

# **REGULAR IN PERSON COUNCIL “HYBRID/ZOOM” MEETING November 18, 2025**

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, November 18, 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 Presiding Councilman Przybylinski.

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

**PRESENT:** COUNCIL MEMBERS Greg Coulter, Bryant Dabney (Zoom), Vidya Kora, Nancy Moldenhauer, Joe Nelson (Zoom), and Don Przybylinski, (6)

**ABSENT:** COUNCIL MEMBER Daisy Lee, Tim Bietry, and Tracie Tillman (3)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski stated Council members, Lee, Tillman, and Bietry will be absent this evening, and they are excused.

## **A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked for a motion to approve the October 21, 2025, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes, the Executive Session minutes from November 4, 2025, and the November 4, 2025, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes.

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to approve the October 21, 2025, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes, the Executive Session minutes from November 4, 2025, and the November 4, 2025, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes; second by Councilman Coulter, a verbal vote was taken and approved 6 – 0.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any standing committee reports, there was no response.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Councilman Dr. Kora, Finance Committee member; advised the Finance Committee was “canceled” due not having a quorum; reading the claim docket for the November 18, 2025: Riverboat fund #2235 claims was zero (0), Riverboat EFT fund #2235 was zero (0); Rainy Day fund #2236 was \$128,170.25 and Boyd Development fund #2504 was zero (0) with the total claims being \$128,170.25.

Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the November 18, 2025, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$442,125.75 second by Councilwoman Moldenhauer, the motion carried and the November 18, 2025, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$442,125.75 paying \$110,745.25 to A Plus Plumbing and Heating and \$17,425.00 to NWI Asphalt; the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: AYES: Council members Nelson, Przybylinski, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora and Moldenhauer, (6) NAYS: Council members None (0)

Councilman Dr. Kora advised the statement of cash position for November 18, 2025, Riverboat Fund #2235 was \$4,994,007.67, Rainy-Day Fund #2236 was \$1,434,337.92 with the fiscal grand total ending balance on November 18, 2025, was \$6,428,345.59.

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

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

Councilwoman Moldenhauer liaison to the Michigan City Sustainability Commission, reported on the "Recycle Smart Do Your Part" workshop that took place last Wednesday, November 12, 2025; advising that they will be scheduling another workshop in the spring 2026 to educate the public to recycle and decrease the amount of trash being taken to the landfill; stating that Northwest Indiana Green Drinks will not meet in December per their customary holiday break, but will return having meetings on Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any reports from Special or Select committees.

Councilman Dr. Kora advised that the Council's "Public Health and Safety Committee" has rescheduled their meeting to Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber here at City Hall to discuss public health and safety concerns related to homelessness within the City of Michigan City; advising that Mayor Angie is already working on this problem, but we are still going to get together as a community to see how best to address this with the compassion that this situation deserves; inviting the entire community.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski commented on the business owners from the downtown area that were present at our last council meeting addressing these issues; but the committee meeting scheduled to address homelessness throughout the entire city from downtown Franklin Street to I94 that people are facing daily.

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

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any reports from the mayor or other city officers and departments, there was no response.

### **PETITIONS**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked Deputy Clerk Pickens if there were any petitions.

Deputy Clerk Pickens read the following petition: advising that this petition was carried over at the November 4, 2025, Council meeting asking Council Attorney Harris to report back in writing at the November 18, 2025, Council meeting his findings.

### **FORMAL PETITION AND LEGAL OBJECTION TO ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (EID) DECLARATION (PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-7-22 ET SEQ. AND 6-1.1-11-4)**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there was any correspondence received.

Deputy Clerk Pickens read the following correspondence that was received:

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on November 13, 2025, from President Tillman to Mr. Rodney McCormick regarding comments made at the November 4, 2025, Council meeting.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on November 7, 2025, from NorthShore Health Center inviting the council to their "Winter Wonderland Gala".

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on November 5, 2025, from Homeward Bound Villages regarding an invitation to the "Karwick Village" ribbon cutting.

The following letters of support was received in the Clerk's Office, regarding the proposed amendments to the "Revolving Loan" Ordinance.

- Antonio Conley- November 5, 2025
- Kameesha Williams- November 4, 2025
- Tina Mahone- November 4, 2025
- Donald Babcock- November 3, 2025
- Hitachi Globe- November 3, 2025
- Franciscan Health- November 3, 2025
- Horizon Bank- November 3, 2025

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on November 3, 2025, from Mayor Angie updating the status of the disruption to city computers on September 23, 2025.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on November 3, 2025, from Fire Chief Barrett Taylor, regarding the October 2025 Stat Report.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on October 31, 2025, from Rodney McCormick, regarding concerns with Economic Development "vibrant" playbook and Gentrification.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The Deputy Clerk read the following resolution by title only

### **MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL**

### **RESOLUTION 4979**

#### **A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND #2202 FOR THE YEAR 2025 IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, there exist certain circumstances within the budget of the Local Road and Street Fund #2202 of Michigan City which require increasing and decreasing appropriations for certain line items in that Fund for the year 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that:

Section 1. Because it is deemed advisable and necessary, in order to meet the circumstances facing the budget of the Local Road and Street Fund of the City, the Common Council approves the following transfer of appropriations, as listed, to-wit:

#### **LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND #2202**

DECREASE:     A/C #2202.000.436.030

	Repair and Maintain Streets and Alleys by Contract	\$65,000.00
INCREASE:	A/C #2202.000.422.024	
	Operating Supplies Salt	\$65,000.00

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

**INTRODUCED BY:** /s/Tracie Tillman, President  
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Don Przybylinski  
Michigan City Common Council

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the \$65,000 being transferred is for purchasing more road salt for this winter.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Shong Smith, Michigan City Street Department Superintendent advised that this \$65,000 will let the city purchase approximately six hundred (600) tons of road salt; stating that as we all know we had an early snowfall that almost wiped our supply, that we're asking to transfer these funds to be able to replenish our supply.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the council.

Discussion ensued between Presiding Councilman Przybylinski, Councilman Nelson and Shong Smith Street Department Director, regarding the proposed additional appropriation, if this was an emergency purchase and if the purchase will put the city in full capacity to get the city through 2026, the type of salt the city uses, price of road salt per ton, reasons why sand cannot be used on local streets and alleys is because it will not melt snow and only help to prevent sliding on it.

Councilman Coulter made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried and the resolution was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Moldenhauer, and Nelson, and Przybylinski (6) **NAYS:** None (0)

## **ORDINANCES**

The Deputy Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.  
**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR PAYMENT OF REMAINING SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**Introduced by:** Tracie Tillman  
Bryant Dabney

(**DECREASE** General Fund #1101 Unappropriated balance \$300,000.00 **INCREASE** ACCOUNT#1101.201.411.013 \$100,000.00 Fire Dept Salary and Wages **INCREASE** ACCOUNT#1101.202.411.013 \$200,000.00 Police Dept Salary and Wages)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dabney advised this is a proposed ordinance the city does to transfer funds to cover what he believes is the overtime for the MCPD and MCFD along with some other benefits as well.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer stated that the council was advised by both the MCPD Chief and MCFD Chief that they were both at full staff and that over-time would not be necessary moving forward; questioning about the amount that is being proposed.

Councilman Dabney advised Councilwoman Moldenhauer that her question would be for the MCPD and MCFD chiefs to answer; that the scheduling is done by the chiefs who create their departments overtime and the reasons for it.

Mary- Lynn Wall, City Controller stated that both MCPD and MCFD are over their 2025 line-item amount for overtime, reminding the council the budget the mayor prepared, they tried to make as lean as possible, making several cuts with one of them being the overtime for both the police and fire; adding that police and fire are paid from the general fund, so any of these monies if approved and aren't used by the end of 2025 will go back into the general fund.

Mary-Lynn Wall advised Councilman Nelson that the monies in the LIT fund have been used up for this year; that the 2025 budget for both MCPD and MCFD doesn't have enough money in their line item for overtime that it was underestimated in the 2025 budget and is why this proposed ordinance and the next one is asking for additional appropriations.

Mary-Lynn Wall advised Councilman Dr. Kora that yes there is enough monies in the general fund to cover this proposed amount and that it is important to maintain adequate and appropriate cash balances in the general fund for things that can happen, so we can appropriate funds when needed.

Mary-Lynn Wall advised Councilman Coulter that there will be a cash balance of \$4.4 million our general fund at the end of 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked Ms. Wall to forward the MCPD and MCFD's overtime they have each month to the Council and a possible explanation if there is overtime of over \$25,000 for one month and would like to start this report at the end of November 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Josh Spears, 2108 Pear Street, commented on why he thought there was so much overtime for the Michigan City Police Department and Michigan City Fire Department that there are shots being fired in his neighborhood daily.

Chevy Woodard, 7401 W. U.S. Hwy 20, commented about the additional appropriations being proposed this evening and the City Controller stating that any funds that aren't used by the end of 2025 will go back into the general fund; asking what assurances can the controller's office give to the public that these monies will go back into the general fund at the end of 2025.

Shelly Yankee, 904 Willow Springs Drive, stated that a lot of the MCPD overtime could be from the issues at the Data Center.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the notice scheduling the council's "Formal Public Hearing" for this proposed ordinance will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on November 19, 2025; with the hearing being held at our next council meeting on December 2, 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any comments from the council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over to second reading at the December 2, 2025, Council meeting.

The Deputy Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY LIT FUND FOR PAYMENT OF REMAINING  
SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**Introduced by:** Tracie Tillman  
Bryant Dabney

(**DECREASE** Public safety Lit Fund #2240 Unappropriated balance \$300,000.00 **INCREASE**  
ACCOUNT#2240.201.411.013 \$100,000.00 Fire Dept Salary and Wages **INCREASE**  
ACCOUNT#2240.202.411.013 \$200,000.00 Police Dept Salary and Wages)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dabney advised that this proposed ordinance is an additional appropriation to cover the MCPD and MCFD overtime needed for the rest of 2025 just like the previous appropriation only it is coming from the LIT Account.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the Council had any questions or comments.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the notice scheduling the council's "Formal Public Hearing" for this proposed ordinance will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on November 19, 2025; with the hearing being held at our next council meeting on December 2, 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski said there being no comments from the council, this proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading at our December 2, 2025 Council meeting.

The Deputy Clerk reading the following proposed ordinance by title only.

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOARD OF  
WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR UTILTY EXPENSES**

**Introduced by:** Tim Bietry  
Vidya Kora

(**DECREASE** General Fund #1101 Unappropriated balance \$120,000.00 **INCREASE**  
ACCOUNT#1101.105.432.040 \$ 20,000.00 BOW Telephone **INCREASE**  
ACCOUNT#1101.105.435.060 \$100,000.00 BOW Utilities Street Lighting)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked the author if he had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dr. Kora stated that this is an additional appropriation for \$120,000; \$20,000 for Board of Works telephones and \$100,000 for Board of Works Utility – streetlights and will cover those expenses until the end of 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the council.

Mary-Lynn Wall advised Councilman Przybylinski that the proposed appropriation in the amount \$120,000 was underestimated in the 2025 budget making us transfer these monies from the general fund to this account.

Ms. Wall advised Councilman Nelson that this shortage in the utility fund is just general reoccurring NIPSCO bills that are increasing; stating that the \$100,000 being appropriated will get us through the end of this year; advising that the city tries to keep the general fund as lean as possible.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer reminded everyone that NIPSCO did increase our utilities 17% which not only effects the residents but also the city government bills.

Councilman Dabney explained how the process works regarding these proposed additional appropriations, the mayor's 2025 budget, and the city's general fund, and the proposed final transfer of monies.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski commented on the NIPSCO's increase that took place last fall and his conversation with Mayor Angie regarding how this increase would affect the city; stating the city's 2026 utilities are going to go up at least \$200,000 and that hopefully in the 2026 budget there are enough funds to cover the entire year; advising if not we will be here next year for additional appropriations for the city's utility bills.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the notice scheduling the council's "Formal Public Hearing" for this proposed ordinance will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on November 19, 2025; with the hearing being held at our next council meeting on December 2, 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading at the December 2, 2025, Council meeting.

The Deputy Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.  
**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS**

**Introduced by:** Tim Bietry  
Vidya Kora

(**DECREASE** General Fund #1101 Unappropriated balance \$500,000.00 **INCREASE** ACCOUNT#1101.105.413.005 \$500,000.00 Employee Benefits Shared Health Insurance)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Mary-Lynn Wall, City Controller advised Councilman Dr. Kora that the city is self-insured and the proposed additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 cannot be controlled because it is due to health claims filed in 2025; that in 2026 city employees will have to pay more for their insurance, co-pays, and deductibles to try to help mitigate the cost of medical insurance; advising that in the 2026 budget the city had to increase the amount we charge each department for medical costs for each employee.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments the public.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, commented on the proposed additional appropriations this evening; advising that Mayor Angie did reduce the 2025 budget approximately \$6 million dollars from the previous year in 2024.

Chevy Woodard, 7401 W. U.S. Hwy 20, commented on Scott Meland's statements that instead of just saying to the public to understand is that we need to just put more money in a certain account due to spending and the line item doesn't have enough monies that were budgeted in 2025, and that the great news is we're still \$5 million dollars under budget in 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the notice scheduling the council's "Formal Public Hearing" for this proposed ordinance will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on November 19, 2025; with the hearing being held at our next council meeting on December 2, 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over to the December 2, 2025, council meeting.

Deputy Clerk Pickens read the proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR SALARIES AND WAGES**

**Introduced by:** Tim Bietry  
Vidya Kora

**(DECREASE** General Fund #1101 Unappropriated balance \$40,000.00 **INCREASE** ACCOUNT#1101.107.411.013 \$40,000.00 Human Resources Salaries)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dr. Kora asked City Controller MaryLynn Wall to give the explanation on this increase for the salaries in the Personnel Department.

Ms. Wall explained that in 2024 when and the 2025 budget was presented the city had a Personnel Department of one (1) employee; advising that Mayor Angie in 2025 decided to reorganize that department with a personnel director, an assistant personnel director, and an assistant; stating that there are more people, which was very much needed; explaining the additional duties in the Personnel Department along with additional work from the Sanitary District; stating the city has a MOU with the Sanitary District giving the city funds to help support this department due to the additional work from them; advising the proposed additional funds in the amount of \$40,000 are coming again from the general fund to cover the reorganization in this department.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the Council had anything to add.

Marylynn Wall explained to Councilman Nelson that the additional appropriation for the \$40,000 is for the overall Personnel Department; that this department in 2024 had one employee, Mayor Angie reorganized this department in 2025, added additional duties and now there are three (3) full time positions and that at this time of year the mayor is looking at the overall 2025 budget and what is needed for appropriations from the general fund, wanting to keep the general fund as lean as possible.



Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the notice scheduling the council's "Formal Public Hearing" for this proposed ordinance will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on November 19, 2025; with the hearing being held at our next council meeting on December 2, 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading at the December 2, 2025, Council meeting.

Deputy Clerk Pickens read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only. **APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RAINY DAY FUND FOR PAYMENT OF DEMOLITION OF MILLENNIUM PLAZA FOUNTAIN**

**Introduced by: Bryant Dabney**

(**DECREASE** Rainy Day Fund #2236 Unappropriated balance \$160,400.00 **INCREASE** ACCOUNT#2236.502.439.090 \$160,400.00 Park Admin - Other Contractual Services)

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dabney advised that the additional appropriation for \$160,400.00 is coming out of the Rainy-Day Fund and has the same process as all the other proposed additional appropriations happening this evening, only the funds are coming out of the Rainy-Day Fund.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Steet, questioned who the general contractor was going to be doing this project, asking the city to not do any more developments that have water features that they never last.

Kathy Stransky, Barker Avenue, asked the council and the city to remember a lot of the bricks that were placed at Millenium Plaza Fountain were paid for by employees, city residents in honor of their families and loved ones.

Pat Voltz, Maintenance Director – Park Department advised that none of the bricks are going anywhere that part of the design will be once the fountain is removed, they will be adding pavers, so there will be locations for even more bricks to be added.

Mr. Voltz explained the reason the city isn't doing the demolition is that there is electric and plumbing involved which needs a licensed plumber and electrician, the park doesn't have the equipment or the manpower to do this job and it will be done during the off season; advising there are events scheduled in the spring at the Millennium Plaza.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any comments from the council.

Councilman Dabney wanted the public to know that this matter has been being discussed through the Park Department Board of Directors for a long time, whether to refurbish the fountain or take it out; advising the cost to refurbish is about four (4) times the amount to take it out.

MaryLynn Wall advised Councilman Coulter that the removal of this fountain is a park project that the Park Department doesn't have quite as large of a cash balance overall and is another reason why the additional appropriation is be proposed from the Rainy-Day fund.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski commented on when the Millennium Plaza Fountain was built during Mayor Brillison's administration years ago he thought it was beautiful then and was a great addition to the park area; stating the fountain is twenty-five (25) years old and is being removed due to the lack of maintenance that should have been done during those twenty-five (25) years; that if the city is going to do a project moving forward we need to set funds aside to maintain whatever the project is.

Pat Voltz, Park Maintenance Director advised Councilman Nelson that the Park Department originally didn't take care of or do the maintenance when it was built; advising that the Park Department inherited it and there was never anything budgeted for maintenance regarding this fountain; stating that at this point it is repair or remove it.

MaryLynn Wall advised Councilman Nelson that the cash balance to date in the Rainy-Day fund is \$1,434,337.02 with some open encumbrances and didn't know the cash balance to date in the Park Department.

Councilman Nelson stated that he feels that the Park Department should meet the city halfway regarding the cost of the demolition of this fountain; that our Rainy-Day Fund is slowly decreasing.

Discussion ensued between Councilman Nelson and Ms. Wall regarding the cost of the demolition of the Millennium Plaza Fountain, why it should be taken down, concerts happening there every week during the summer months,

Councilman Coulter stated that his team had a meet and greet at Dune Billies Restaurant where they talked about this fountain and the cost of \$500,000 to refurbish it during their discussion the citizens that attended lost interested in that idea; stating that he is proud of the Park Board for voting on moving forward with the demolition of this fountain with so many concerts happening there during the summer season.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the notice scheduling the council's "Formal Public Hearing" for this proposed ordinance will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on November 19, 2025; with the hearing being held at our next council meeting on December 2, 2025.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over to second reading at the December 2, 2025, Council meeting.

Deputy Clerk Pickens read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only. **RATIFYING AND REAFFIRMING CERTAIN FINDINGS, DETERMINATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS IN ORDINANCE NO. 4771 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**Introduced by: Tracie Tillman**

**(NOTE: This proposed ordinance was TABLED at the November 4, 2025, Council meeting until the November 18, 2025, Council meeting.**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to re-TABLE the proposed ordinance on third reading until the December 2, 2025 Council meeting, second by Councilman Nelson, the motion carried and was approved to TABLE the proposed ordinance on third reading until the December 2, 2025 Council meeting by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members: Dabney, Dr. Kora, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski and Coulter (6) **NAYS:** None (0)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski advised that the council has two (2) appointments to the Redevelopment Commission: Incumbents -Tracie Tillman and Sheree Wilson, expiring 12/31/2025 (term will begin 12/31/2025 and expire 12-31-2026).

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there was any unfinished business.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski stated that there are two (2) 2025 annual committee reports that need to be presented to the Council by the end of this year: "The Woman's Commission" and "The Sustainability Commission".

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any comments from the public at this time.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, congratulated the Michigan City Wolves football team winning the "2025 Sectional Championship", asking all residents and businesses to get the MC Wolves team signs out in their windows to show them support for their game next weekend and wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving"

Sal Dunlap, 729 E. Michigan Blvd. commented on the Clerk's Office 2026 salary and not being at the meeting this evening and commented on a letter to the Council from Rodney McCormick to Council President Tillman.

Chevy Woodard, 7401 W. U.S. Hwy 20, stated that it is important for the city and its local leaders to employ some practices that would tamper down some of the outrage from community members; giving some of her suggestions how this could be done in the future; also commented on her thoughts how our city got to what is happening regarding all aspects of "Project Maize" data center; asking to stop fighting and come to some solution and name calling.

Xavier Silva, 2734 Ohio Street, advised that he is new to attending council meetings; stating several concerns regarding the traffic on Ohio Street; questioning if the city has plans to reconstruct this street soon; would like to see more projects that benefit the citizens that live here not the ones across the stateliness.

Josh Spears, 2108 Pear Street, stated that our city is in a crisis that it isn't just crime or economics but decisions being made favoring outside interest over the residents that live here; commenting on several concerns he sees happening.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, stated that we have so much happing in our city and that we are not always going agree but we should all feel that we live in a safe place; commenting on a verbal assault that happened to him in the council chamber.

C. Spears, 2108 Pear Street, commented on students leaving the MC area school system and transferring to another school system out of our city; stating that no one is addressing why this is happening so that there has to be a reason and that there is no place for young people to go in our city.

Dominique Yankee, 904 Willow Spring Drive, thanked Council members Moldenhauer and Lee for sitting down with him to talk about his concerns; but five (5) council members didn't respond to the email he sent them; questioned when the Phoenix Investors' website would be forthcoming as promised; commented on issues that are happening at 402 Royal Road/Project Maize.

Xavier Silva, 2734 Ohio Street asked the council to please focus on the taxpayers of Michigan City and not the Illinois residents.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski asked if there were any comments from the Council at this time.

Councilman Coulter gave an update on the SNAP benefits; announcing there will be a "Giving Market" happening Saturday, November 21, 2025, at Burn 'Em Brewery from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and commented on a documentary that is happening regarding the United States 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer reported the ribbon cutting she attended happened last Saturday at the Homeward Bound Villages on Karwick Road and is the first homes built of affordable housing that's been completed in Ward Six (6); thanking the city for their \$50,000 contribution and LaPorte County Government for their \$100,000 that made this building possible. Commented on the food pantries throughout our community that are in need of non-perishable foods, donations, and personal care items; advising there are copies with a new updated list of all the locations where people can go during this time of need.

Councilman Dr. Kora thanked everyone who came this evening to express their concerns and that the council is going to continue to work with Mayor Angie and see how best we can address many of these concerns; advised that he just returned from Washington and the reason he went was to address the issues everyone is facing which is health care and tax subsidies and commented on the SNAP benefits that the public didn't have during the government shut down and how it affected our community; and thanked the Unity Foundation Healthcare of Laporte for their contributions for the affordable housing project at the Homeward Bound Villages.

Presiding Councilman Przybylinski wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; commented on how people are addressing the council during their meetings that this isn't a battleground, stating these meetings are supposed to be civil where people can discuss their opinions, give their opinions, and share their opinions; stating that he hopes in 2026 that we all can do better and would like this Council Chamber be professional when holding these meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

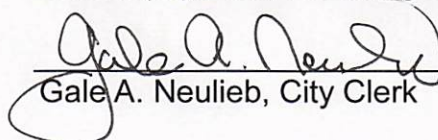
A motion by Councilwoman Moldenhauer, second by Councilman Dr. Kora and there being no further business to transact, President Tillman declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:20 p.m.)

*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=eqYbUyk\\_2qI&list=PL8L8Y5g9S6bqw-rohSfvSUA8dwegrb6st](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqYbUyk_2qI&list=PL8L8Y5g9S6bqw-rohSfvSUA8dwegrb6st)



Don Przybylinski, Presiding Councilman



Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk