

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 17, 2026**

Chairman Lautensack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Lautensack, Councilor Thompson, and Councilor FitzGibbons.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Myer; Councilor Kennedy; Councilor Ashline; Councilor Plunkett; City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli; Planning and Zoning Advisor, Jeff McGann; City Assessor, Kevin Hill; Code Enforcement Director, Michael Cleary II; Chief Operator of the Westside Wastewater Department, John McGrath; Engineering Technician, Wesley Morse; Interim City Engineer, John Trimble; Mayor Robert Corradino.

MEDIA PRESENT: No media present.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting was made by Councilor FitzGibbons and seconded by Councilor Thompson. Minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. The Zoning and Planning Office requests the Common Council authorize delegation to the Planning Board for their review and approval for the Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility Modification at 300 East Albany Street.**

City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli, explained that he had been asked to present this item on behalf of Planning and Zoning Advisor, Jeff McGann, regarding an action under Chapter 274 of the City Code governing wireless communication facilities. He stated that a cell tower previously erected at the Oswego Speedway is the subject of a proposed co-location, whereby Verizon seeks to install its equipment on the existing structure. He noted that Chapter 274 encourages shared use of wireless facilities and that Section 274-5 authorizes the Council to delegate review and approval authority to another City body, in this case the Planning Board. Councilor Thompson asked if this would come back to the council for final approval. Kevin clarified that the proposed resolution would delegate final approval authority to the Planning Board unless the Council chose to retain it. Councilor Thompson also asked if this would be open to public discussion. Kevin confirmed that it would be publicly noticed and heard by the Planning Board. Councilor FitzGibbons asked whether this would change the aesthetics of the structure. Kevin explained that the aesthetic would change somewhat and referred to the representative for Verizon. Stephen Fantuzzo, an associate at Nixon Peabody representing Verizon, explained that there would be no increase in tower height, only the addition of antenna arrays and limited ground equipment within the existing compound. Councilor FitzGibbons then asked whether the improvements would require permits and affect the property's assessed value. Kevin Caraccioli confirmed that permits would be required, and he indicated that the assessor is nodding to confirm that the

added equipment would increase the property's value and potential tax revenue. Councilor Thompson suggested referring the matter to the Planning Board while retaining final Council approval due to the late receipt of documentation. Councilor FitzGibbons asked whether that request stops the process from moving forward. Kevin referred to Jeff McGann, who outlined the procedural timeline, explaining that the resolution would go to the full Council, then to the Planning Board for review, and return to the Council for final action. Kevin Caraccoli added that it could come off the council floor and be addressed potentially as early as March 9 or, if additional review were needed, March 24.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Thompson made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from the Zoning and Planning Office. Councilor FitzGibbons seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:41 p.m. by Councilor Thompson. A second was made by Councilor FitzGibbons, it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Egor Golubchikov