The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Special session on Tuesday evening, May 23, 2017 at the hour of 5:30 p.m., local time in the Common Council Chambers, located in the lower level of the City Hall Building, 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Schwanke.

Roll call was authorized and the following were noted present and/or absent.

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Tim Biety, Pat Boy, Bryant Dabney, Ron Hamilton, Don Przybylinski, Chris Schwanke, Candice Silvas and Allan Whitlow (8).

ABSENT: Sharon Carnes (1).

President Schwanke asked that the record reflect that he did receive a call from Councilwoman Carnes stating due to a scheduling conflict she would not be able to attend tonight’s Special Council meeting; and that Councilwoman Carnes would be excused.

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Meyer – Council Attorney; Kim Sliwa – Deputy Clerk

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

President Schwanke stated he did send out notice of the Special Call meeting to all Councilmembers.

RESOLUTIONS

The Deputy Clerk read the following proposed Resolution by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 4678

REQUESTING THE MICHIGAN CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND THE MICHIGAN CITY PLANNING AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES

WHEREAS, Michigan City Common Council has given support to the creation and the need of decent and adequate housing in Michigan City and supports the need to help make better housing available to those who would not qualify for home ownership under normal circumstances; and

WHEREAS, LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., (Habitat for Humanity) is a non-profit corporation that works in partnership with people in need of decent and adequate housing who would not qualify for home ownership under normal circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity acquires property and builds a house in partnership with a qualified family that is selected by a committee as being in need of housing; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity purchases building material with funds raised through various fund-raising activities and uses volunteer labor in building houses; and
WHEREAS, upon completion, the home is sold to the family with a no-profit, no-interest mortgage; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity works with homeowners, helping them to become responsible homeowners before and after move-in; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to have the City lessen the financial burden for Habitat for Humanity for construction of one (1) house in Michigan City so that they can proceed with construction without delay and undue costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Michigan City Common Council that, in order to encourage and assist in the construction of decent and affordable housing in Michigan City for families who could not otherwise afford to be home owners, it respectfully requests that the Michigan City Plan Commission and the Planning and Inspection Departments waive all fees for the construction of a house to be constructed by LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., on a site located at 1922 Tennessee Street, Michigan City, Indiana.

Upon the passage of this Resolution, the City Clerk will send a copy to each member of the Plan Commission, the Board of Public Works and Safety, and the Planning and Inspection Departments for their consideration and compliance, and for future production to the State Board of Accounts.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Ron Hamilton, Member
COSPONSORED BY: /s/ Patricia Boy, Member

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this 23rd day of May, 2017.
/s/ Chris Schwanke, President

President Schwanke noted that Mr. Bob Long with Habitat for Humanity was present this evening if anyone had any questions for him; advising there is a Scribner’s error that someone would need to correct; explaining the Resolution states three (3) homes and there is only one (1) home; asking everyone to note that it is one (1) home not three (3).

Bob Long, Executive Director, LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity, addressed the Council explaining they are building their 51st home this year, in their 31st year with LaPorte County, at 1922 Tennessee Street; stating Habitat appreciates all the support from the City of Michigan City; further commenting on the use of funds for their projects; advising the home will be a little over 1,000 square feet with 3 bedrooms.

President Schwanke asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Long; there was no response; asking if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman Hamilton made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, second by Councilwoman Boy.

President Schwanke noted that he is working with Habitat for Humanity on this project for the record and would be abstaining from the vote this evening.

President Schwanke asked if there were any other questions or comments from the general public or Council and hearing none the proposed ordinance passed by the following vote: **AYES:** Council Members Przybylinski, Silvas, Whitlow, Bietry, Boy, Dabney and Hamilton (7). **ABSTAIN:** Schwanke (1) **NAYS:** None (0).

President Schwanke stated the proposed Resolution is approved and will be forwarded to the Mayor for his approval; thanking the Councilmembers present for taking the time to be here tonight; advising Habitat is under a lot of pressure to get this job done quickly as they have volunteers coming in to help.
Mr. Long “thanked” the Council for expediting the Resolution; commenting on the volunteer group coming from Ohio to help with the build.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Councilman Hamilton, supported by Councilwoman Boy and there being no further business to transact, President Schwanke declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 5:38 p.m.)

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Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk