The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, June 6, 2017 at the hour of 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. by Council President Schwanke.

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

**PRESENT:** COUNCIL MEMBERS Tim Bietry, Pat Boy, Sharon Carnes, Bryant Dabney, Ron Hamilton, Don Przybylinski, Chris Schwanke, Candice Silvas and Allan Whitlow (9).

**ABSENT:** None (0)

**A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jim Meyer – Council Attorney; Gale Neulieb – City Clerk and Kim Sliwa – Deputy Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Schwanke inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2017 and the Special Meeting of May 23, 2017.

Councilman Hamilton made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes held on May 16, 2017 and the Special meeting minutes held on May 23, 2017; second by Councilman Dabney. The minutes were approved as printed.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Przybylinski presented the following Finance Committee meeting minutes: Minutes of the Council Finance Committee Meeting for Claims, 6:00 p.m. on June 6, 2017. The Finance Committee met this evening prior to the Council meeting to review claims filed since the May 16, 2017 meeting. Committee members Przybylinski, Silvas and Dabney were present. Claims reviewed totaled $246,582.17. $236,948.98 which is against the Riverboat Fund #9000. An, $9,633.19 which is against the Boyd Development Fund. A motion was made by Councilman Dabney to pay the claims and seconded by Councilwoman Silvas. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the council payment of the claims. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Przybylinski at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. with a motion being made by Councilwoman Silvas, seconded by Councilman Dabney, and unanimously approved. The summary of claims is as follows: $2,684.50 to Haas & Associates, LLC, for Floodplain Map Revisions; $686.94 to Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for Redesign Phase I Singing Sands; $6,261.75 Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad for Singing Sand Trails; $15,829.94 to Haas & Associates for 2017 paving & sidewalks; $71,373.69 to Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc. for Cleveland Park; $445.50 to Corporate Payment Systems for racks for VPN; $12,898.64 to JW Turf Inc
for 2017 Bunker Rake-Patriot Park; $1,668.90 to Enterprise Rent-a-car for 2017 Fleet Rotation; $12,211.70 to ID Security Online for Badge printers; $122,520.61 to Tyler Technologies for New Work ERP Software/Installation.

Councilman Przybylinski gave an update as Council Liaison to the Human Rights Department stating this Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at Memorial Park will be the 2017 Human Rights Award for the winners for Humanitarian of the Year Award and also the scholarships that the Human Rights Commission gives out to high school seniors; advising he has tickets for sale for the event.

President Schwanke reported on the event for the Animal Control Board last Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Shady Creek Winery; thanking Councilman Bietry for his work there; also thanking Councilman Przybylinski and Councilwoman Boy for attending the event, which was a tremendous success and ended up generating almost $2,900.00 in net profit for the donation fund for the Animal Control Board; advising the funds will be used for improvements and equipment at the shelter; thanking everyone who came out to support the event as well as those who helped; advising they are still planning the September 9, 2017 Doggie Strut at the new Michigan City Police Station park.

President Schwanke asked if there were any other Standing Committee Reports; there was no response.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

President Schwanke asked if there were any Reports of Special or Select Committees; there was no response.

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

President Schwanke asked if there were any Reports of Other City Officers and Departments; there was no response.

CLAIM DOCKETS

President Schwanke stated the Claims for Fund #9000 – Riverboat was $236,948.98 and Fund #0417 – Boyd Development $9,633.19.

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments and hearing none, a motion was made by Councilman Przybylinski, second by Councilman Dabney, and was approved. **Motion carried 9 – 0.**

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.
RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk read the following Resolution by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 4679
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT BONDS OF THE
CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS
RELATED TO THE NICTD DUAL TRACKING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana (the "Common Council"), is the legislative body of the City of Michigan City, Indiana (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, Redevelopment District (the "District"), exists and operates under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to expend necessary funding to assist in the development and promote economic benefits within the district pursuant to procedures that adhere to I.C. 36-7-14 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the authority and power to take the actions necessary for the issuance of Bonds for the funding of projects designed to promote the economic development within the District in accordance with I.C. 36-7-14, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City and the Common Council have historically and currently demonstrated the support of the commuter rail operations of the South Shore Line; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 8-17 on May 31, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizing the issuance of Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Ninety and 00/100 Dollars ($5,390,000.00) as a portion of Michigan City’s share of cash payment for LaPorte County’s share of the cost of the Northwest Indiana Commuter Transportation District’s Dual Tracking project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Ninety and 00/100 Dollars ($5,390,000.00) for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the Project as approved by the Redevelopment Commission through its passage of its Resolution No. 8-17, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. All of the above stated “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein by reference.

2. The Council approves the City being a cash participant in the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District’s Dual Tracking Project ("Project") in the total amount of Twelve Million One Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six and 67/100 Dollars ($12,166,666.67) Dollars pursuant to Indiana law and the City, through the Redevelopment District as approved by the Redevelopment Commission, and to make a cash payment to the Development Authority as defined for the Project by Indiana law, in contributing to LaPorte County’s share of the local part of the state and local costs of the Project as directed by the Indiana Finance Authority.

3. The issuance of the Bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Ninety and 00/100 Dollars ($5,390,000.00) for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the Project as approved by the Redevelopment Commission through its passage of its Resolution No. 8-17, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Tim Bietry, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this 6th day of June, 2017.

/s/ Chris Schwanke, President
Michigan City Common Council
Councilman Biety made an Author’s Amendment to the Resolution; advising the amendment is in the last line of paragraph 2 in the “Now, Therefore Be It Resolved” section where the following has been added to state “as directed by the Indiana Finance Authority”.

Discussion ensued between Councilman Biety and Council Attorney James Meyer regarding the Author’s Amendment not needing a motion or a second.

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the public.

Tim Smith, 15 Jamestown Drive addressed the Council commenting on the financing of the double tracking and this being Michigan City’s portion of the proposed project; stating the County has already passed their Resolution on this; further explaining the negotiations that took place between the City and the County of what each would contribute to this project; commenting on the proposed Resolution and the bonding for the funding for this project; “thanking” all the members of the City Council that worked on this with them; expressing his views on the project; and further commenting on the funding for the project; asking the Council for their approval on the proposed Resolution.

Don Babcock, 135 Shorewood Drive, President Redevelopment Commission addressed the Council “thanking” them for their continued support in moving the City of Michigan City forward; commenting on the financing of the bond issue for the double track project; job creation; increased revenue; new investment; the commitment of LaPorte County and Michigan City for the proposed project; new projects in the South end of the City; further commenting on the proposed financing of the bond for the double track project; length of the bond (21-22 years); bonding for the proposed Ohio Street project; asking the Council for their support.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Babcock, Councilman Przybylinski and Craig Phillips, City Planner regarding the bonding for the double track project; interest rate of the bond; using the money from the Southside TIF; legislation pertaining to bonding and the proposed double track project; how funding will be used from the Northside TIF; how funding was use for the Lake Michigan Gateway Implementation Strategy; the South Gateway Strategy; the amount the Redevelopment Commission will be contributing and the amount of the bond; repayment of the bond from the Southside TIF; balances left in the Southside TIF fund; the South Corridor Gateway Improvements Phase I; floating a General Obligation Bond; the Mayor’s request to consider paying for this project from the Redevelopment Commission; the project qualifying as a Redevelopment Project; economic growth in the community; concerns with the use of the proposed funding for the double track project; Mr. Tim Smith joined the discussion and commented on how the decision was made regarding how the funding would be split between the City of Michigan City and LaPorte County; the parking garage structure and how it will benefit Michigan City; property acquisition for the project; additional funding needed for the completion of the project; the cost of the proposed project being approximately $290 million dollars; additional investments in the downtown area and along Franklin Street; available funds and proposed projects in the Southside TIF area.

Discussion continued with Councilman Dabney, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Smith and Councilman Przybylinski regarding available funds in the Southside TIF area; proposed projects for the Southside of Michigan City; outstanding as well as new proposed bonds; scholarships; the role the Redevelopment Commission plays with these types of issues; approximate balances in the Southside TIF for 2017, 2018 and 2019; negotiating future projects with INDOT for the Southside TIF area; outstanding bond payments; the Redevelopment Commission Bond Counsel.

Councilman Przybylinski made the motion to TABLE the proposed Resolution and to hold a workshop with the Council to discuss the use of funding; President Schwanke second the motion.
President Schwanke asked if there were any other questions or comments from the general public or Council and hearing none the motion to TABLE the proposed Resolution failed by the following vote: **AYES:** Council Members Schwanke, Hamilton and Przybylnski (3). **NAYS:** Council Members Silvas, Whitlow, Biety, Boy, Dabney, and Carnes (6).

President Schwanke stated the motion to TABLE the proposed Resolution failed.

Further discussion ensued between President Schwanke, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Smith, Bill Hanna, resident of Valparaiso and President and CEO of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority and works for Governor Holcomb’s office, Councilman Hamilton and Lisben Johnson regarding the Redevelopment Commission’s Resolution and how the funding is being proposed for the project, and what happens to the funding if the project does not move forward; Lake and Porter Counties and their funding of this project; negotiating the funding of the proposed project/bond issues; the 50% match from the State/Federal government; funding reverting back to its appropriate City/County if the proposed project fails; national and international investment markets; working with American Structurepoint; amenities of Michigan City; a 60 minute travel time to Chicago; how many communities Michigan City is competing with to get this funding from the Federal Government; T.O.D. (transit orientated district); job creation; cuts from the Federal Government; Congress reinstating funding that was cut with an additional $100 million.

Lisben Johnson, Director of Projects & Planning for Congressman Peter Visclosky in care of the district office; advising that the Congressman does regret that he is unable to be here personally tonight; reading the following: I write today regarding the resolution under consideration by the Michigan City – City Council relative to the South Shore Line. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to address the City Council at its meeting held November 1, 2016, to discuss the South Shore Line – Double Track project, and I was encouraged by the actions taken by the City Council at that time to support and enter into the Operating Agreement with the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), the operator of the South Shore Line. Tonight, the City Council will be asked to affirm its financial support for this transformational project. I commend the leadership exhibited by the City Council to date and would encourage you to continue to financially support the project. I believe its benefits will complement the robust investments the city has made to your municipal infrastructure along the lakefront and improve the quality of life for current and future residents of Michigan City. The regional cooperation demonstrated by the four counties and their individual communities will strengthen NICTD’s application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Please know I am committed to working with Senators Donnelly and Young, as well as the rest of the Indiana Delegation, to ensure the federal funding will be committed to this worthwhile project. Again, my most sincere thanks, to you and the members of the Michigan City – City Council, for your foresight into the future of Northwest Indiana. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event I may be of assistance to you.

Tom Smith, 1710 W. 10th Street, addressed the Council with his views and concerns of the proposed Double Track project as he will be losing his home through property acquisition for the proposed project; asking that the funding be explained in layman’s terms and posted somewhere for the public to view; his understanding that the parking garage project is separate from the double track project; TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds are to be used in the district that the money is for; amount of interest for the bond; cost over run for the project; re-surfacing of 10th & 11th Street as it pertains to the double track project; encouraging the Council to wait on this and review the numbers/funding for the proposed project; the 21 year loan/bond; transparency to the residents of Michigan City on the funding of the project.

President Schwanke advised Mr. Smith that they were under Public Comment and should someone chose to answer his questions they may.

Mr. Smith continued to express his views and concerns with the proposed Double Track project.
Cassandra Francis, Chief Real-estate and Development Officer of NICTD, 100 Adahi Trail, addressed the Council regarding the Double Track project; the funding for the local share portion of the project; the parking garage of the project budgeted at $10 million dollars; working on the preliminary design of the parking garage; the amount of the entire project being projected at $290 million dollars, of which $10 million is for the proposed parking garage; property acquisition for the project and relocation for those homeowners; commenting on her education/background in Real Estate Development and the opportunities in Michigan City from investing in the Double Track project.

Megan Applegate, 3 Muirfield Drive, addressed the Council expressing her views with the proposed Double Track project and related funding.

Sara Miller, 479 E. Furness Road, addressed the Council expressing her concerns as she is not in support of this project; commenting on the funding commitment from the City; asking the Council to vote in opposition on this, as she doesn’t feel this is good for our City; asking the Council to look at the other projects that will not be done on the Southside because the funds will be used at the North end.

President Schwanke asked if there was any other public comment; there was no response.

Discussion ensued between President Schwanke, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Smith, Councilman Hamilton, Ms. Francis and Mr. Phillips regarding the “Operating Agreement” that was voted on several months ago and the stipulations for property acquisition for this project and the parking garage and whether the funding for the property acquisition was included in the proposed project costs of $12 million dollars; the property in the Operating Agreement is located between Pine and Franklin Street and 11th & 10th Street and is not part of the $290 million dollars; however the majority of the rest of the property acquisition is included in that amount; the scope of the project and there being potential flexibility that has been built into the proposed project to help address those types of issues; the steps involved in a project of this magnitude; a traffic study for the proposed project area and if that is still included in the funding; NICTD paying for improvements in the area of Green & Chicago Streets to facilitate the project.

Councilman Przybylinski stated he had a question for Council Attorney James Meyer; asking if it was allowable to move the South TIF District money to another part of town to be used on the proposed South Shore track project.

Council Attorney Meyer replied prior to the enactment of House Enroll Act 1144 Councilman Przybylinski was 100% correct; however, in House Enroll Act 1144 it specifically provides at the request of, not only LaPorte County, but St. Joe County and the other counties, that the money be allowed to be taken from any TIF District that has available funds within the community through which the train runs, in our case Michigan City, thus it is perfectly legal to pay from the South TIF for this project despite the fact that the project is not in the South TIF District.

Councilman Bietry made the motion to approve the proposed Resolution; Councilwoman Carnes second the motion.

President Schwanke asked if there were any other questions or comments from the general public or Council and hearing none the motion to approve the proposed Resolution passed by the following vote: AYES: Council Members Silvas, Whitlow, Bietry, Boy, Dabney and Carnes (6). NAYS: Council Members Hamilton, Przybylinski and Schwanke (3).

President Schwanke stated the Resolution is approved and will be forwarded to the Mayor for his signature.
ORDINANCE

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only,
CREATING SECTION 2-409 IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL
CODE TO ESTABLISH A RESTRICTED, NON-REVERTING
MARKETING/PROMOTIONAL FUND

Introduced by: Allan Whitlow

Councilman Whitlow advised Ms. Kesha Pate was present this evening to answer any
questions the Council may have.

Kesha Pate, Special Events and Marketing Director, addressed the Council explaining
the use of the fund will be for the proceeds from any promotional materials that are sold
in Michigan City and then put back in the Marketing fund to be used again for
promotional materials; advising that Deputy City Controller Yvonne Hoffmaster, City
Controller Rich Murphy and herself will be managing the fund; commenting on the
research that will be done to be sure the materials used will be sustainable, and that
promotional items will be made available for people of all means and access; stating the
first venture will be at the Boat Race and that the LaPorte County Convention and
Visitors Center has partnered with us to be a vendor at that event.

Councilman Hamilton asked Ms. Pate that the products be made/produced in Michigan
City.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Pate and Council members Hamilton, Przybylinski and
Schwanke about businesses in Michigan City that produce promotional items and the
license opportunity for Michigan City businesses to sell the items; how the mark-up will
be split between the businesses and the City for the sale of the promotional items; the
process for choosing the promotional items for sale.

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the public.

Tom Smith, 1710 E. 10th Street, addressed the Council regarding the proposed Double
Track project.

President Schwanke advised Mr. Smith that this Public Comment was regarding the
ordinance on 1st Reading, and that he would have another opportunity to speak under
Public Comment at the end of the meeting; asking if there was any further public
comment on the proposed Ordinance on 1st Reading; there was no response; advising
the proposed ordinance would be held over for second reading at the June 20, 2017
Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only,
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOYD
DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR ENGINEERING COSTS TO PERFORM AN OVERLAY
DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS & U.S. 12 THROUGHFARE PLAN

Introduced by: Tim Bietry

Councilman Bietry explained the purpose of the Additional Appropriation to Engineer
some traffic flow for the overlay district that was discussed at the workshop; further
stating it does not lay within a TIF district, so it can’t be covered by TIF and it falls to the
Council then to decide that the City will assume this financial responsibility or that we
will not approve it and leave it again with potential developers.

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the public; there was no
response; asking if there were any comments from the Council.

Discussion ensued between President Schwanke and Craig Phillips, City Planner,
regarding the U.S. 12 thoroughfare and creating a district or study on Hwy 12 in regards
to creating some opportunity on Hwy 12 for some additional activities; and if this transportation analysis and U.S. 12 thoroughfare plan would be included in a future study that we could do on Hwy 12. Mr. Phillips stated that a portion of the data that’s collected as part of this from roughly Center Street to Karwick Road would be useful depending on the timeframe; the intent is to have the overall comprehensive plan process to lead to the suggestion for delving deeper into certain areas based on what they find.

Further discussion ensued between President Schwanke and Mr. Phillips regarding the time frame that the data will be useful for that area and the potential developers.

President Schwanke asked if there were any other comments from the Council; there was no response; advising the proposed ordinance would be held over for second reading at the June 20, 2017 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 4436

AMENDING SECTION SEC. 2-344(a) IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PURCHASING AGENCIES FOR THE CITY

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the Common Council enacted Ordinance #4423 entitled “Creating Sec. 2-344 in Chapter 2 of the Michigan City Municipal Code to Designate the Purchasing Agency for the City Pursuant to I.C. 5-22-4.5;” and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance formally declared that the Michigan City Board of Public Works & Safety is the purchasing agency for the City, with the exception of the Park Department, Redevelopment Commission, Water Department, Sanitary Department, and Airport; and

WHEREAS, in said Ordinance, the Board of Cemetery Trustees were inadvertently excluded as the purchasing agency for the Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the need exists to amend Sec. 2-344(a) to add, pursuant to I.C. 5-22-4, et seq., the Board of Cemetery Trustees is the purchasing agency for the Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, that Sec. 2-344(a) is hereby amended in Chapter 2 of the Michigan City Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-344 (a) The Board of Works & Safety is the purchasing agency for the City, with the exception of the following:

- Park Department Board is the purchasing agency for the Park Department
- Redevelopment Commission is the purchasing agency for Redevelopment
- Water Board is purchasing agency for Water Department
- Sanitary Board is purchasing agency for Sanitary Department
- Board of Aviation Commission is the purchasing agency for the Airport
- Board of Cemetery Trustees is the purchasing agency for the Cemetery

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Pat Boy, Member
Michigan City Common Council
Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this 6th day of June, 2017 by a vote of 9 to 0.

/s/ Chris Schwanke, President
Michigan City Common Council

Councilwoman Boy reiterated that the Cemetery was inadvertently left off the list and this fixes it.

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the public; there was no response; asking if there were any Council comments.

Councilman Hamilton made the motion to approve the proposed Ordinance; Councilwoman Boy seconded the motion.

President Schwanke asked if there were any other questions or comments from the general public or Council and hearing none the proposed ordinance was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council Members Whitlow, Bietry, Boy, Dabney, Carnes, Hamilton, Przybylinski, Schwanke and Silvas (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

President Schwanke stated the ordinance is approved and will be forwarded to the Mayor for his signature.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Schwanke advised the Council has one (1) appointment to the Urban Enterprise Association due to Ms. Tina Mahone resigning. (term would start immediately and expire 12-31-2020)

President Schwanke stated the Council is still actively looking for someone to fill this position; asking if there were any nominations; there was no response; advising this would be held over until the June 20, 2017 meeting.

President Schwanke asked if there was any other Unfinished Business; there was no response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Schwanke stated there are two (2) items under New Business; advising the first item under New Business would be removed from the Agenda; offering the Council’s condolences to the Engquist family.

President Schwanke stated Mayor Meer is requesting the advice and consent of the Common Council for the appointment of Kathy Dennis to the Michigan City Historic Review Board. Mrs. Dennis’s term would begin immediately and would expire on June 1, 2020; President Schwanke “thanked” Mrs. Dennis for attending the meeting; asking what the pleasure of the Council would be.

Councilwoman Boy made the motion to approve the advice and consent of the appointment of Mrs. Dennis to the Michigan City Historic Review Board; seconded by Councilman Przybylinski.

President Schwanke asked all those in favor to signify by saying “Aye”; all responded “Aye”; asking if there were any opposed; there was no response.

President Schwanke asked if there was any other New Business; there was no response.
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the public.

Tom Smith, 1710 W. 10th Street, addressed the Council voicing his concerns with the Dual Track/Parking Garage project; asking that the information be made public about how the funding will be split/used.

President Schwanke reminded Mr. Smith that they were under Public Comment and during Council Comments if any member of the Council wished to answer his questions, they would do so at that time.

Sgt. Darren Kaplan, Michigan City Police Department, addressed the Council inviting them and the public to the Indiana Fallen Officers/Heros Blood Drive on Friday, June 23, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, IN; explaining how the blood drive started; asking for the Council’s support on this; advising there is a completion between Michigan City and LaPorte.

President Schwanke asked if there was any other Public Comment; there was no response.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman Whitlow commented regarding Dale Engquist, a friend of his, who passed away this past weekend and all that he has done for the City and the Indiana Lakeshore.

Councilwoman Boy commented on the Blood Drive and utilizing the Michigan City Police Department’s Facebook page to help get the word out.

Councilman Przybylinski “thanked” all those involved in the Memorial Day Observance; commenting on the event and the small attendance; asking the Public to be more involved in our patriotic celebrations and displays of our American flag; commenting on his vote on the Resolution for the TIF funding and bonding for the Dual Track project; advising the reason for his “no” vote was because of the financing and the way it was put together and the lack of specific explanation; further commenting on how a workshop should have been called for this; further advising he is not against the double track project, but has concerns with the proposed funding and other projects in the City.

President Schwanke explained his reason for his “no” vote on the Resolution which is very much the exact reasons that Councilman Przybylinski stated; commenting on the proposed funding and that all of the project is not included and there will be additional expenses that the City will have to fund; commenting on using TIF funds from one area to another to fund such a large undertaking; expressing his views on moving TIF funds; advising he does support the project; that he would have preferred to have had a workshop on the matter to get more answers, and that he would like to have the material/data on the proposed financing of the project.

President Schwanke commented on the special committee that was discussed to be an applicant review committee for applicants that want to apply and be on a City Board that this Council would have to appoint; advising he spoke with Councilman Bietry who is willing to head that special committee along with Councilmen Dabney and Hamilton; explaining the Council now has a special committee called the “Applicant Review Committee” for the review and interview of perspective board/committee members.

Councilman Przybylinski commented on asking for information on the Dual Track project with regards to where it stands and where the process has been going; continuing to comment on how he has asked for information to be sent to all the Council
members so they can be up to speed on the process of the project as Michigan City is the largest contributor to the project and has yet to receive anything; further commenting that he would speak with Mr. Tom Smith regarding his concerns after the meeting and direct him to the person who can give him the information he is looking for.

Councilwoman Boy commented on being the Councilperson for the 4th Ward, which is the South TIF District, and that she has gone over the numbers with Mr. Tim Smith and the City Controller advising that the $5 million dollar bond is so that we don’t have to spend the $5 million dollars and can utilize it on projects in the South TIF district; further commenting on the funding and the South TIF dollars.

President Schwanke asked if there were any other comments from the Council; there was no response; stating he would entertain a motion for adjournment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Councilwoman Boy, supported by Councilman Hamilton and there being no further business to transact, President Schwanke declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:26 p.m.)

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Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk