

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
November 1, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

Valeriano Gomez, President  
Anthony Serna, Vice-President  
Lilia Ramos, Secretary  
Joanne Moricz, Commissioner  
Chanthini Fowler, Commissioner  
Douglas Sloss, Commissioner  
William Allen, Commissioner  
Lydia Lopez, Commissioner  
Stacy Winfield, Commissioner

STAFF:

Ateria Allen, Secretary  
Richard Morrisroe  
Douglas Powers

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: Anthony Serna, William  
Allen, Chanthini Fowler

Present Via Telephone Confererence: Lilia  
Ramos, Joanne Moricz, Douglas Sloss, Stacy  
Winfield, Lydia Lopez

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

(Meeting chaired by Anthony Serna.)

MR. SERNA: We have a quorum. First on  
the agenda, we have approval of minutes of the regular  
meeting, Monday, October 18, 2021. Entertain a motion  
to approve as written.

MR. SLOSS: So moved.

MS. FOWLER: Second.

MR. SERNA: Roll call.

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

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.



1 work session a little bit. Regular meeting agendas are  
2 often hard, devoted to matters needing immediate  
3 attention and complex projects with no immediate  
4 deadline can be difficult or impossible to complete at  
5 these meetings. A board or a board committee may find  
6 it beneficial to hold work sessions to complete specific  
7 projects. In addition, some topics may require special  
8 expertise not available on the board. Examples of work  
9 session topics include, training or educational  
10 opportunities, developing a new sign code, reviewing or  
11 drafting a thoroughfare plan, or drafting new drainage  
12 regulations. These are some of the things I'd like you  
13 to keep in mind when we are discussing new and proposed  
14 plans or possible changes as they may be needed or occur  
15 throughout this community.

16 I believe we are all aware of how to  
17 conduct a public meeting. You know, there is --  
18 page 70 gives some tips for effective public meetings.  
19 This is also good reference point if you find public  
20 meetings challenging or somewhat confusing. We have not  
21 had any real issue with the order or conduct. And if  
22 you are looking at the legal requirements for the  
23 meetings, the open door law, I believe we are very  
24 familiar with this. A lot of this falls on, you know,  
25 secretarial duties and such about the date, time,  
members, whether they are present or not, and recording  
all votes being taken and actions. There's a few other  
details in there, however, that's the gist of it. And,  
you know, this does go on a little more to discuss about  
internal communication and external communication. If  
you have any questions about this section or the  
chapter, feel free to let me know.

18 We are currently doing the  
19 educational portion. There are -- if you ever have  
20 interest in any other sections or things about planning,  
21 I can recommend other educational materials too. At  
22 this time if the commissioners have any questions.

21 MR. SERNA: Are there any questions for Mr.  
22 Powers? (None) Thank you, Mr. Powers.

23 Madame secretary, do we have any old  
24 business?

24 MS. ALLEN: No.

25 MR. SERNA: No old business. Any comments  
from the commissioners? (None) Any public comment?

1 (None) Our next meeting date is November 15, 2021, at  
2 4:30, right here at City Hall Council Chambers.

2 Entertain a motion to adjourn.

3 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

4 MS. FOWLER: Second.

5 MR. SERNA: Roll call.

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

8 MR. SERNA: Motion carries. Meeting  
9 adjourned.

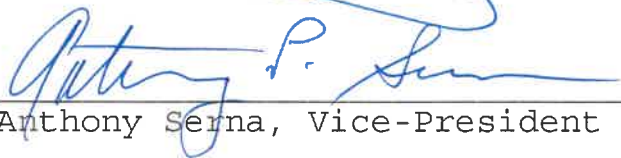
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday  
November 1, 2021

Approved and signed November 15, 2021

  
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Anthony Serna, Vice-President

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Lilia Ramos, Secretary

Joanne Moricz / Zoom  
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Joanne Moricz, Commissioner

Chanthini Fowler / Zoom  
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Ateria Allen, 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 9th of November, 2021.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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