CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Milton Reed, President
Linda Thompson, Member
Frank Smith, Member

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Milton Reed
Frank Smith
Linda Thompson

MR. REED: I would now call to order the Public Hearing for the Board of Safety.

New Business is the Public Hearing. And in the Public Hearing we offer any members of the public that would like to speak on the topic of the Mulberry Street Tattoo Lounge, LLC, d/b/a East Chicago Ink, at 3929 Main Street and Gabino Soriano Tattoo Inc., at 530 West Chicago Avenue.

Is there anyone in the public that would like to speak, you may come to the microphone, give us your name and address, and speak on the topic.

Please come to the microphone and give us your name.

MS. GOMEZ: Daisy Gomez, and I am here because we want to open Gabino Soriano Tattoo Inc., on 530 West Chicago Avenue. We believe that we have an opportunity to expand our business. We believe that the sun shines for everybody and that we would bring clientele nationwide. We have clients that are all over the United States. We have clients that come from Europe. We have clients that come from Mexico.

So, we believe that bringing those

clients here to East Chicago, Indiana, they are not only going to come and get tattoos; they also are going to put gas in their car. They are going to consume. They are going to eat here also because they are going to get hungry. We are looking for the opportunity to start our business.

MR. REED: Okay. Thank you.

MS. GOMEZ: Thank you.

MR. REED: Is there anyone else here for public comment on the Public Hearing session?
Hearing none, our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 13th.
I will now entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing. Is there a motion?

MR. SMITH: I'll make that motion.

MS. THOMPSON: Second.

MR. REED: Moved and properly second.
We'll take a vote. All in favor?
(All signify aye.)
MR. REED: Motion carries.
The Public Hearing is now closed.
We'll move over to our regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety for June 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Milton Reed
Frank Smith
Linda Thompson

MR. REED: Call to order the regular

meeting of the Board of Public Safety for June 22nd, 2026.

May we have a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8th, 2026 as written?

MR. SMITH: I move that we accept the minutes.

MS. THOMPSON: I'll second that motion.

MR. REED: Motion has been properly made and second. We'll take a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

Moving on to New Business. Is there a motion to approve the Public Hearing decision approving Mulberry Street Tattoo Lounge, LLC, d/b/a East Chicago Ink, at 3929 Main Street. Is there a motion to approve?

MR. SMITH: I will make that motion.

MS. THOMPSON: Second.

MR. REED: Motion has been made and properly second. Any questions on the motion? (None) Hearing none, we'll take a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

Is there a motion to approve Gabino Soriano Tattoo Inc., at 530 West Chicago Avenue.

MR. SMITH: I will make that motion.

MS. THOMPSON: Second.

MR. REED: Motion has been made and properly second. Are there any questions? (None) Hearing none, we'll take a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

It's approved. Congratulations and thank you.

We have Rehabilitation Agreements for 3744 Carey Street, 3912 Deodor Street, and 3937 Carey Street. Is there a motion to approve the rehab agreements as submitted by the Building Department?

MR. SMITH: I will make that motion.

MS. THOMPSON: Second.

MR. REED: Motion has made and properly second. Any questions? (None) Hearing none, we'll take a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

This is the time for audience participation. Anybody in the audience like to comment on anything, you can do so at this time. (None) There is no participation.

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. SMITH: I will make a motion to adjourn.

MS. THOMPSON: I'll second the motion.

MR. REED: We'll take a vote.

All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Public Safety Minutes
of June 22nd, 2026
Approved and Signed, Monday, June 22nd, 2026.

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Milton Reed, President

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Linda Thompson, Member

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Frank Smith, Member

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Olga Cosme, Secretary

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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 23rd day of June, 2026.

Peggy S. LaLonde

Peggy S LaLonde
Notary Public Seal State of Indiana
Porter County
Commission Number NP0710216
My Commission Expires 2/6/2034