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Plan Commission backs Alliance rezoning in Valparaiso

Auto parts firm's final OK could come in January

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VALPARAISO | A proposed rezoning of two lots in the Porter Business Centre received an endorsement Tuesday from the city's Plan Commission.

The rezoning started with a request from Alliance LLC, which bought property

in the Valparaiso business center to combine and move from its rented office and warehouse space in Eastport Centre. The property is zoned for general commercial, which does not allow warehouse uses, so the city suggested it be rezoned for business park district.

The business center was part of an area on Ind. 2 west of Horseprairie Avenue

annexed at the end of 2000. Planning Director Craig Phillips said it was given a commercial zoning designation because the city did not have a business park category at the time. The zoning codes were changed last year.

Alliance President Dan Vukovich said the 10,000-square-foot building would be modern with an attractive facade and landscaping he thought might help Heckler's property

Alliance makes magnetic materials

and motor and sensor components for the auto industry. Vukovich said all the parts are manufactured overseas and shipped to the U.S. for sale.

The commission approved Vukovich's request to act immediately instead of waiting until the January meeting. It recommended approval to the council, which will introduce it at its Dec. 27 meeting and could act on it Jan. 10. Vukovich has said he hopes to have the building ready by April.