

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
October 4, 2021

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Douglas Powers

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By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Valeriano Gomez,
Anthony Serna, William Allen, Lilia Ramos

Present Via Telephone Confererence: Joanne
Moricz, Douglas Sloss, Stacy Winfield,
Chanthini Fowler

STAFF: Present in Chambers: Ateria Allen,
Richard Morrisroe, Douglas Powers

MR. GOMEZ: We have approval of minutes
of the regular meeting, Monday, September 20, 2021.
Entertain a motion to approve as written.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MR. SERNA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We'll move on to the New Business;
City Planner's report. We have one item, Mr. Powers.

1 MR. POWERS: Thank you, Commissioners.
2 Today we are looking at the re-platting of 4809 Tod
3 Avenue. What you see before you is that they are
4 actually separating this into two separate lots. It had
5 previously, many years ago, the west side had been
6 platted as residential and was never developed, and it
7 has been these two industrial buildings.

8 I can speak in more details if you
9 have questions, however I do know that the engineer who
10 proposed these drawings is here as well. If I could
11 step aside, and any comments or concerns or questions
12 should be directed to him.

13 MR. GOMEZ: All right.

14 MR. GARCIA: John Garcia, John Garcia
15 Consulting Engineers. Thank you for having me. I am
16 representing the owner and we'd like to proceed -- it's
17 just a business move is why they want to separate the
18 parcels. Does anybody have any questions?

19 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions on the
20 proposal? (None) Thank you, John.

21 Entertain a motion to re-plat at
22 this address, right?

23 MR. POWERS: That is correct.

24 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further
25 questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve
the re-platting of 4809 Tod Avenue.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MR. SERNA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

That concludes City Planner's
report. We have one item under old business. Mr.
Powers, would you like to speak on that?

MR. POWERS: I know that Mr. Morrisroe
actually attended the Whiting EDC meeting regarding the
Pollution Control Sewage and Solid Waste Disposal

1 Facilities notice that was received by the Plan
2 Commission at the previous meeting. I don't know if
3 you'd like to speak or say anything about that.

3 MR. MORRISROE: I have not spoken about
4 this since the meeting. I don't want to be going over
5 old ground. I went to the meeting. I was there alone
6 with the Mayor, the Economic Development Commission, the
7 City Clerk, and the Attorney. They were very gracious,
8 as well as the attorney representing the Bond Council.
9 So they simply went through and explained that because
10 of the U.S. EPA and other federal agencies, they have
11 not yet come up with a standard for deciding what to do
12 with the Petco. It's still kind of an issue being
13 discussed. So that all of the money, \$600 million is
14 being dedicated to the waste water treatment, which is
15 one of the other major environmental issues that BP
16 plant, in Whiting and East Chicago has to face. They
17 were very gracious. They recorded everything and
18 promised to keep us in touch as to what is occurring
19 with that property with the bond issue. I believe they
20 also came or are coming to the City Common Council about
21 the same issue. Are there any questions?

13 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions?

14 MS. WINFIELD: They did come in front of
15 the Council at this past meeting and had some concerns,
16 and I believe the questions were answered.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. They came to the last
17 Council meeting then?

18 MR. MORRISROE: Yes.

19 MS. WINFIELD: They came via Zoom.

20 MR. MORRISROE: I was there live with
21 everybody. It was quite an event to be there with this
22 cast of thousands, but I felt it was important that we
23 be there and represent the issues of East Chicago, even
24 though we found out they are not about to jam more Petco
25 down our throats. Thank you.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you, Mr. Morrisroe.

24 MS. WINFIELD: If I could say one more
25 thing, I know the Council did ask why wasn't it made
known public, why wasn't there a public notice that was

1 listed so that anyone was able to attend.

2 MR. MORRISROE: I do not know whether
3 this was advertised. I know that we received notice.
4 After the notice was sent to Val and to myself, as the
5 former planner, I gave them the correct information
6 about Doug Powers as the current planner. But as far as
7 any other -- I assume that whatever public notice they
8 were required to give, they gave.

9 MR. ALLEN: The representative had
10 mentioned at the Council that there was a notice put in
11 the Times. And I think she even mentioned that some
12 type of notice went to the Council's new attorney, like
13 maybe a month before.

14 MR. MORRISROE: Val and I received the
15 notice.

16 MS. WINFIELD: I just wanted to bring
17 that up to Mr. Morrisroe. So they did know that because
18 they weren't at that meeting.

19 MR. POWERS: Thank you. Any notice that
20 they would have had to submit, other than publishing it
21 through the Times, there wouldn't be any to private
22 owners that would have been affected, especially to
23 residents.

24 MS. WINFIELD: Thank you.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Move on to Commissioner
26 comments. Any comments from Commissioners? (None)
27 Any comments from the public? (None)

28 There being no further comments, our
29 next meeting will be Monday, October 18th, at 4:30 p.m.
30 That concludes our business on today's agenda.
31 Entertain a motion for adjournment.

32 MS. RAMOS: So moved.

33 MR. SERNA: Second.

34 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

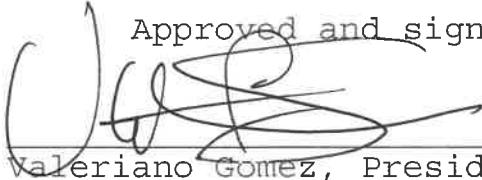
35 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
36 Opposed: None

37 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries. Meeting
38 adjourned.

39 *** Meeting adjourned ***

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday
October 4, 2021

Approved and signed _____



Valeriano Gomez, President



Anthony Serna, Vice-President

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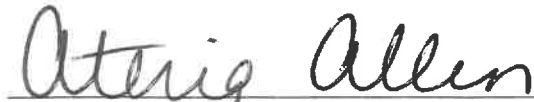
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Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 6th day of October, 2021.

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