CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:
Valeriano Gomez, President
Lilia Ramos, Vice-President
Lydia Lopez, Secretary
Marino Solorio, Commissioner
Stacy Winfield, Commissioner
Jaylen Johnson, Commissioner
Grayling Gordon, Commissioner
Hashem Alhashem, Commissioner

STAFF:
Tracy Ailes
Eduardo Fontanez

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Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Lydia Lopez, Grayling Gordon, Jaylen Johnson, Stacy Winfield, Hashem Alhashem, Mario Solorio

STAFF - Present in Chambers: Tracy Ailes

Staff present via Zoom: Lilia Ramos

MR. SOLORIO: Good afternoon everyone. I will be chairing the meeting in Val's absence. We do have a quorum. I would like to call to order the Plan Commission meeting for Monday, June 1st, 2026.
I believe Lilia Ramos in on Zoom, correct?

MS. RAMOS: Yes, I am.

MR. SOLORIO: Okay.
First on the agenda is approval of the minutes from May 18th, 2026. Do I have a motion?

MR. GORDON: Motion to approve.

MS. WINFIELD: Second.

MR. SOLORIO: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. SOLORIO: Motion carries.

Moving on to New Business. This is for bathroom renovation at Washington, Lincoln, Harrison, and McKinley schools. I think there is a representative in the audience to speak on behalf of School City of East Chicago. Please come forward, state your name for the record, and let us know a little bit about the project. Hopefully we won't have 20 questions like the last bathroom reno.

MS. ROA: I hope not. Samantha Roa, I'm from Pangere Corporation.

MR. SOLORIO: So explain to us a little bit about what this project is and what is, for the capital improvement, what that's going to be cost-wise.

MS. ROA: Sure. We have 14 bathrooms in total among the four schools, that we are taking Kindergarten bathrooms and we are improving them with finishes and fixtures for preschool. So stools, light fixtures replacement, and finishes on the paint and flooring.

MR. SOLORIO: So it's going from like obviously Kindergarten, to smaller, a different grade?

MS. ROA: The stool height will change.

MR. SOLORIO: To smaller?

MS. ROA: A little lower.

MR. SOLORIO: Is this in all of these facilities, all the bathrooms, or just in portions of the building?

MS. ROA: Just certain classrooms within the building.

MR. SOLORIO: Are there any other questions for the representative?

MS. WINFIELD: Are you at every school?

MS. ROA: At four, Lincoln, McKinley, Harrison and Washington.

MS. WINFIELD: When do you start?

MS. ROA: We plan to start as soon as possible.

MR. SOLORIO: What is the total dollar amount of the project?

MS. ROA: $224,000.00.

MS. WINFIELD: How long will it take?

MS. ROA: We have a deadline of completion of August 7th.

MR. GORDON: Before school starts.

MR. SOLORIO: Are there any further questions? (None)

If not, is there a motion to approve this project for the School City of East Chicago bathroom renovation.

MS. WINFIELD: So move.

MR. SOLORIO: Is there a second?

MR. JOHNSON: Second.

MR. SOLORIO: All in favor?

In favor response: Lilia Ramos, Lydia Lopez, Hashem Alhashem, Jaylen Johnson, Stacy Winfield, Marino Solorio.

MR. SOLORIO: Opposed: None

Abstention: Grayling Gordon.

MR. SOLORIO: Motion carries.

For the record, Miss Ramos was for the project and not against, is that correct?

MS. RAMOS: Correct.

MR. SOLORIO: Congratulations, hopefully your project will be fulfilled on time and on budget.

MS. SIMMONS: Thank you.

MR. SOLORIO: Are there any Commissioner

comments? (None)

Any public comments? (None)

Our next regular meeting is Monday, June 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., here at the Council Chambers.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. WINFIELD: So move.

MR. GORDON: Second.

MR. SOLORIO: I'm assuming all are in favor. Thank you all. Have a good afternoon.

Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 1, 2026

Approved and signed June 15, 2026

Valeriano Gomez, President

Lilia Ramos, Vice-President

Lydia Lopez, Secretary

Marino Solorio, Commissioner

Stacy Winfield, Commissioner

Jaylen Johnson, Commissioner

Grayling Gordon, Commissioner

Hashem Alhashem, Commissioner

Tracy Alles, Recording Secretary

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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 2nd day of June 2026.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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