CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, August 7, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:
Valeriano Gomez, President
Lilia Ramos, Vice-President
William Allen, Secretary
Joanne Moricz, Commissioner
Chanthini Fowler, Commissioner
Douglas Sloss, Commissioner
Grayling Gordon, Commissioner
Lydia Lopez, Commissioner
Stacy Winfield, Commissioner

STAFF:
Debbra Gritters
Alysia Dunbar
Richard Morrisroe

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Val Gomez, Lilia Ramos, Joanne Moricz, Grayling Gordon, Lydia Lopez, Stacy Winfield

STAFF - Present in Chambers: Ateria Allen

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon, everyone. We do have a quorum.

I would make a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023 as written.

MS. RAMOS: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next we have on the agenda the City Planner's Report. Unfortunately today Mr. Morrisroe and Debbra Gritters can't be in attendance at this meeting, but they did leave some things they wanted me to read to everyone.

In your packet, I believe everybody has got the message from Debbra on updates. Atlantic Richfield Wall Project is on track for completion for December 2023. The latest update from the Project

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Manager, he shared some drawn footage with the Planning Department and Attorney Morrisroe that the Buckeye Pipeline has been moved.

CSX has given the go ahead to finish the segment of the exterior sheet metal wall along the canal, just leaving the stabilization wall to go into the 80 feet distance from the exterior canal wall, which then just leaves the land restoration portion of the project, which hopefully will be completed before the first frost.

Next, Lindy is on target for late September for early October opening.

And lastly, just a reminder that the Plan Commission meeting attendance is a civic duty and aids in the progress of the community. The information pertaining to the Indiana Code was included in everybody's packet. Attendance of 50 percent or more is required to remain active in the Planning Commission. We are currently planning our season and rely on our Commission force to attend these meetings in the Fall. Thank you. And hope to see everyone soon.

Incorporated in everybody's packet she did include the statute, which is IC 5-14-2.5-3.5, electronic meetings of political subdivisions, statutory authorization required.

Section 3.5 (a) This section applies to a governing body of a public agency of a political subdivision, other than a governing body of an airport authority or a department of aviation as set forth in Section 3.6 of this chapter.

(b) A member of the governing body of a public agency who is not physically present at a meeting of the governing body but who communicates with members of the governing body during the meeting by telephone, computer, video conferencing, or any other electronic means of communication:

1. May not participate in the final action taken at the meeting unless the member's participation is expressly authorized by statute.

2. May not be considered present at the meeting unless considering the member to be present at the meeting is expressly authorized by statute.

(c) the memorandum prepared under section 4 of this chapter for a meeting in which a member participates by using a means of

communication described in subsection (b) must state the name of:

1. Each member who is physically present at the place where the meeting is conducted.

2. Each member who participated in the meeting by using means of communication described in subsection (b).

3. Each member who was absent.

So basically from now on, if you come to the meeting via zoom, you can communicate, but you won't be considered present and you can't vote. And I know this is going to be sent to every Board so that in the following week every Board will be either presented with a full resolution -- I believe we are going to get our attorney to put this in a resolution.

So let's be clear. If you are not here physically, you can't vote and you won't be considered present.

Any questions? (None)

That concludes our New Business.

Any comments by the Commissioners or the Public? (None)

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 21st, at 4:30 p.m. That concludes our business for tonight.

I would make a motion for adjournment.

MS. WINFIELD: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday

Approved and signed _____

Valeriano Gomez, President

Lilia Ramos, Vice-President

William Allen, Secretary

Joanne Moricz, Commissioner

Chanthini Fowler, Commissioner

Douglas Sloss, Commissioner

Grayling Gordon, Commissioner Present

Lydia Lopez, Commissioner

Stacy Winfield, Commissioner Zoom

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 Munster, Indiana, this 14th day of August, 2023.




Peggy S. LaLonde

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