

**ALLIANCE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025  
4:30 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Members – Mayor Grove; Mike Dreger, Safety Service Director; Elayne Dunlap; John Gross, Secretary; Mark Locke, President; Amy McElhinney; Harry Paidas.

**Meeting held in the second-floor conference room of the Alliance Administration Building at 504 E. Main St., Alliance, Ohio.** The meeting was called to order by Mark Locke at 4:30 p.m. Also, present was; Pete Wearstler, Director of Planning and Development.

- 1) Schedule a public hearing date for April 15th, 2026.

Dreger states, council last night referred an ordinance to Planning Commission for a zoning change, and it's the reason we're having a meeting. We have to hold a public hearing and give 30 days notice. Because it's February with 28 days, that means April is going to be the soonest we can do it. Then it will be returned to council, and they have to schedule a meeting after that with another 30 day notice.

Locke inquires if they have to have a public hearing also.

Dreger responds yes, so we're looking at June 2nd as the fastest we can do this. What we'll be looking at for the zoning change is creating a category for data centers. What we've found is that we do have an interest in town, but more important, our law director, Mr. Selwa, said we're kind of exposed right now. Because we don't address it specifically, people could look at the code and say fit that and I should be able to be on State Street. The ordinance basically proposes that they would be allowed to locate an industrial two zone. We can get more details at the next meeting if we need it, obviously at the hearing.

Lock inquires whether Dreger will present this item at the meeting.

Dreger responds that Pete Wearstler will be doing that.

Dunlap motions to approve a public hearing for April 15th, 2026. Gross seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

**Other business:**

Locke declares adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.