

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
PLAN COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
(Via Zoom Videoconference)  
Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Val Gomez, Lilia Ramos,  
William Allen

Present Via Zoom: Joanne Moricz, Chanthini  
Fowler, Douglas Sloss, Grayling Gordon, Lydia  
Lopez, Stacy Winfield

STAFF: Present in Chambers: Joseph Allegretti, Richard  
Morrisroe, Douglas Powers, Ateria Allen

MR. GOMEZ: We do have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of Monday,  
January 13, 2022

Comments/Questions: None

Motion to approve January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes  
made by William Allen. Second by Lilia Ramos.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": Val Gomez, Lilia Ramos, William  
Allen, Chanthini Fowler, Douglas Sloss, Lydia Lopez  
Abstain: None Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 NEW BUSINESS:

2 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Election of  
3 Officers. Last meeting we elected Anthony Serna as  
4 Vice-President. He is no longer on the Board. So we have to  
5 nominate a new Vice-President.

6 So I am going to open up the floor to nominations  
7 for Vice-President. Any nominations for Vice-President?

8 MS. RAMOS: I nominate Will Allen for Vice-President.

9 MR. GOMEZ: We have a nomination of William Allen for  
10 Vice-President. Is there a second?

11 MR. SLOSS: Second.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Any other nominations for Vice-President?

13 Commissioner William Allen, you're now  
14 Vice-President for the year 2022.

15 MR. ALLEN: Thank you.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Congratulations.

17 (Stacy Winfield Jointed the Meeting)

18 City Planner's Reporter:

19 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to City Planner's Report. We  
20 have two items on our Agenda, El Popular 910 East Chicago  
21 Avenue and 2000 Gary Road.

22 MR. POWERS: Thank you, Commissioners. Today we're  
23 going to start with El Popular. So this came from the  
24 Technical Review Committee as of last week. I can see that  
25 the drawings are attached and any technical corrections have  
26 been submitted.

27 They're proposing an addition. Well, they're  
28 proposing two items. One is an addition.

29 I don't know, Commissioners, if you have any  
30 questions particular to this. However today we're looking at  
31 approval of the plans that have been submitted.

32 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

1 MR. POWERS: We do have them online with us. I don't  
2 know if he has anything to say. Maybe he's just listening in  
3 to see if there's any comments or corrections. Is that  
4 correct, Paul?

5 MR. REED: Yeah. I'm just listening.

6 MR. GOMEZ: No issues with Technical Review?

7 MR. POWERS: No. It was deemed technically correct at  
8 that time and no corrections were required.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Any further questions or comments?

10 Comments/Questions: None

11 Motion to approve El Popular Development Plans made by  
12 William Allen. Second by Lilia Ramos.

13 Roll Call: "All in Favor": Val Gomez, Lilia Ramos, William  
14 Allen, Chanthini Fowler, Douglas Sloss, Lydia Lopez, Stacy  
15 Winfield Abstain: None Opposed: None  
16 Motion Carries.

17 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to the second project.

18 MR. POWERS: The second project is 2000 Gary Road, East  
19 Chicago, Indiana. This is also an approval of the  
20 development plans that have been submitted.

21 This one the Technical Review Committee determined  
22 that they needed to get a Special Use Permit.

23 So a public hearing was held in December before our  
24 Board of Zoning Appeals where they made a recommendation that  
25 went to the Common Council on January 12, 2022 at which time  
the Common Council approved the Special Use Permit.

Now that they have received the approval for the  
Special Use Permit they're here in front of us today seeking  
a final approval of development plans that have been  
submitted and are part of your packet.

MR. GOMEZ: No issues?

MR. POWERS: All the issues with regard to the technical  
aspects have been addressed. There were some  
inconsistencies.

1 MS. MORICZ: Joanne Moricz is here.

2 (Joanne Moricz joined the Meeting)

3 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, Joanne.

4 MS. MORICZ: Thank you.

5 (Grayling Gordon joined the Meeting)

6 MR. POWERS: And we do have a representative from that  
7 group here as well.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or comments on the  
9 2000 Gary Road Project?

10 Comments/Questions: None

11 Motion to approve 2000 Gary Road Development Plan made by  
12 Douglas Sloss. Second by William Allen.

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

15 OLD BUSINESS: None.

16 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

17 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

18 MR. GOMEZ: Mr. Morrisroe.

19 MR. MORRISROE: How many trucks do you plan on --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER? 30 units. But they're all based  
21 in Portage right now. So probably 19, 18 trucks.

22 MR. MORRISROE: Do you see a need for expansion beyond  
23 that?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have a study. Truck or two  
25 each year, but nothing substantial.

MR. MORRISROE: And this facility gives you all  
flexibility? I mean in other words it could hold  
substantially more than 19 or 20?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Those trucks aren't  
stationary. The trucks come in and they don't sit very long.

1 MR. POWERS: We're actually in Public Comments. We  
2 don't want to cause too much to confuse the minutes here.

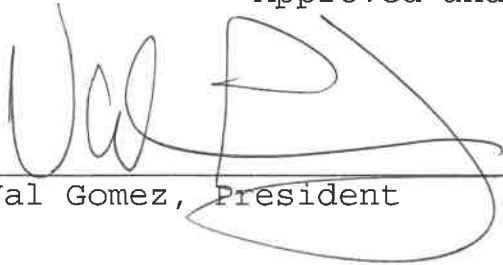
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4 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, February 21,  
5 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

6 Motion to adjourn was made by Lilia Lopez. Second by William  
7 Allen.

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

10 \* Meeting ended at 4:41 p.m.  
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Approval of Meeting Minutes of  
Monday, February 7, 2022  
Approved and Signed February 21, 2022

  
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William Allen, Vice-President

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Lilia Ramos, 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 17th day of February, 2022.

  
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