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            CITY OF CREST HILL PLAN COMMISSION
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     PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF CASE
     NUMBER PUD-24-2-6-1: A REQUEST OF MIDWEST
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     INDUSTRIAL FUNDS SEEKING PRELIMINARY AND
     AND FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL
     USE PERMIT AND ZONING VARIATION APPROVALS
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     FOR A NEW SPECULATIVE INDUSTRIAL/WAREHOUSE
     BUILDING ON THE VACANT PROPERTY (LOT 17 IN
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     THE CREST HILL INDUSTRIAL PARK) LOCATED AT
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     THE SOUTH TERMINATION OF ADVANTAGE AVENUE IN
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     CREST HILL, ILLINOIS
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                       Report of proceedings had in the
     above-entitled matter commencing at 7:00 p.m. on the
     27th day of June, 2024, in the City Council Chambers
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     of the City of Crest Hill, 20690 City Center Blvd.,
     Crest Hill, Illinois.
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                       COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
                       MR. BILL THOMAS - CHAIRMAN
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                       MR. KEN CARROLL
                       MS. CHERYL SLABOZESKI
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                       MR. JOHN STANTON
                       MR. JEFF PETERSON
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                       MR. ANGELO DeSERIO
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     Present: MR. MICHAEL STIFF
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                       Spesia & Taylor
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                       Joliet, IL
                           Appeared on behalf of the City;
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     Also Present: Ms. Samantha Tilley - Commission Clerk
                   Ms Zoe Gates - Building Department
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                   Mr. Ron Mentzer - Interim Community and
                   Economic Development Director
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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, it is 7 o'clock. I don't 2 3 know who in here is jinxing this meeting, but the AV man needs 10 more minutes to get it going, so I 4 5 promise you we're not leaving here until we finish 6 this meeting. We're 10 minutes late. He will let us 7 know when we start. Probably 7:10. It could be me that's jinxing this meeting. 8 9 Okay, what do you know? Let me call 10 the meeting to order at 7:03. And if you can, please rise for the 11 12 Pledge of Allegiance. 13 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance 14 Was recited.) CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Samantha, can we have 15 16 roll call, please? THE CLERK: Ken Carroll? 17 18 COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes, here. THE CLERK: Commissioner DeSerio? 19 20 COMMISSIONER DeSERIO: Here. THE CLERK: John Stanton? 21 22 COMMISSIONER STANTON: Here.

THE CLERK: Cheryl Slabozeski.

COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI: Here.

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1 THE CLERK: Jeff Peterson. COMMISSIONER PETERSON: 2 THE CLERK: Bill Thomas. 3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Here. 4 5 The first order of business is I need a motion for the approval of the May 9th, 2024, 6 7 Plan Commission meeting. (Whereupon, court reporter went off 8 the record). 9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We have two cases on the 10 11 agenda tonight. First I would like to apologize to 12 both applicants for having to postpone our original 13 June meeting twice. I know you are both anxious to get 14 these cases heard by us so they can get on to the City 15 Council. Normally we would have moved it to July but 16 in spite of the debates, we decided to come here 17 instead, so we are going to do our best to get these 18 cases through in a very timely fashion. 19 The first case is number V-24-2-6-1. 20 (Whereupon, court reporter went off 21 The record) 22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The second case is 23 PUD-24-2-6-1, a request of Midwest Industrial Funds 24 seeking preliminary and final planned unit development

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     special use permit and zoning variation approvals for
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     a new speculative industrial/warehouse building on the
     vacant property known as Lot 17 in the Crest Hill
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     Industrial Park located at the south termination of
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     Advantage Avenue in Crest Hill, Illinois.
                       Samantha, is the paperwork in order?
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            THE CLERK: Yes, the necessary paperwork is in
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     have a motion to open the public hearing for case
     PUD-24-2-6-1.
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            COMMISSIONER CARROLL: So moved.
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            COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Second.
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            CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Commissioner
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                      Roll call, please.
            THE CLERK: Ken Carroll?
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            COMMISSIONER CARROLL: Yes.
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            THE CLERK: John Stanton.
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            COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yes.
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            THE CLERK: Cheryl Slabozeski.
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            COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI: Yes.
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THE CLERK: Commissioner DeSerio. 1 COMMISSIONER DeSERIO: Yes. 2 3 THE CLERK: Commissioner Thomas. CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes. 4 5 THE CLERK: Motion carries. CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The subject of this public 6 7 hearing is to discuss PUD-24-2-6-1. Ron, are you going to explain this 8 9 one? Okay. Our Interim Community and Economic Development Director Ron Mentzer will present the 10 11 specifics. 12 MR. MENTZER: I will provide an overview of the 13 request, and, of course, there is three 14 representatives of Midwest Industrial Funds here 15 tonight that can fill in any details I miss or address 16 any questions that the commission may have regarding 17 the project. 18 So this is a project that staff has 19 been communicating with Midwest Industrial Funds 20 representatives for five or six months now. Gotten to 21 a point where the project has been massaged. The 22 concept plan review before the City Council six, eight 23 weeks ago, and council seemed to be receptive to the

concept of this project on that 88.8 acreage on the

south lot of Advantage Drive, one of the few remaining properties in the Crest Hill Industrial Park.

The underlying property is zoned M-1, which is the zoning classification that this type of building and these types of uses are listed as permitted uses.

No special approvals for the type of use. No special use permit needed for the proposed operations that they are envisioning take place on the property once it gets built.

The property is large enough, though, that the city zoning ordinance requires it to be processed as a planned unit development, so the applicant has requested special use permit approval of the planned unit development.

Plans for the project, those plans are the plans that were submitted and distributed --submitted by the applicant, distributed to the Plan Commission in the agenda packet you have before you. Those are the plans that were the basis for the plan commission staff report that we prepared and contributed for tonight's meeting. That report has a June 13th date on it.

As part of the project, they are

looking to build a 150,000 square foot speculative office warehouse distribution-type facility. Most likely will end up being occupied by multiple tenants. Will be similar in appearance, not size, but appearance to the similar building that MIF is currently constructing on the 34-acre site just to the immediate east of this particular site.

In conjunction with the project design, they have submitted a request for two variations. One which will allow the building to have a reduced front yard setback along the Advantage Avenue frontage right adjacent to the cul-de-sac in that one district. There is a 30-foot required front yard setback along that little cul-de-sac. The building that they are proposing to construct, they have a 15-foot setback.

And the second variation is for a parking lot pavement, drive aisle setback along the south property line which is the rear property line. The zoning ordinance normally would require a 5-foot setback along that property line, and what they are proposing is a 0-foot setback.

I think it is important to note along that property line that -- I should say that property

line is adjacent to an offsite detention facility so there is no additional development located to the south.

The hardships that they've represented for the property is, although it is a relatively large property, 8.88 acres, it is a relatively narrow property. Normally for this type of development you would not -- when you are subdividing property and creating lots, you wouldn't create lots with this type of configuration, long and narrow. That just makes the functionality of the building challenging.

So they are trying to create a building footprint that works proficiently in the marketplace. In order to do that, they need to stretch the building and encroach into those two setbacks that I had outlined.

From the staff perspective, we think there is unique conditions with this lot and a hardship that does exist and warrants the approval of those variations.

Overall the project is probably a positive addition from an economic development standpoint. I think it is a -- would be a high quality

use for this particular lot. There are a number of other proposals that the city has considered, none of which were as attractive from an economic development tax generation standpoint as what is being proposed here tonight.

in order with the city's regulations. There are a number of cleanup items that need to be taken care of before the plans are finalized and permits are being issued, but those cleanup items are relatively minor in nature and won't change the design of the building. It is small specifications, things of that nature.

So with that, if there is any questions, I would be happy to answer those.

Staff is recommending -- does feel that recommendation for the Plan Commission to approve this project would be appropriate.

In the staff report we did identify six conditions that we would recommend from a staff perspective be attached to any positive recommendation that the city's Plan Commission forwards to the City Council on this particular project.

With that, I would address any questions you may have.

1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any questions for Ron? 2 Steve, if you or whoever else is 3 going to come up, please make sure you are signed in. MR. STEVE GULDEN: Thank you again for having 4 5 this meeting. I know some issues with quarums and stuff, I really appreciate -- we really appreciate you 6 7 coming here for this special meeting tonight to hear these cases. 8 9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can I stop you for a minute? 10 Raise your right hand. Make sure you are telling the 11 truth. 12 (Whereupon, witnesses sworn.) 13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Continue. 14 MR. STEVE GULDEN: Truthfully, we really 15 appreciate you guys coming here and having this special meeting for us. 16 17 With me here tonight is Mike Androwich, one of the co-owners of Midwest Industrial 18 19 Properties or Midwest Industrial Funds, and Patrick 20 Swiszcz, one of his right-hand people is here to 21 answer any questions or just facilitate any type of 22 discussion. 23 Just to remind you as Ron had said,

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            MR. PATRICK SWISZCZ: Thank you, Steve. Thank
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150,000-square-foot speculative facility on this lot.

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The two variances that Ron brought up are very important to us as this site has a very tricky, long and narrow configuration. With these variations, this allows us to meet an industry standard or get very close to trying to have a 200-foot-depth building. We can't get to 200 feet. We get to 192. And without these variances, we can't even get close. We would have to lose another 25 feet, 30 feet which is not what we're looking for.

So with these tricky narrow configurations, we really need these variances. The site has been vacant since the creation of the business park due to this configuration. The uses that we're targeting here is manufacturing like TLC Ingredients is a speculature nature, so we'll be targeting manufacturing food users, warehousing, light assembly.

The building since it is not 200 feet or very close to it is very shallow in nature, so the building is catered to be multitenant. This building most likely will be three or four tenants with the configuration like this. This building is catered towards manufacturers with high-paying jobs.

This isn't the Amazon across the

street. This isn't the most intense use. We don't have trailer parking away from this building like the Amazon facility.

We're really hoping that you guys see the value in this building, and like Ron mentioned, hoping to bring in a good tax base, and finishing out the last lot in the business park in Crest Hill.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Questions? Jeff?
COMMISSIONER PETERSON: No.

COMMISSIONER CARROLL: I have one question. It was reference to being -- working with TLC in order to make a connection to Lidice Parkway.

Have you started on that?

MR. PATRICK SWISZCZ: So Crest Hill has actually started those conversations and -- Ron, correct me if I'm wrong -- I believe Maura reached out to TLC and they were active to talking with us.

Once we know what exactly communications, we will talk with TLC and try to figure out some possible additional access on the northeast to connect to Churnovic.

COMMISSIONER CARROLL: The community I live in is right adjacent to Division Street. We would like to keep as much traffic off of Division as we can.

1 Because we have a lot of 80-year-olds over there. They don't match too well with a lot of trucks or -- you 2 know, some heavy vehicular traffic. I'm glad to hear 3 that's in the works. Thank you. 4 5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Cheryl? COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI: How long do you think 6 it will take to build this facility? 7 MR. PATRICK SWISZCZ: A year. About a year. Our 8 anticipated start time would be here in the fall and 9 10 completion in late summer. Almost a year. 11 COMMISSIONER DeSERIO: I have nothing. 12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I've got a few. Let's talk about -- I was very 13 14 impressed with the traffic study. Let's talk about a 15 few things in there I did not see. 16

So when a truck leaves your facility on Advantage Drive and goes east, when it gets to Weber Road, which way do you anticipate these trucks going? Straight? Left? Right? Do you have an idea based on what you are going to have in them?

MR. PATRICK SWISZCZ: Since it is a speculative building in nature, I can't foreshadow which direction they will be going.

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the users -- you know, the attractiveness about this lot is that it is located really close to I-55, so we believe most of the traffic will be making a left on Advantage and heading west towards I-55. Because if you are heading towards the east, that's more than double the amount of mileage to get to 55 at Weber Road or if you are heading south to get back on to Plainfield. The easiest path would be due west.

But I can't speak for what exactly is going to happen, but that's what we believe.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The intersection of Division and Weber is a little bit of a problem for us. There seems to be a lot of car traffic going straight. We don't own the property southwest, so we can't put a right-turn lane in there. Getting a lot of complaints from Carillon Lakes people that want to go to Menards sometimes have to wait two lights because there is so much traffic going straight. So that was -- I was just curious.

You answered my question about when they get to Gaylord, they are going to continue on Division to connect to I-55.

All right. I think you have already answered all the rest of that stuff that I was going

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     let me have a motion to close the public hearing.
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            COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI. Second.
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            CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Commissioner
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            THE CLERK: Commissioner DeSerio?
            COMMISSIONER DeSERIO: Yes.
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            COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI: Yes.
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            THE CLERK: Motion carried.
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            CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All right. Ron mentioned it,
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     before we give you our decision, you mentioned the six
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     conditions. I believe those six conditions were sent
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     to you. I don't think we heard anything back that you
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     couldn't do. But I would like to take a moment and
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     we're going to read these six conditions so that they
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COMMISSIONER DeSERIO: Number 1, loading dock restriction: The maximum number of loading docks permitted for the speculative industrial warehouse office building shall not exceed 34 for the PUD. Any increase in the number of loading docks above 34 will require a new public hearing and approval of a PUD amendment.

Number 2, truck route monetary contribution: Unless otherwise approved by the City Council, MIF shall make a monetary contribution to the city that the city can use for the design, construction, and/or land acquisition for the city's planned future truck route extension to Weber Road. The details of this monetary contribution shall be finalized in the development agreement reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Number 3, Lidice Parkway driveway connection: MIF shall make contact and have meaningful communications with TLC ownership regarding what MIF is prepared to do to obtain parkway -- to obtain TLC's approval for a driveway connection between the subject property and Lidice Parkway.

MIF shall summarize the details of these communications in writing for City Council

reference during his consideration and potential approval of the Plan Commission recommendation on this product.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Commissioner Slabozeski?

COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI: Number 4. Final design documents approval: Approval of the requested preliminary and final PUD special use permit is subject to final civil engineering design plan, photometric/electrical plan and associated platting approved by city staff and consultants.

Number 5, project signage: All sign proposals shall comply with applicable sign code regulations of Crest Hill sign code regulations.

And, finally, Number 6, compliance with plans: The development, maintenance, and operation of the project shall be in substantial compliance with the plans and documents included in the project submittal checklist dated June 5th, 2024, as may be revised to address city staff, city attorney, and city consultant review comments and City Council special use permit approval conditions.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

Again, hopefully this isn't the first time you have been hearing that.

I want to make a comment about the Lidice Parkway connection and how important that is to us.

The building that you are almost done with is going to meet our current restrictions which is when a truck comes out of there and wants to go east, they have to exit on Enterprise Drive.

 $\label{eq:And when a truck comes out of there} \mbox{ and wants to go west, they have to exit on Churnovic } \mbox{ Road.}$

That was put in place for Amazon and Old Dominion because the subdivision Carillon Lakes exit is right between all that, and as Commissioner Carroll said, a lot of concern about old people coming out of there, getting tired of waiting, and darting out one way, not seeing somebody coming from the other direction.

So this will be a little bit against what we have been requiring. I have already gotten a phone call from some people at Carillon Lakes saying we hear there is more trucks coming. I say, well, there is not going to be as many trucks as the previous ones but we are working towards the future resolving this. They didn't object after I said that.

I hope that's the case. It is really critical that what the end result is, we need to finish this road. Thank you for your contribution coming out the south and coming out on to Weber Road that way and getting all this traffic as much as we can off of Division Road.

Okay. We did that. So before I bring this up for a vote with the commissioners, I just want, again, to say thank you to Midwest Industrial Funds for your commitment to the city of Crest Hill as you build yet another facility in our business park.

Ron mentioned it. I think Steve mentioned it. For you guys to want to work with Lot 17 and do all you did to make that work, I thought maybe that lot was going to be there forever and be turned into a park or something, but you are going to turn it into a very valuable asset. So I want to thank you for doing that.

MR. MICHAEL ANDROWICH: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Having said that, I would like to have a motion to approve the request from Midwest Industrial Funds for the preliminary and final planned unit development special use permit and zoning variation approvals for speculative industrial/warehouse building on the vacant property

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     south termination of Advantage Avenue in Crest Hill.
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            COMMISSIONER CARROLL:
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            COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Seconded.
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            CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion by Commissioner
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            COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.
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            COMMISSIONER STANTON: Yes.
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            THE CLERK: Cheryl Slabozeski.
            COMMISSIONER SLABOZESKI: Yes.
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            THE CLERK: Commissioner DeSerio?
            COMMISSIONER DeSERIO: Yes.
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            THE CLERK: Bill Thomas?
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            CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
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            CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The Plan Commission has
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     approved your request located at the south termination
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use permit. A zoning variation approval for front yard building setback variation that would allow the building to be set back 15 feet from the Advantage Avenue property line, and for the zoning variation approval, for a rear yard parking setback that would allow the parking lot drive aisle pavement to have a 0 setback from the south property line of the property.

So we will forward our recommendation to the City Council. It sounds like they will also hear your case on July 15th, and I know you folks will probably be there to do it.

So congratulations. Again, thank you for supporting our city.

MR. STIFF: Mr. Chairman, before we move on, I want to make a record that the publications of the public hearing for both items tonight were originally published for our regularly-set meeting of June 13th. Because of the lack of a quorum, both the website for Crest Hill and the doors to our chambers here were posted to notify anybody that was going to be here for the public hearings published for that night, that they were moved to the 20th, which was last Thursday.

Thursday, the same process was followed. Our clerk

Due to a lack of quorum last

posted on the doorway here notice that those public 1 hearings were being moved to today's date. And that 2 3 was also posted on the website. My understanding is Mr. Gulden 4 5 actually came to the chambers both days to see if 6 anyone showed up. And I think he is still under oath and can say for the record for the period of time that he was here, nobody showed up for those hearings. 8 9 So we proceeded today and we believe 10 that the public has been properly notified and all the paperwork was in order as the clerk stated earlier for 11 both of our public hearings tonight. 12 13 I just wanted to make that on the 14 record just so we have it in the minutes. CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you very much. 15 16 Thank you, guys. 17 MR. PATRICK SWISZCZ: Thank you. ***** 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

LeAnn M. Hibler, as an Officer of the 1 2 Court, says that she is a shorthand reporter doing 3 business in the State of Illinois; that she reported in machine shorthand the proceedings of said meeting, 4 5 and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as 6 7 aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at the said meeting. 8 9 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have 10 hereunto set my signature this 11th day of July, 2024. 11 12 13 14 15 Le ann M. Hibles 17 18 LeANN M. HIBLER, IL CSR #84-003148 19 20 21 2.2 2.3 24