

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MICHIGAN CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
APRIL 25, 2023**

The Michigan City Plan Commission held their regular monthly meeting in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. local time; the date, hour, and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. This meeting also being available via Zoom and streaming live on My Michigan City, Indiana Facebook. Access LaPorte County Media hosted Zoom.

Note: Public had the option to attend, participate, and/or observe the meeting via Zoom, Facebook, or calling in.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Zimmer announced a delay in the start of the meeting due to the Petitioner trying to locate a copy of their Affidavit of Publication.

After the delay, President Lawrence Zimmer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. York called the roll with attendance noted as follows:

**Present:**

Ross Balling, Bryant Dabney, Daniel Granquist, Fred Klinder, Philip Latchford, Geraldine (Gigi) McCabe-Miele, Rose Tejada, Lawrence Zimmer (all in person) – 8

**Absent:**

One vacancy – 1

**Staff Present:**

Planning Director Skyler York; Attorney Steven Hale; Administrative Assistant Debbie Wilson (all in person)

**POLICY OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURES**

The Policy of Conduct and Procedures for the Michigan City Plan Commission states that the Commission is composed of nine persons. By statute, five must vote affirmatively to approve a petition. Thus, whenever less than a full board is present, the petitioner may wish to continue his/her hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on a petition or to the board in general at the end of the meeting may do so by approaching the speaker's roster and giving his/her name and address. Comments should be addressed to the Plan Commission, not to a petitioner or remonstrator or others in the audience. The Plan Commission vote is based on the evidence presented.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The chair entertained a motion for approval of the agenda as presented.

***Motion made by Commissioner Latchford – seconded by Commissioner McCabe-Miele approving the April 25, 2023, agenda as submitted. The roll was called, and the vote taken: (Ayes) Commissioners Balling, Dabney, Granquist, Klinder, Latchford, McCabe-Miele, Tejada, Zimmer – 8; (Nays) None – 0. With a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays, the MOTION CARRIED.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Zimmer entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular hybrid meeting of March 28, 2023.

***Motion made By Commissioner Balling – seconded by Commissioner Tejada accepting the minutes of the regular hybrid meeting of March 28, 2023, as submitted. The roll was called, and the vote taken: (Ayes) Commissioners Balling, Dabney, Klinder, Latchford, McCabe-Miele, Tejada, Zimmer – 7; (Nays) None – 0; (Abstain) Commissioner Granquist – 1. With a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, the MOTION CARRIED.***

**PETITION(S)**

901-23(1): Request by Mike West / Green Development Ventures, LLC for Primary Plat approval of a 114 lot Major Subdivision (Woodland Ridge Subdivision) for residential development on approximately 32 acres of land located at 4842 N 900 W (parcel 46-05-10-100-012.000-009), Michigan City, Indiana.

President Zimmer announced that the Petition will not be able to be heard this evening because the Petitioner does not have the required proof of publication for the public notice.

Attorney Hale confirmed President Zimmer's announcement, stating that all the appropriate notice documentation was not provided, so the Petition cannot not be heard this evening.

The Petitioner, Mike West (in person) came forward to address the Plan Commission, stating that he is with Green Development Ventures and Allen Edwin Homes, 2186 East Centre Avenue, Portage, Michigan. Mr. West indicated that there is a possible discrepancy in one of the noticing requirements, and therefore requested a continuance of the Petition to the next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting on May 23, 2023.

Attorney Hale interjected, announcing the date, time, and place of the meeting to be May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the City Hall Council Chambers; stating that in

one month this matter will be heard again. Addressing Commissioners, he recalled that in the past when these issues have arisen, if notice has been accomplished appropriately, re-notification will not be necessary, but if it is discovered that the notification has not been done appropriately, then re-notification would be necessary. He wanted the public to understand, so he repeated that this matter will be heard next month on May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The chair entertained a motion.

***Motion by Commissioner McCabe-Miele – seconded by Commissioner Klinder approving the Petitioners’ request to continue Petition 901-23(1) by Mike West / Green Development Ventures, LLC, to the May 23, 2023 Plan Commission meeting, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the City Hall Council Chambers. The roll was called, and the vote taken: (Ayes) Commissioners Balling, Dabney, Granquist, Klinder, Latchford, McCabe-Miele, Tejada, Zimmer – 8; (Nays) None – 0. With a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays, the MOTION CARRIED.***

**NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS**

(None)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**


Michigan City Mayor Duane Parry spoke regarding the continued Petition 901-23(1), commenting that according to information received from Accelerated Indiana Municipalities (state-wide organization offering guidance to cities and towns), there is a severe shortage of this type of housing throughout the United States. He said Michigan City is no different and seriously needs this type of housing development. Mayor Parry respectfully asked the Plan Commission to approve this Petition when it appears before them again.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Commission, President Zimmer declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. He announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting is May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

  
Daniel Granquist, Vice-President

ATTEST:  
  
Geraldine McCabe-Miele, Secretary