East Chicago Redevelopment Commission
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
4525 Indianapolis Blvd-2nd floor
East Chicago, IN

April 7, 2026
5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Call to Order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call: **Anthony Serna, Board President**
Christine Russell, Board Vice President
James Portalatin, Secretary
Randall Artis, Board Commissioner
Judy Nava, Board Commissioner

PUBLIC HEARING: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT– FY 2019-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS

PUBLIC HEARING: CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA FY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND FY 2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2026, and March 26, 2026
Approval of the Dockets

RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-RED-1964 RESOLUTION OF THE EAST CHICAGO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONCERNING THE 2027 BUDGET YEAR DETERMINATION FOR TAX INCREMENT FOR THE EAST CHICAGO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ALLOCATION AREAS

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve the federal HUD funds, which excludes the homeowner's contribution of $150 for the "Exterior Renovation and Lead Abatement" project located at 4002 Butternut Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

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ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve the federal CDBG HUD funds in the amount of $2,500 for Change Order #1 for the "Emergency Rehab" project located at 4336 Parrish Avenue, East Chicago.

ACTION ITEM:
A Motion to approve federal HUD funds for the "Emergency Rehab" project located at 3622 Ivy Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve a Request for a 2026 Purchase Order in the amount of $50,000.00 for NIPSCO to pay for Harborside Apartments NIPSCO bills.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve a Request for Purchase Order for Vale Appraisal Group in the amount of $10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve a Request for Purchase Order for Valuation Services in the amount of $10,000.00 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

ACTION ITEM:
A Motion to approve the third annual renewal for Great Lakes Environmental Planning's contract for fiscal year 2026 to provide environmental consulting services to assist the City with compliance to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for an annual sum not-to-exceed $30,000.00, which will be financed with CDBG and HOME funds on an as-needed basis.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve a request for the 2026 Purchase Order in the amount of $19,135.00 for Urban Design Ventures, LLC, to pay for expenses for the CDBG Program.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve the proposal from Calumet City Plumbing and request for Purchase Order in the amount of $225,000.00, Not to Exceed $240,000.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve the request for the hourly rate increase from $100 to $150 for Great Lakes Environmental Planning.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Conveyance Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement between East Chicago Redevelopment Commission, the East Chicago Housing Authority and East Chicago Urban Enterprise Association regarding the Washington Square construction of four (4) duplexes and two (2) Single Family Homes in Prairie Crossing properties located within the City of East Chicago, IN as detailed.

ACTION ITEM:
Motion to approve the contract with Urban Design Ventures, LLC to provide professional services related to NRSA plans and CDBG program for the Calumet Neighborhoods, not to exceed $37,500.

Public Expression
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