

**ALLIANCE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2026**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Members – Mayor Grove; Blaine Lewis, Safety Service Director; Elayne Dunlap; John Gross, Secretary; Mark Locke, President; ~~Amy McElhinney~~ Absent; 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 were Commission Asst. Counsel William Morris; Pete Wearstler, Director of Planning and Development; Gavin Kostelic, City Assistant Engineer; Holland Hite, Engineering Clerk.

Paidas motions to excuse McElhinney. Dunlap seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

1) Election of Officers;

Dunlap motions to keep the current officers. Lewis seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

2) Minutes from December 17, 2025 and February 18, 2026 meetings;

Paidas motions to approve both sets of minutes. Dunlap seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Gross motions to move into public hearing. Dunlap seconds. All approve, motion passes.

3) **Public hearing set for 4:33 p.m.** to discuss an Ordinance to Amend Part Eleven of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Alliance Codified Ordinances by Amending Section 1122.03 submitted by the City of Alliance;

No one in attendance to speak in favor or in opposition.

Public portion closed.

4) Review of an Ordinance to Amend Part Eleven of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Alliance Codified Ordinances by Amending Section 1122.03 submitted by the City of Alliance;

Wearstler states the reason we're bringing this forward is because there's been obviously growing interest in data center creation within the state of Ohio. Looking at our code as it is, we have no language in here defining data center as a specific use. There is concern that by not defining it as a use and deciding where it's appropriate to be located in the city, we're opening ourselves up for interpretation of any company that wants to come in. From speaking with our law department, we asked if it would be a better idea to define technological center or if that's satisfactory or if we should just create an individual use. They recommended we just define data center as its own specific use and where it can be located. We are proposing the data center to be a permissible use within an I-2 heavy industrial district.

A map of permissible areas was provided for the record.

Dunlap motions for approval. Paidas seconds. All in favor, motion passed

5) Other business: **Engineer's statement regarding Municipal Storm Sewer System**

Gavin Kostelic states:

Required Statement from the Engineering Department Regarding BMP (Best Management Practices) and Stormwater Design.

- a. "The Engineering Department reviews all BMP and stormwater design plans in accordance with City of Alliance standards. If plans do not meet the requirements set forth by the City, the designer is notified and full plan approval is given only after all comments have been addressed."

Locke declares adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.