

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
March 8, 2022

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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 in Chambers: Grayling Gordon, Rick
Rodriguez, Eugene Austin

Telephonic: Valda Lewis, Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: Ateria Allen
Vanessa Hernandez-Orange

MR. GORDON: We do have a quorum.
First, under Administrative Matters,
we have approval of February 22, 2022 meeting minutes,
as written. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

MR. LEWIS: So move that we accept the
meeting minutes.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next approval and signing of the
payroll dated March 4, 2022. Can I have a motion to
approve payroll?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion.

MS. LEWIS: I will second.

1 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

2 (All signify aye.)

3 Next we have approval and signing of
Warrant 030822 PB, in the amount of \$27,890.71. Can I
4 have a motion?

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion.

6 MR. CANTU: Second.

7 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

8 (All signify aye.)

9 Motion carries. Next, Old Business.
Madame Secretary, any old business to discuss?

10 MS. ALLEN: No.

11 MR. GRAYLING: We'll move to new
business. Mrs. Vanessa Hernandez-Orange, Director of
Parks and Recreation to introduce any new business.

12 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Good evening,
13 today is very simple. We have an item of past due
invoices that we are seeking approval for from S & S
14 Worldwide. Just to let you know, Mr. Grayling, what
happens is, our budget closes in November. So any
15 purchase that we have after November basically will not
get paid until the books reopen, which comes in late
16 January, early February, which is why sometimes you will
see at the first meeting past due invoices. We just
17 found this invoice that is past due. So we are asking
for approval of this past due invoice, total of \$135.35.

18 MR. CANTU: I move that we accept it.

19 MS. LEWIS: Second.

20 MR. GORDON: Any questions on the motion?
(None) All in favor signify by saying aye?

21 (All signify aye.)

22 Motion carries.

23 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I just want to
give you an update. Last meeting I came before you guys
24 and let you know I was going to ask for \$2,030,000 for
my budget, that was tabled. I did not receive it that
25 date. So I did have a meeting with the Finance

1 Committee Tuesday, I think last week, and gave them
2 further instructions. I think this might be the fact
3 that it's a new Finance Committee. So my budget that I
4 gave to the Finance Committee at the time in July, they
5 are not there anymore. They don't even have my packet,
6 my budget packet. So I explained to them basically the
7 same thing, I kind of asked for that same thing except
8 for one or two items, and so hopefully tomorrow we'll go
9 before them again and get approval of all \$2,030,000.00.
10 If not, then I'm going to go back again and beg.

11 So again, this is just pushing the
12 fact, there is a public hearing as well on the agenda,
13 so usually once you have a public hearing you will be
14 heard after that, so fingers crossed.

15 MR. GRAYLING: Thank you. Are there any
16 public comments? (None) Next meeting will be Tuesday,
17 March 22, 2022, right here in the City Hall Council
18 Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago,
19 Indiana. The time of 5:00 p.m. Can I have a motion for
20 adjournment?

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'd make a motion to
22 adjourn the meeting.

23 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

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

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. The meeting is now
adjourned. The time is 5:08 p.m..

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday
March 8, 2022

Approved and signed March 22, 2022



Grayling Gordon, President

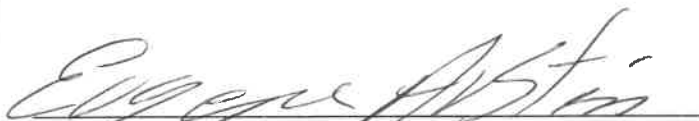
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Eugene Austin, Member



Ateria Allen, Recording 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 Valparaiso, Indiana, this 9th day of March, 2022.

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