
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CICERO

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Cicero met Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, Town of Cicero.

On roll call there were present:

President: Dominick

Clerk: Punzo-Arias

Trustees: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Thereupon, President Dominick declared a quorum present and the meeting duly convened and requested that all present in attendance stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., were approved, the reading being dispensed with, each member having received a copy.

PRESENTATION

("R" 57-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution honoring President Larry Dominick 18th Anniversary as Town President was presented by Clerk Punzo-Arias and was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

(60-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the list of bills itemized in Warrant #9, dated May 4, 2023, in the total amount of \$2,203,099.46, the list of manual checks dated April 21, 2023 thru May 4, 2023 in the total amount of \$0.00, and list of online

payments dated April 21, 2023 thru May 5, 2023 in the total amount of \$0.00, were accepted, placed on file and approved for payment; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(61-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, payroll (*Estimated Corporate \$1,660,889.30 & Library \$27,626.18*) was approved for the active employees listed on the printout dated 5-04-23; action taken by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

PERMITS

(62-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, permission was granted to erect an honorary street sign at the corner of 14th Street & 49th Court, on the behalf of the family of Victor Cazares, Jr., a local victim of the June 1, 2020 riots.

(63-23)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Garcia, permission was granted the Cicero Fire Department to install two “Little Free Library” outside the fire station(s) at 5303 W. 25th Street (Engine 2) and 5410 W. 34th Street (Engine 3).

(64-23)

On motion of Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Virruso, permission was granted Life Midwest Church to host their “Back-to-School Bash” event on Saturday, July 22nd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in their parking lot.

(65-23)

On motion Trustee Vargas seconded by Trustee Cava, permission was granted to Sam’s Club to set up a table to provide information to the residents at the Town of Cicero Municipal Complex on the following day:

- June 15, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

- July 13, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- August 17, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- September 14, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00PM

ORDINANCES

("O" 33-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Virruso, the Ordinance amending Chapter 10, entitled "Alcoholic Beverages", Section 10-32, entitled "Use of private security in licensed establishments", & Chapter 62, entitled "Offenses and Miscellaneous", Section 62-36, entitled "Employment of private security contractor or agency" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero, Illinois regarding private security contractors for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None

(Purpose of Ordinance)

(The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 10, Section 10-32 and Chapter 62, Section 62-36 of the Town Code to update the Existing Regulations regarding employment of private security contractors.)

Section 10-32: Use of private security in licensed establishments; employees providing security.

- (a) A licensed premises may only employ private security contractors or agencies as provided for by section 62-36. A liquor licensee shall be required to maintain copies of any private security licenses for persons or firms providing private security at his or her establishment. A liquor licensee shall disclose the name of any firm or person providing private security to the Liquor Commissioner or his designee quarterly and provide copies of current licenses for such persons or firms. Such Any failure of a licensed premises or its owners and/or operators to comply with the provisions of section 62-36 shall be deemed a violation of this chapter as well as chapter 62 and may subject the noncompliant party to a minimum fine of \$250.00 up to a maximum fine of \$750.00, as well as possible suspension and/or revocation of the noncompliant party's local liquor license.
- (b) In the event that a liquor licensee directly employs any person to provide security services for the licensee's establishment, whether on a full-time or part-time basis, the licensee shall disclose such information, including proof of employment, quarterly to the Liquor Commissioner or his designee.
- (c) Any violation of this section may subject the noncompliant party to a minimum fine of \$250.00 up to a maximum fine of \$750.00, as well as possible suspension and/or revocation of the noncompliant party's local liquor license.

Section 62-36: Employment of private security contractor or agency.

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) As used in this section, *private security contractor* means any person who engages in the business of providing a private guard, watchman, patrol service, or any like service by another title or name on a contractual basis for another person, firm, association or corporation for a fee or other valuable consideration and performing one or more of the following security acts:

- a. The prevention or detection of intrusion, entry, theft, vandalism, abuse, fire or trespass on private or governmental property.
- b. The prevention, observation or detection of any authorized activity on private or governmental property.
- c. The protection of patrons and persons lawfully authorized to be on the premises of the person, firm, association or corporation for whom he contractually is obligated to provide security services.
- d. The prevention of the misappropriation or concealment of goods, money, bonds, stocks, notes, valuable documents or papers.
- e. The control, regulation or direction of the flow or movement of the public, whether by vehicle or otherwise, only to the extent and for the time directly and specifically required to assure the protection of property on property owned or controlled by the client.
- f. The protection of individuals from bodily harm or death (bodyguard functions).

(2) *Private security contractor agency* means any person, firm, association, or corporation that engages in the private security contractor business and that employs one or more persons in conducting business similar to the "security acts" outlined in the definition of private security contractor, see above.

(3) *Weapons* shall include, but not be limited to, a firearm, loaded or unloaded; a bludgeon, black-jack, slung-shot, sand-club, sand-bag, metal knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition; throwing star, or any knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife or a ballistic knife; a stun gun or taser; mace or pepper spray or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character.

(b) *Employment of private security contractor or private security contractor agency.* No person, business, firm, association or corporation shall employ a person, firm, association or corporation as a private security contractor or private security contractor agency unless such private security contractor or private security contractor agency (collectively, "security firms or persons") is licensed pursuant to the private detective, private alarm, private security, and locksmith act of 2004, 225 ILCS 447/1, et seq., or is exempt from such licensing requirements pursuant to section 25-5 of such act. Any business employing security firms or persons that are required to be licensed by the state shall be required to retain a copy of said license on or at the premises where the security is being provided. A business owner or operator's failure to ensure that the security firms or persons are duly licensed by the state and/or a failure to keep a copy of the license on or at the premises shall be a violation of this section of the town Code and may subject the business owner to a penalty as detailed herein.

(c) *Private security carrying a weapon.* No private security contractor, as defined in this section of the town Code, shall be permitted to carry a weapon while serving as a private security contractor (as enumerated in Section 720 ILCS 5/24-1) unless the private security contract verifies the specific contractor is also a licensed and sworn "peace officer," as defined in Section 725 ILCS 5/107-4(a)(2)) or has met the requirements set forth in Section 725 ILCS 5/24-2(a)(5) or is otherwise permitted under law to carry such item.

(d) *Registration required.* Any and all security firms ~~or persons~~ providing private security in the town shall be required to register with the town. An administrative fee of ~~\$50.00~~ \$250.00 shall be charged to the security firms ~~or persons~~. The registration shall include disclosing or providing copies of the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the owner of the security firms ~~or persons~~; and
- (2) The name and address of the security firms ~~or persons~~' registered agent, if any; and
- (3) A 24-hour, seven days a week contact number and person; and

(4) The names and addresses of any and all businesses and/or locations where the security firms ~~or persons~~ are providing security services; and

(5) The name and phone number for the supervisor(s) on duty, if any, for the security firms ~~or persons~~; and

(6) A copy of the security firms ~~or~~ and its security employees' persons' State of Illinois issued license; and

(7) A statement regarding whether the persons providing security will be carrying weapons, including firearms, Billy clubs, mace, pepper spray, tasers, or any other items, and a copy of the license for any individual carrying a weapon. The specific weapons being carried must be disclosed.

(e) *Penalty.* A minimum fine of \$250.00 and a maximum fine of \$750.00 shall be imposed for violations of this section. Additionally, a business violating this section may face suspensions and/or revocations of any and all licenses issued to a business by the Town of Cicero.

("O" 34-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Reitz, the Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 94, entitled "Traffic", Section 94-171, entitled "Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets; schedule I." and Section 94-179, entitled "Residential parking; schedule IX" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Cicero, Illinois regarding parking in the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None

(Purpose of Ordinance)

(The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 94, Section 94-171 and Section 94-179 to designate the area near the Laramie Avenue Bridge as residential parking only and to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of the corresponding street signs.)

Section 94-171: Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets; schedule I.

In accordance with section 94-262 and when signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall at any time park a vehicle upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

...

~~Laramie Avenue Bridge, also known as 52nd Avenue Bridge.~~

...

Section 94-179: Residential parking; schedule IX.

In accordance with section 94-271, the following areas are designated as "residential parking only" areas, and when signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park any vehicle at any time between the hours set forth in this section except a person who is an actual resident of the town and who has a current town vehicle tag properly affixed to the vehicle being parked; the term "vehicle tag" shall be defined as the vehicle license required in article II of chapter 106:

Laramie Avenue Bridge Also Known as Laramie Court, in accordance with posted signs.

("O" 35-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Ordinance authorizing and approving the purchase of a vehicle for the Cicero Police Department (*Four (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Currie Motors for the total amount of \$197,400.00*) was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Virruso, Vargas

Nays: None

("O" 36-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Cava, the Ordinance authorizing and approving the disposal of obsolete personal property for the Town (*Old and/or obsolete equipment as listed under "Exhibit A" for the Cicero Fire Department*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Virruso, Vargas

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS

("R" 58-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution authorizing, approving, & ratifying an agreement with Monterrey Security Consultants, Inc. to provide Security Services for the Town (*Security services at Town of Cicero 2023 special events*), was accepted, placed on file and approved for passage by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

("R" 59-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Porod, the Resolution authorizing and approving the settlement of litigation and the execution of a certain settlement agreement in the case *Marcus Ellison V. Town of Cicero* for the Town of Cicero, (*Case No.*

2021 WC 024336), was accepted, placed and filed and approved for adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(“R” 60-23)

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Garcia, the Resolution authorizing and approving a Firearm Revocation Enforcement Grant Agreement with the Illinois State Police for the Town (*ISP grant application for the revocation enforcement of FOID cards in the total amount of \$13,007.00*), was accepted, placed on file and approved adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

(“R” 61-23)

On motion of Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Vargas, the Resolution rescinding Resolution 55-23 regarding an agreement with Laner Muchin, Ltd. for legal services for the Town, was accepted, placed on file and approved adoption by the following vote:

Ayes: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

Nays: None.

The board adjourned Sine Die at 10:18 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

(66-23)

Maria A. Punzo-Arias, Town Clerk, administered the oaths of office to the following newly elected officials installing them in their respective offices:

Victor Garcia	Town Trustee, 4 year term
Blanca Vargas	Town Trustee, 2 year term
John Cava	Town Trustee, 4 year term

On roll call was taken with the newly elected officials at 10:25 AM:

President: Dominick
Clerk: Punzo-Arias
Trustees: Cava, Cundari, Garcia, Porod, Reitz, Vargas, Virruso.

President Dominick opened the meeting to the public for their comments.

Resident Ms. Jones addressed her concerns with a letter that she and her neighbors had received from the Cook County Assessor's Office regarding their property assessments. She petitioned the Town Board for support to organize a protest against any future property tax increases. Town Assessor, Emilio Cundari clarified the difference between property assessment and the corresponding property tax increases.

Proud Immigrant Organization thanked President Dominick, Town Clerk Punzo-Arias and Diana Dominick for their support and presented a plaque, a ring and gifts to President Larry Dominick for his 18 years of public service as Town President.

Resident Lukka Trunda along with Mr. Dancy thanked President Larry Dominick for the wonderful work he has done for the seniors. They went on to address the Board on behalf of her 96 year old mother, with concerns of her handicap curb and sign being removed. Town Collector Reitz addressed their issues.

On motion of Trustee Virruso seconded by Trustee Vargas, the board then stood adjourned at 10:41 A.M. to meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., in the Town Hall, Town of Cicero.

MARIA A. PUNZO-ARIAS, TOWN CLERK