

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
(Via Zoom Conference)
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Anthony Serna, Rick
Rodriguez, Eugene Austin.

Present Via Zoom: Gilberto Cantu.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Approval of Minutes: November 24, 2020

Motion to approve November 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes made by
Rick Rodriguez. Second by Eugene Austin.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

Approval & Signing of Payroll: November 25, 2020

Motion to approve November 25, 2020 Payroll made by Rick
Rodriguez. Second by Eugene Austin.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 Approval & Signing of Warrant: 120120PB \$2.40.

2 Motion to approve Warrant Number 120120PB made by Rick
Rodriguez. Second by Gilberto Cantu.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
5 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

6 Approval & Signing of Warrant: 120820PB \$20,293.18.

7 Motion to approve Warrant Number 120820PB made by Rick
Rodriguez. Second by Gilberto Cantu.

8 Questions/Comments: None.

9 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
10 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

11 OLD BUSINESS: None.

12 NEW BUSINESS: None.

13 MR. SERNA: I will take this opportunity to say that the
14 City along with the Special Events Committee and Parks and
15 Recreation and all those who are volunteering we're having
the Toy Give Away this Friday. It's happening at Heritage
Hall.

16 Now, they have a sign-in. You have to contact the
17 Parks Department Office.

18 Madam Secretary, do you know if they filled up all
those spots?

19 MS. ALLEN: Yes. All those spots are filed.

20 MR. SERNA: I am sure they did because I know when they
21 first opened it it was less than a week and Vanessa said they
22 already had over 100 people sign up. And it was only a
couple, few days in.

23 You had to register. Those people that will be
24 coming through on Friday I'll be out there working. So those
25 people that will be driving through here at Heritage Hall for
the Toy Give Away, they've already signed up. So I am sure
the registration period is closed.

1 Madam Secretary, are you aware of anything that
2 Vanessa needed to bring to our attention?

3 MS. ALLEN: No.

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

5 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, Mr. Austin.

6 MR. AUSTIN: I think we're doing a good job doing our
7 parks. And it's really looking nice, our City. And then I
8 think our Head of Operation, they're doing a wonderful job
9 because we're not ashamed of our City.

10 MR. SERNA: Right. The parks are beautiful with all the
11 lighting. We're blessed that we have the money to spend on
12 the lighting.

13 That's all handled not only through the Parks
14 Department and Director Vanessa Hernandez-Orange, but also
15 through the Special Events Committee which is Natalie Adams
16 and Winna Guzman, Water Department Director, and Sandra
17 Favela, Chief of Staff, Steve Segura, Multimedia Director.

18 They're all part of the Special Events Committee.
19 And they make sure that things like the Tree Lighting
20 Ceremony we had last Friday, all the lights in the parks,
21 everything, they make sure. They want East Chicago, they
22 want us to be proud.

23 And I am proud. And I know you are too.

24 MR. AUSTIN: I am too.

25 MR. SERNA: Of how the City looks. So kudos to them.

 Do we have any other Public Comment?

 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, December
22, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers.

22 Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Rodriguez. Second by
23 Eugene Austin.

24 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
25 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

 * Meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Approved and Signed _____

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, Lisa Pena, 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 said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 18th day of December, 2020.





Lisa Pena
Notary Public Porter County
Certified Shorthand Reporter
License Number 084-003483