CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, August 3, 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

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde, court reporter

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Lydia Lopez, Lilia Ramos, Grayling Gordon, Stacy Winfield, Hashem Alhashem

STAFF - Present in Chambers: Tracy Ailes

STAFF - Present via Zoom: Eduardo Fontanez, Legal

(Meeting chaired by Stacy Winfield)

MS. WINFIELD: The meeting is called to order. Today is Monday, August 3rd, 2026. The time is now 4:35.

We need a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on July 13, 2026. Is there a motion?

MR. GORDON: I make a motion to approve the July 13th minutes.

MS. LOPEZ: Second.

MS. WINFIELD: All in favor?

(Signify aye by Ms. Ramos, Ms. Lopez, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Alhashem.)

MS. WINFIELD: I'm going to abstain since I was not at the meeting. Motion carries.

The regular meeting of July 20, 2026, is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MS. RAMOS: So moved.

MS. LOPEZ: Second.

MS. WINFIELD: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MS. WINFIELD: Motion carries.

Next we have New Business. We have one item, Ameristar office conversion, 777 Aldis Avenue. Is there a representative here?

MS. AILES: Yes.

MS. WINFIELD: Step forward, state your name and your business.

MR. ZIELINSKI: Brian Zielinski, B-R-I-A-N, Z-I-E-L-I-N-S-K-I. We are out of Oak Park. Do you want the address too?

MS. AILES: Just a brief overview of the project.

MR. ZIELINSKI: So we are doing an office, HR office remodel on the first floor. It's about 2900 square feet. Currently there is some empty storage space and unused offices there, so we are kind of making it a little bit more efficient, as well as adding a new surveillance area down there which is coming off the boat into the building.

That's essentially the office remodel.

MS. WINFIELD: Are there any questions? No questions.

MS. AILES: They did have Tech Review. There was a couple of follow ups. They did make those changes and they were received.

MS. WINFIELD: Tech Review passed?

MS. AILES: Yes.

MS. WINFIELD: Anyone like to make a motion?

MS. AILES: They are waiting for their Construction Design Release from the State. So it will be contingent on them receiving their release from the State.

MS. WINFIELD: The motion is contingent upon them receiving the State approval. Anyone like to make that motion?

MS. LOPEZ: I'll make the motion.

MR. GORDON: Second.

MS. WINFIELD: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)
MS. WINFIELD: Motion carries.
Any Commissioners comments: (None)
Public Comments: None
Next meeting is Monday, August 17, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
Need a motion to adjourn.

MR. GORDON: Motion for adjournment.

MS. LOPEZ: Second.

MS. WINFIELD: All in favor?
(All signify aye.)
MS. WINFIELD: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday,
August 3rd, 2026

Approved and signed August 17, 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 Ailes, Recording Secretary

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 4th day of August 2026.

Peggy S. LaLonde

