

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Courtnee Dinkins
Dawn Dawkins-Legal
Mayra Acosta, Dir.

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,
Valda Lewis, Eugene Austin,
Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: Courtnee Dinkins, Recording Secretary
Mayra Acosta, Director

MR. SERNA: I'd like to entertain a motion to add to the agenda, administrative first item would be reorganization, our election of officers. Can I have a motion to add that to the agenda?

Motion to add election of officers to the agenda made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Eugene Austin.

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

(All signify aye.)

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

First item, election of officers. In a caucus with the Board members -- off the record -- I'll entertain a motion to continue our officers the same for 2020 as they were in 2019. The officers are as follows; myself as president, Rick Rodriguez, vice-president, and Miss Lewis as secretary. I'll entertain that motion.

Motion to approve same slate of officers for 2020 as in 2019 made by Gilberto Cantu. Second by Eugene Austin.

MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by

1 saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

2 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

3 We'll move on to Administrative
4 Matters. Approval of December 23, 2019, meeting
5 minutes. I'll entertain a motion approve the
6 December 23, 2019, meeting minutes.

7 Motion to approve the minutes of December 23rd, 2019,
8 made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Eugene Austin.

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

(All signify aye.)

11 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

12 Next approval of payroll dated
13 December 27, 2019. Entertain a motion to approve.

14 Motion to approve payroll dated December 27, 2019, made
15 by Valda Lewis. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

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

(All signify aye.)

18 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

19 Next, approval of payroll dated
20 January 10, 2020. I'll entertain a motion to approve
21 January 10, 2020 payroll.

22 Motion to approve payroll dated January 10, 2020 made by
23 Valda Lewis. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

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

(All signify aye.)

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

Next, approval and signing of
Warrant Report 123119 PB, in the amount of \$187,062.72.
Entertain a motion to approve.

Motion to approve Warrant Report 123119 PB, amount of
\$187,062.72 made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Gilberto
Cantu.

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

(All signify aye.)

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

Next, approval and signing of

1 Warrant Report 011420 PB, in the amount of \$55,029.32.
Entertain a motion to approve warrant report.

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3 Motion to approve Warrant Report 011429 PB, amount of
\$55,029.32 made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by Valda
4 Lewis.

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

(All signify aye.)

6 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

7 Old Business: None. We'll move on
to New Business. Mayra.

8 MS. ACOSTA: First item is approval of
9 the MOU of Alternatives Program at Bessie Owens Center.
They have been there for years and this is the renewal
for the 2020-year.

10 MR. SERNA: Do you recommend the renewal
11 of Alternatives?

12 MS. ACOSTA: Yes.

13 MR. SERNA: Any questions on this, Board
14 members?

15 Motion to approve MOU of Alternatives Program made by
Gilberto Cantu. Second by Eugene Austin.

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

(All signify aye.)

17 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

18 MS. ACOSTA: Next, the rate schedule for
19 2020 for Service Sanitation. This is for the porta
potties and the portable handwashing stations that we
20 use for our events, and also for the parks for the
summer.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a question. Has
22 anything changed?

23 MS. ACOSTA: They have increased their
price by a dollar.

24 MR. SERNA: \$1 per unit?
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1 MS. ACOSTA: Yes.

2 MR. SERNA: Any other questions? (None)
3 I'll entertain a motion to approve the rate schedule
4 with Service Sanitation for 2020.

5 Motion to approve rate schedule with Service Sanitation
6 for 2020 made by Valda Lewis. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

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

(All signify aye.)

9 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

10 MS. ACOSTA: Next, rate schedule for Ace
11 Exterminating Company for the Centers and Main Office.

12 MR. SERNA: Any questions Board members?

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Same question, anything
14 changed?

15 MS. ACOSTA: No, these are the same.

16 MR. SERNA: Same prices as 2019?

17 MS. ACOSTA: Yes.

18 MR. SERNA: Entertain a motion to approve
19 the rate schedule with Ace Pest Control.

20 Motion to approve rate schedule for 2020 for Ace
21 Exterminating Company made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by
22 Valda Lewis.

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

(All signify aye.)

25 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

MS. ACOSTA: Next, MOU continuing to
allow Mr. Kendricks to use Carnegie Performing Arts
Center for 2020.

MR. SERNA: I was able to witness Mr.
Kendricks in action, along with some of his children, at
the center at the Mayor's inauguration. They do a great
job and looking forward to another year with him at the
Carnegie Art Center. This is the same as last year?

1 MS. ACOSTA: That's correct.
2 Motion to approve MOU for Carnegie Art Center made by
3 Gilberto Cantu. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

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

(All signify aye.)

6 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

7 MS. ACOSTA: Next, approval of MOU for
8 LACASA at Roxana Center for their services.

9 Motion to approve MOU for LACASA at Roxana Center made
10 by Valda Lewis. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

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

(All signify aye.)

13 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

14 MS. ACOSTA: The next one is same thing,
15 Ace Extermination Services, this is for the pools and
16 the golf course. These rates have remained the same

17 Motion to approve rate schedule to Ace Extermination for
18 pools and golf course made by Gilberto Cantu. Second by
19 Rick Rodriguez.

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

(All signify aye.)

22 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

23 MS. ACOSTA: Next one is the MOU for
24 2020, for the Multicultural Wellness Network, at Roxana.
25 It's the same as last year.

26 Motion to approve MOU for 2020, for Multicultural
27 Wellness Network made by Gilberto Cantu. Second by
28 Valda Lewis.

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

(All signify aye.)

31 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

32 MS. ACOSTA: The following ones listed
33 are just all the rates from 2019 for all the parks and

1 recreation facilities. They are going to be the same
2 fees for 2020.

3 MR. SERNA: So those are the fees for
4 Riley Park, for the shelters at all the parks, Riley
5 Park Hall, the pools, the recreational centers, and the
6 baseball/softball field rental fee.

7 Motion to approve the fee schedule for 2020 for all of
8 the rental fees made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by
9 Gilberto Cantu.

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

12 (All signify aye.)

13 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

14 MS. ACOSTA: I don't have anything else,
15 unless you have questions for me.

16 MR. SERNA: Any questions for our
17 Director?

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Just one. Remember we
19 talked about the mulch around the trees. It's too dark,
20 it looks like dirt. Does the Board need to send a
21 letter to whoever, to get new ordered or were you
22 talking to them?

23 MS. ACOSTA: I already informed Keith,
24 from Public Works and the Mayor's office. I shared with
25 them your request.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: What was the answer?

MS. ACOSTA: They didn't respond. I mean
if you want to send a letter, I already shared with them
your request.

MR. SERNA: Madame Secretary, if you
would meet with Mr. Rodriguez after the meeting, maybe
we can get that letter together to send to the Mayor's
office on behalf of the Park Board, with that request
for colored mulch.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's it.

MR. SERNA: Thank you, Mayra. Next we
have Public Comments. Any public comments? (None)

1 Next meeting date is Tuesday,
2 January 28th, right here at the City Hall, Council
3 Chambers, 5:00 p.m. I would entertain a motion to
4 adjourn.

5 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rick Rodriguez.
6 Second by Eugene Austin.

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

9 (All signify aye.)


10 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

11 ***** Meeting Adjourned *****
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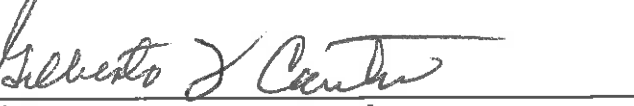
Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday
January 14, 2020

Approved and signed January 28th, 2020


Anthony Serna, President


Rick Rodriguez, Vice President


Valda Lewis, Secretary


Gilberto Cantu, Member


Eugene Austin, Member


Courtnee Dinkins, Recording Secretary

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