The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, July 18, 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 July 5, 2017 and Executive Session minutes of July 14, 2017.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes held on July 5, 2017 and Executive Session minutes of July 14, 2017; second by Councilman Dabney. The minutes were approved as printed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

President Schwanke asked if there were any Standing Committee Reports.

Councilman Przybylinski presented the following Finance Committee meeting minutes: Minutes of the Council Finance Committee Meeting for Claims, 6:15 p.m. on July 18, 2017. The Finance Committee met this evening prior to the Council meeting to review claims filed since the July 5, 2017 meeting. Committee members Przybylinski, Silvas and Dabney were all present. Claims reviewed totaled $25,216.58. A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvas to pay the claims and seconded by Councilman Dabney. The Finance Committee voted unanimously 3-0 to recommend to the Council payment of the claims. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Przybylinski at 6:18 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm with a motion by Councilman Dabney, seconded by Councilwoman Silvas, and unanimously approved.

The summary of claims is as follows:

1. $11,466.25 to Haas & Associates for the 2017 paving & sidewalk project.
2. $682.50 to James Meyer & Associates PC for legal services done regarding the South Shore project.
3. $841.83 to Tyler Technologies for travel services.
4. $12,226.00 to Brodin Studio Inc. for the statue in front of the Michigan City Police Department.

Councilman Przybylinski stated he spoke with the Rich Murphy, City Controller about making sure that all Council members get their reports regarding the Boyd Development and Riverboat Funds; advising that the Controller advised him that he would make sure each Councilmember would receive that report as requested.

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.

Councilman Whitlow reported the Council’s Labor Relations Committee met in an Executive Session Friday, July 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the negotiations with the Police Department.

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

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENT

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 $25,216.58 and Fund #0417 – Boyd Development was none.

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

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.

RESOLUTIONS

President Schwanke advised there were no proposed resolutions on the agenda tonight.

ORDINANCE

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance by title only, **ORDINANCE CREATING SECTIONS 2-406 THROUGH 2-408 IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH DONATION FUNDS FOR MICHIGAN CITY’S FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TREE BOARD &**
AMENDING SECTION 2-459(f) PERTAINING TO THE WOMEN’S DONATION FUND TO ADD “EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS” AS A PERMISSIBLE USE OF SAID FUND

Introduced by: Pat Boy
Sharon Carnes

President Schwanke asked if either of the Author’s had any comments and there was no response.

President Schwanke asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the proposed ordinance (repeating three times) and there was no response.

Councilwoman Boy advised the State Board of Accounts requires the City to establish donation funds for these departments along with establishing a fund for the Women’s Commission to be able to use their donations in the future for “Educational Scholarships” in our community.

Discussion ensued between Counsel Attorney Meyer, President Schwanke, Council members Boy and Dabney, regarding the fund for the Women Commission and the “Educational Scholarships” being proposed.

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 August 7, 2017 Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Sue Webster, 2910 Wrobel Avenue, addressed the Council regarding her concerns about the neighborhood fireworks displays that took place this year in surrounding areas throughout our community; stating it is getting completely out of hand; advising people are not following the City law/ordinance regarding timeframe/discharge of fireworks or whether the fireworks they are doing are legal to do within the city limits; along with not picking up the debris from the fireworks afterwards.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

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 Councilman Hamilton, supported by Council members Boy and Bietry and there being no further business to transact, President Schwanke declared the meeting ADJOURNED (approximately 6:43 p.m.)

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Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk