

**REGULAR IN PERSON COUNCIL  
"HYBRID/ZOOM" MEETING  
January 7, 2025**

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**GALE A. NEULIEB**  
**CITY CLERK**  
**CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY**

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, January 7, 2025, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Hosted by "Hybrid/Zoom" and streamed live on "My Michigan City" Facebook Page.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Przybylinski.

President Przybylinski stated during our moment of silence tonight please remember former President Jimmy Carter who was laid to rest today.

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

**PRESENT:** COUNCIL MEMBERS Tim Bietry, Greg Coulter, Bryant Dabney, Joesph Nelson, Dr. Kora, Daisy Lee, Nancy Moldenhauer, Don Przybylinski and Tracie Tillman, (9).

**ABSENT:** (0)

**A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT**

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Council Attorney Nick Snow, City Clerk Gale Neulieb and Deputy Clerk Amanda Pickens

President D. Przybylinski stated the first order of business this evening is the election of officers; repeating three (3) times "is there any nominations for President; with Councilman Nelson nominating Tracie Tillman, second by Councilman Dabney

President D. Przybylinski asked if there were any other nominations; repeating three (3) times; there was no response and nominations were closed.

Councilwoman Tillman was nominated as the 2025 Council President by the following vote: **Tillman:** Council members Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, and Kora (9).

President D. Przybylinski congratulated Councilwoman Tillman with her taking over the meeting.

President Tillman thanked her fellow Council members for having the confidence in her to be the 2025 President assuring them she will carry on the responsibilities and duties serving the council as president and provide transparency to the public.

Councilman Dr. Kora thanked former President Przybylinski for a great year serving as our council presidency.

President Tillman concurred with Councilman Dr. Kora thanking former President Przybylinski as she served with him for (6) six years on the council and as his Vice President last year.

President Tillman stated the next order of business is nomination for Vice President; repeating three (3) times "are there any nominations for Vice President"; with Councilman Przybylinski nominating Councilman Bietry, second by Councilwoman Tillman.

President Tillman asked if there were any other nomination for Vice President repeating three (3) times; there was no response.

Councilman Bietry was nominated as the 2025 Vice President by the following vote:  
**Bietry:** Council members Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Kora, and Lee (9).

President Tillman appointed Councilwoman Moldenhauer as Parliamentarian.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer stated she would be honored to hold this position.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Tillman asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the Regular "Hybrid/Zoom" Council meeting minutes that was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular "Hybrid/Zoom" meeting minutes held on December 17, 2024, second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried, and the Regular December 17, 2024 Council meeting minutes were approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, and Moldenhauer, (9)  
**NAYS:** Council member None (0)

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

President Tillman asked if there were any standing committee reports, there was no response.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

President Tillman (Chair) advised the Finance Committee did meet this evening January 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.; stating the following Michigan City Riverboat / Boyd Revised Claim Docket for January 7, 2025 was as follows; Riverboat fund #2235 was \$18,899.93 paying LaPorte Chrysler, Inc. \$18,900.93; Riverboat EFT fund #2235 was zero and Boyd fund #2504 was zero: with the total claims being \$18,899.93.

A motion to approve the January 7, 2025, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$18,899.93 was made by Councilman Dr. Kora, second by Councilman Bietry, the motion carried and was approved (9 – 0).

Councilwoman Tillman reported the Riverboat Fund Statement of the Cash Position Riverboat Fund #2235 in the amount of \$809,309.64 and Rainy-Day Fund #2336 in the amount of \$1,848,763.71 with the ending balance of \$ 2,658,073.38.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

President Przybylinski asked if there were any reports from any boards or commissions.

Shannon Eason, Michigan City Public Art Committee Secretary/Treasurer, presented the "2024 Annual Michigan City Public Art Committee Report" with Art Committee members Janet Bloch, Dale Cooper, Judy Jacoby, and Carol Ann Brown.  
(NOTE: This presentation is filed in the Clerk's Office under 2025 Council Matters)

Discussion ensued between the Art Committee members, and Council members Nelson, Dr. Kora, Lee, Coulter, Moldenhauer, Bietry and Przybylinski regarding the placement of art in our community, neighborhood events, and community involvement.

Derald Borton, Human Right President presented the "2024 Human Rights Annual Report".  
(NOTE: This presentation is filed in the Clerk's Office under 2025 Council Matters)

Councilman Przybylinski thanked the Human Rights Commission for the \$200.00 donation to the "All Inclusive Playground" project in Fedders Alley.

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES**

President Tillman asked if there were any reports of special or select committees, there was no response.

### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

President Tillman asked if there were any reports from the mayor or other city officers and departments.

Police Chief Marty Corley addressed the council providing the MCPD December monthly stats.

Fire Chief Taylor addressed the council providing the MCFD December monthly stats.

Mayor Angie congratulated the new president and vice president, stating in February she will be scheduling "Town Hall" meetings that they will be held throughout the city; and that the City's State of the City Address date will be announced soon; advising that we are currently revamping the Planning Department by separating planning/inspection and Redevelopment; there will be amendments coming to the council; advising they will be hiring new staff and a new Planning Director; stating that Skyler York is now the Redevelopment Director, there is a Department Head meeting tomorrow morning asking each department head for a list of their for 2025 goals; that this year the focus will be on processes, improvements and accountability.

Councilman Bietry stated that Redevelopment should have been separated from the Planning/Inspection Department years ago; especially with all the projects going on in our community needing permits; advising he is in support of this.

President Tillman asked if there were any other Departments Heads or if Mayor Angie had anything to add at this time; there was no response.

### **PETITIONS**

President Tillman asked Clerk Neulieb if there were any petitions.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there were no petitions this evening.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Tillman asked if there was any correspondence received.

Clerk Neulieb read the following correspondence that was received.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on January 2, 2025, from Darrell Garbacik, Central Maintenance Superintendent, providing the City's vehicle and heavy equipment inventory report.

In accordance with Ordinance 4538 the Clerk's Office received an incident report from the Michigan City Park Department on December 23, 2024, regarding one of plow trucks.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on December 16, 2024, from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding the approval of Air Permit Application.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

President Tillman asked if there were any resolutions.

Clerk Neulieb advised there were no resolutions.

### **ORDINANCES**

President Tillman asked if there were any ordinances.

Clerk Neulieb advised there were no ordinances.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Neulieb read the following "New Business"

**FYI:** The Council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Tree Board representing a Neighborhood Association – Incumbent Laura Henderson (Elston Grove) Term expires February 15, 2025

**FYI:** The Council has four (4) appointments to the Michigan City Social Status of African American Males Commission representing the following and expire February 15, 2025

Human Rights – Pastor Dennis Carroll (2-year term)  
Swanson Center – Willie Milsap (2-year term) – **received letter**  
Michigan City Resident – Casey McCormick (2-year term)  
Minority Health – Pastor Robert Johnson (2-year term)- **received letter**

Council Attorney Snow advised President Tillman that nominations could take place tonight or can be tabled to the next Council meeting since their expiration term is 2-15-2025.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NOMINATIONS:** Clerk Neulieb stated the Council has one (1) appointment to the Veterans Commission (incumbent is Connie Anderson, term expired 12/31/2024 (4 year term))

Clerk Neulieb advised there was one application received from Danielle Corley

Attorney Snow advised President Tillman that the Council can move forward and have nominations this evening and take the vote since there is only one application that was received or confirm or deny the application.

Councilman Bietry stated to nominate tonight and have the vote at the next meeting, he doesn't believe everyone knows that the 2024 applications turned in have to be resubmitted again in 2025; advising that he would like to table this and have nominations at the next meeting.

Councilman Przybylinski advised that Pia Parrot said she was going to submit an application but to date it hasn't been received, Erica Miller no longer lives within the city

limits and won't be able to be re-appointed; stating an application was received from Sheree Wilson representing a business in the city and is a resident of Michigan City.

President Tillman stated that we are discussing the Veterans committee appointments at this time; that she would like to move forward reason being not negate that there may be others that will be interested in serving on this committee and will do their diligence as to resubmitting their application.

Mayor Angie stated there are commissions that have not been functioning in several years, and is planning on creating and establishing an informal commission for Veterans and the Youth Commission by doing a call out for those who would like to participate by removing the formalities in the present ordinance; that her office is currently working on a Press Release to submit applications to the Mayor and will add the Clerk's Office for Council appointments to reach the citizens in our community; that many current members do not know they have to resubmit applications when their term expires that they are not just automatically re-appointed; all department heads that are affiliated with a board or commission will be responsible to notify the mayor or city clerk that their department board or commission appointment is expiring prior to their term ending.

Mayor Angie advised President Tillman that the Press Release that they are working on it now and will be out before the next council meeting on January 21, 2025.

President Tillman stated that if the press release will be out before the next council meeting, we should table nominations for the appointment on the Veterans committee until the council's next meeting in hopes that more people will apply.

Council Attorney Snow advised that the council does have an ordinance that governs how we do this, explaining Municode Sec. 26 – "Appointments to committee and boards

City Clerk Neulieb stated that Sec. 2.66 also addresses that an application for a board or commission must be turned in prior to the deadline of the next scheduled council meeting.

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to **TABLE** nominations for the appointment for the Council's Veterans Commission until the January 21, 2025, council meeting, second by Councilman Nelson, the motion carried and was approved to do nomination for Veterans Commission at the January 21, 2025 Council meeting by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, and Nelson (9) **NAYS:** Council member None (0).

President Tillman stated the Council has two (2) appointments to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee Incumbents Pia Parrott and Erica Miller (term expired October 18, 2024)

Councilman Przybylinski stated Sheree Wilson submitted her application representing Tonn and Blank which is a local business, and she is resident who lives in the city limits which are qualification needed to serve on this commission, making a motion to nominate Sheree Wilson to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, second by Councilman Dr. Kora.

President Tillman stated she did not ask for a motion yet; that she was reading the two (2) incumbent's and that she will be asking the nominated to be tabled until the January 21, 2025 council meeting for any opportunities for others to apply.

Councilman Przybylinski stated there has been more than enough time for people to turn in their applications and Sheree Wilson turned in her application on time and meets the criteria for this appointment.

City Clerk Neulieb advised that there was another application received from Mr. Scott Meland.

President Tillman stated she is requesting to table nominations for these two appointments for the Revolving Loan Fund Committee until the January 21, 2025 council meeting.

Councilman Przybylinski called Point of Order as he made a nomination to nominate Sheree Wilson for the appointment and Councilman Dr. Kora seconded.

President Tillman stated she never called for a nomination or opened up nomination, she was reading the nomination.

Councilman Coulter made a motion to TABLE the Council's Revolving Loan Fund Committee nominations until the January 21, 2025 council meeting, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion carried and was approved.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

President Tillman asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak at this time.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, congratulated the new president and vice president; stating the Veterans Commissions should be getting paid \$50 a meeting; invited the public to Mayor Angie Charitable Gala on April 11, 2025, at Blue Chip Casino; thanked Mayor Angie for getting the flags flown at half-staff in memorial for the passing of former President Jimmy Carter.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, congratulated the new president on being selected tonight; stating the Revolving Loan Fund appointment should have been voted on as this has been on the agenda for months; would like to encourage the city to maintain having a "Zoom" option for meetings.

Sel Dunlap, 729 E. Michigan Blvd., stated he would like the support of the Council for "Paint the Town Red" project that will provide packages of flower seeds to household that will grow red flowers throughout the community; he is in support of the hard work that the Public Art Committee is doing for the city and would encourage them to reflect diversity in local artist; would like the City to do a joint effort with the County to take over the old Bernacchi's Greenhouse to use as a training ground to teach the community about horticulture.

Ernie Holland, 302 Gladys Street, stated he is happy to see the Water Tower Park project complete, voiced his concerns regarding litter all over the city.

Faye Moore, (Zoom), congratulated the new leaders of the council, and encouraged the council to keep the Zoom option as many people use this option.

President Tillman asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

President Tillman asked if there were any comments from the Council at this time.

Councilman Dabney stated his concerns with the Revolving Loan Fund, congratulated the newly appointed president and vice president and thanked former President Przybylinski for all his hard work he has done for the Council.



Councilman Dr. Kora congratulated the new president and looks forward to having a productive year under Mayor Angie leadership, and he is in support of keeping the "Zoom" option.

Councilman Bietry, thanked the council for their support on voting him to be the vice president and thanked former president Don Przybylinski for all of his hard work and dedication.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer, congratulated the new leadership for the council and is looking forward to an exciting 2025 as this past year the council has had a great partnership with the Mayor and have been able to accomplish a lot; invited the public to attend the Sustainability Commission meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025 in the EOC room.

Councilman Przybylinski provided an overview of the Revolving Loan Fund that he has been Council Liaison too; stated that the CSX railroad tracks will be getting fixed by the spring when blacktop plants open up.

President Tillman thanked the council for the nominations as she will conduct matters in decent and orderly.

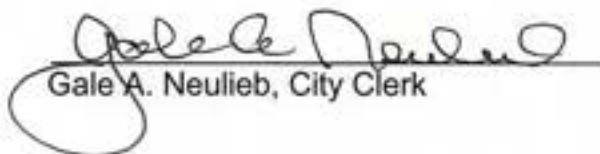
### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Councilman Kora, second by Councilman Nelson and there being no further business to transact, President Przybylinski declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:10 p.m.)

*These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Michigan City Common Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7JbKOGtCsA&list=PL8L8Y5g9S6bqw-rohSfvSUA8dwegrb6st>

  
Tracie Tillman, President

  
Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk