Lewis.

2 CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by
3 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

4 CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

5 Now we have move on to New Business.
6 Mayra, do you have any new business?

7 MS. ACOSTA: I have a Change Order, and
8 this is for the new Roxana shelter that we installed at
9 Roxana Park. The initial contract included the shelter,
10 the electrical for the shelter, and the concrete pad on
11 the bottom. However, we didn't take into account the
12 additional concrete that we needed to connect from the
13 shelter to the walking path. So that is the Change
14 Order.

15 Also, we needed to upgrade the
16 electrical box because the electrical box currently is
17 only enough for one shelter and now we have two. So we
18 had to upgrade that.

19 And the last one, when they actually
20 opened or trenched, they found that the electric lines
21 were full of water. So they actually had to move them
22 in a way where the water would not hit the connection so
23 they wouldn't be in water in the future.

24 So that's the Change Orders in
25 amount of \$3,668.00 for the additional work needed.

CHIEF SERNA: Any questions Board
members?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a question.
Mayra, is this coming out of the Park Board budget or --
where is this coming from?

MS. ACOSTA: From the Park budget.

CHIEF SERNA: Any other questions Board
members? (None) I'll entertain a motion to approve the
Change Order, in amount of \$3,668.00, with Ozone
Engineering and Construction.

Motion to approve Change Order made by Rick Rodriguez.
Second by Valda Lewis.

CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

Any other New Business, Mayra?

MS. CAOSTA: No.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a question. If they are not going to open up the golf course, are they going to maintain it?

MS. ACOSTA: Yes. We are going to maintain it and we are doing that now.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: We still have to pay them to cut and everything, just in case they open?

MS. ACOSTA: Yes. There's a chance, depending on the situation -- what the Governor and Mayor decide -- there is a chance we might be able to open later this year. But for now we are keeping it closed.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

CHIEF SERNA: Any other questions for Mayra, Board members? (None)

All right. We'll move on to the next item on the agenda with public comment. Any public comment? (None)

Our next meeting date is Tuesday, May 12, right here at the the Council Chambers, 5:00 p.m.. We'll work on getting some of the bugs out of the system for the call-in portion. We know that we can have a computer log in, but we are going to work on the call-in portion for these meetings.

I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rick Rodriguez.
Second by Valda Lewis.

CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by saying aye?


(All signify aye.)

CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

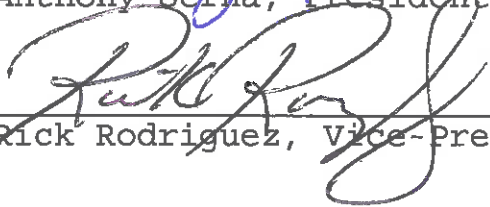
***** Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.*****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday
April 28, 2020

Approved and signed May 12th, 2020



Anthony Serna, President



Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

Valda Lewis, Secretary

Gilberto Cantu, Member

Eugene Austin, Member



Ateria Allen, Recording Secretary

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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.

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 30th day of April, 2020.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR