

REGULAR IN PERSON COUNCIL “HYBRID/ZOOM” MEETING January 20, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, January 20, 2026, 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 Tillman.

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

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Tim Bietry, Greg Coulter, Bryant Dabney, Vidya Kora, Daisey Lee, Nancy Moldenhauer, Joseph Nelson, Don Przybylinski, and Tracie Tillman (9).

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER None (0)

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Tillman asked for a motion to approve the January 6, 2026, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes, second by Councilman Nelson; the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: AYES: Council members Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee (9) NAYS: Council members None (0)

President Tillman asked to suspend the rules to amend the agenda moving “New Business” regarding the voting appointments to the 2026 Council Committee Assignment List to before “Reports of Standing Committees” this evening, so that the councilmembers who are in a voting position are approved by the council.

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to amend the agenda moving “New Business” to be addressed before “Reports of Standing Committees” this evening, second by Councilman Dabney.

Councilman Przybylinski called “Point of Order” stating that he didn’t receive a copy of the 2026 Council Committee Appointment List to date.

Clerk Neulieb advised that the list the Clerk’s Office received from President Tillman was scanned and sent out on Thursday, January 15, 2026, and a hard copy was put in each council members inhouse mailbox.

The motion carried, moving “New Business” before “Reports of Standing Committees on the agenda this evening by the following vote: AYES: Council members Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, and Moldenhauer (9) NAYS: Council members None (0)

President Tillman addressed the council advising that at the December 16, 2025 Council meeting she presented a blank copy of the Council Committee Assignments requesting the council members to let her know what committees they would like to

serve or not serve on by Friday December 19, 2025; thanking the members that did reach out or text her, advising those that didn't she will be requesting amendments to the list that was provided to the Clerk's Office on Thursday, January 15, 2026

President Tillman read the following 2026 voting council members; stating that Councilman Dr. Kora was appointed to MCEDC and President Tillman was appointed to the Redevelopment Committee by the Council and that all other 2026 committee assignments were appointed by the President:

- Animal Control Board - Przybylinski
- MCEDC - Kora
- Plan Commission - Dabney
- Public Art Committee - Przybylinski
- Redevelopment Commission - Tillman
- Social Status of African American Males - Nelson
- Solid Waste Management – Przybylinski
- Tree Board - Moldenhauer
- Urban Enterprise Association - Nelson

Attorney Snow advised President Tillman to request a motion to amend the 2026 slate of officers that were presented by her including the two (2) changes that were made this evening.

Councilwoman Lee made a motion to approve 2026 Council Committee Assignment list as amended, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion carried and the 2026 Council Committee Assignment list with the amendments were approved: **AYES:** Council members Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, and Nelson (9) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

President Tillman read the 2026 Council Committee Assignments that was filed in the Clerk's Office on Thursday, January 15, 2026, when addressing the labor relations appointments, they would be Przybylinski, Lee, and Coulter.:

Councilman Przybylinski called a "Point of Order" asking who she was appointing as chair to the Labor Relations Committee.

President Tillman advised that she appointed Councilman Przybylinski as chair; with Councilman Przybylinski declining the chair appointment but would like to serve as a member.

President Tillman asked Councilwoman Lee to accept being the chair of the Labor Relations Committee, she declined as she is currently the liaison of the Fire Merit Commission and thought that would be a conflict of interest.

President Tillman asked Councilman Coulter to accept being the chair; Councilman Coulter asked if this could be changed in a few months; President Tillman advised if it was warranted and is brought to the Presidents attention; Councilman Coulter accepted the chair appointment to the Labor Relations Committee at that time.

President Tillman asked the council if anyone would like to serve on the Labor Relations Committee; Councilman Nelson stated that he would serve as a member of this committee.

President Tillman asked if any of the councilmembers would like to serve as the liaison to the Women's Commission, with Councilman Nelson advising that he would.

President Tillman read the following for the record.

2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS- MASTER

Standing Committees	Chairperson	Members
Finance	Dabney	Kora, Bietry
Humane Activities	Lee	Nelson, Bietry
Judiciary and Rules (Parliamentarian)	Moldenhauer	Kora, Lee
Licenses and Franchises	Coulter	Tillman, Dabney
Parks and Recreation	Dabney	Przybylinski, Lee
Planning and Zoning	Dabney	Moldenhauer, Nelson
Public Health and Safety	Kora	Lee, Moldenhauer
Streets and Alleys	Przybylinski	Nelson, Coulter
Utilities	Nelson	Przybylinski, Tillman
Waters and Harbors	Bietry	Coulter, Kora
Select Committees	Chairperson	Members
Ethics	Lee	Coulter, Nelson
Labor Relations	Coulter	Przybylinski, Nelson
Tax Abatement	Bietry	Nelson, Lee
Municipal Transit	Moldenhauer	Bietry, Tillman
Internal Control Oversight	Tillman	
Gun Violence Prevention	Kora	Przybylinski
Board or Commission	Meeting day/time	Liaison (appoint), or Voting Member (elect or approve)
ALCO Associate Board member - liaison	Meets monthly	Dabney
Animal Control Board member - voting	Meets quarterly or as needed	Przybylinski
Aviation Commission - liaison	2 nd Thursday – 1:00 PM	Moldenhauer
Commission for Women - liaison	3 rd Thursday – 5:30 PM	Nelson
Commission on Sustainability – liaison	2 nd Thursday – 4:00 PM	Moldenhauer, Lee
Economic Development Corp member, elected by EDC Board – voting	2 nd Friday – 9:00 AM	Dr. Kora
Economic Development Commission	As Needed	Tillman
Education-- MCAS School Board - liaison	4 th Tuesday – 6:00 PM	Bietry
Fire Merit Commission - liaison	1 st Monday – 5:00 PM	Lee
Historic Preservation Commission - liaison	4 th Monday – 7:00 PM	Coulter
Housing Authority - liaison	3 rd Monday – 4:30 PM	Nelson
Human Rights Commission - liaison	1 st Tuesday – 4:30 PM	Przybylinski
Licensing Board - liaison	3 rd Monday – 4:30 PM	Tillman
Park Board - liaison	1 st And 3 rd Wednesday – 5:00 PM	Dabney
Main Street Association - liaison	2 nd Wed – 4:00 PM, Haas & Assoc.	Coulter
Plan Commission member – voting	4 th Tuesday – 6:00 PM	Dabney
Police Commission - liaison	2 nd Wednesday – 11:00 AM	Dr. Kora
Port Authority liaison	1 st And 3 rd Monday – 5:00 PM	Coulter
Public Art Committee member – voting	3 rd Thursday – 10:00 AM	Przybylinski
Redevelopment Commission - voting	2 nd Monday – 5:00 PM	Tillman
Revolving Loan Fund Committee – liaison	As needed	Przybylinski
Sanitary Board - liaison	4 th Wednesday – 4:00 PM	Przybylinski
Michigan City Commission of the Social Status of African American Males – voting	2 nd Wednesday – 12:00 Noon	Nelson
Solid Waste Management (county) member - voting	2 nd Wednesday, 1:30 PM quarterly	Przybylinski
Tree Board member – voting	1 st Wednesday – 6:00 PM	Moldenhauer
Urban Enterprise Association member – voting	3 rd Monday – 6:00 PM	Nelson
Veteran’s Commission- liaison	2 nd Friday – 2:00 PM	Bietry
Water Board - liaison	2 nd And 4 th Tuesday – 7:00 PM	Nelson

Youth Commission – liaison		Lee
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Note: A liaison has no vote on the appointed board, committee, or commission

President Tillman asked if there were any questions or comments regarding any of these appointments to the 2026 Board and Commission appointments, there was no response.

President Tillman asked for a motion to approve the final 2026 Council Committee Assignment List.

Councilman Bietry made a motion to approve the final 2026 Council Committee Assignment List, second by Councilman Dabney; the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: AYES: Council members Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, and Przybylinski (9) NAYS: Council members None (0)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

President Tillman asked if there were any standing committee reports.

Councilman Coulter, Health and Safety, introduced Taylor Williams, American Lung Association Advocacy Specialist who did a presentation for the Council regarding “Michigan City Municipal Building Smoke Free proposed ordinance”

NOTE: This presentation is filed in the Clerk’s Office – Council Matters.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Williams, President Tillman, Councilmembers Moldenhauer, Dr. Kora, Bietry, and Coulter thanking her for the presentation and the information on the statistics for several decades regarding secondhand smoke exposure and the diseases that can be developed; and also the information on smokefree air laws in public places and community interventions to become a smoke free environment.

FINANCE REPORT

Councilman Dabney stated the Finance Committee did meet this evening on January 20, 2026, and there was a quorum present; stating the January 20, 2026: Riverboat fund #2235 was \$487,377.62 paying Bank of America \$367,972.97 and \$119,404.65 for ESG annual loan payments; Riverboat EFT fund #2235 claims was zero (0); Rainy Day fund #2236 claims was zero (0); and Boyd Development fund #2504 was zero (0) with the total claims being \$487,377.62

Councilman Dabney advised the cash position for January 20, 2026, Riverboat Fund #2235 was \$3,672,966.52 Rainy-Day Fund #2236 was \$1,325,760.42 with the fiscal grand total ending balance was \$4,998,726.94.

Marylynn Wall, City Controller advised the \$367,972.97 and \$119,404.65 is for “Energy System Group (ESG) annual bond loan payment.

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$487,377.62, second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried and the January 20, 2026, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$487,377.62 was approved by the following vote: AYES: Council members Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, and Tillman (9) NAYS: Council members None (0)

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

President Tillman asked if there were any reports from boards and commissions.

Councilman Przybylinski, liaison to the LaPort County Solid Waste District, advised on that election took place for the board and that Mayor Tom Dermandy is the president.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer, advised the public that the Northwest Indiana Green Drinks will be meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and you can join on Save the Dune's Facebook Live, or a zoom link can be obtained em@savedunes.org; "Moving Conservation and Water Quality Legislation forward in Indianapolis", presented by Desi and Delaney of Indiana Conservation Voters; and that she attended the Renewable Energy Day (RED) in Indianapolis and met with State Representative Randy Novack discussing a new bill "Plugin Solar" by purchasing a unit to plug into your house to help reduce the cost of electric utilities and to support legislative bills contact State Representative Ed Soliday; advised that the Sustainability Commission will present their annual report along with a community award to the council in March.

President Tillman asked if there were any other Board and Commission reports, there was no response.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

President Tillman asked if there were any reports from Special or Select Committee reports, 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.

Kelley Smith, City Administrator, presented the following proclamation.

National Mentoring Month

January 2026

On This day, we proudly recognize and celebrate National mentoring Month, honoring the mentors who make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children, families, and community.

WHEREAS, mentoring relationships provide students with guidance, encouragement, and positive role models that contribute to academic success, personal growth, and long-term well-being; and

WHEREAS, Family Advocates is nonprofit organization that has served children and families throughout LaPorte County since 1995, working to strengthen families and support youth through prevention and early intervention programs; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, Family Advocates launched a new school-based mentoring initiative known as Wolf Pack Leaders within Michigan City Area Schools, made possible through grant funding and strong collaboration with community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Wolf Pack Leaders program currently provides dedicated mentors to students at Pine Elementary School and Marsh Elementary School, fostering supportive relationships that encourage confidence, leadership and positive decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the success of this program is made possible through the commitment and generosity of volunteer mentors who invest their time and energy to make a meaningful difference in the lives of local students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch, do hereby recognize the significance of National Mentoring Month in the City of Michigan City as a time to honor the dedication and commitment of mentors who support and guide our children and families, and to reaffirm

our community's shared commitment to fostering positive, supportive relationships for youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I do hereby proclaim January as National Mentoring Month in the City of Michigan City, celebrating the meaningful impact mentoring and the vital role mentors play in strengthening our community.

/s/ Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor January 26, 2026

The Family advocates thanked the council for their support and encouraged the public to sign up to be an advocate.

Councilman Dr. Kora introduced John Peret, Phoenix Investors and Will Shirer representing "Project Maize", presenting an update regarding the "Project Maize" Data Center located at 402 Royal Road.

Will Shirer, representing "Project Maize" provided the council with an update.

Discussion ensued between Will Shirer, John Peret, President Tillman, Councilmembers Przybylinski, Bietry, and Dabney regarding the incident that occurred on October 9, 2025, utility rate increase, water pressure concerns affecting surrounding residence, light pollution, Tax Abatement review, requested that a monthly report with updates be provided to the mayor and council to address the questions and concerns the public have.

President Tillman asked if there were any reports from the mayor or other city officers and departments, 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 15, 2026, from Eileen Mark regarding a 911 call for service at Project Mazie Data Center, 402 Royal Road on October 9, 2025.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on January 13, 2026, from Ashley Williams regarding the body cam footage of an incident that took place on October 9, 2025, at Project Maize Data Center.

A notice was received in the Clerk's Office on January 13, 2026, from IDEM regarding the approval of a Permit for Building Materials Manufacturing LLC.

"Notice of Public Hearing" was received in the Clerk's Office on January 8, 2026, scheduled to be held at the Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, regarding Crew Car Wash at 4353 Franklin Street.

RESOLUTIONS

Clerk Neulieb read the following resolution by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 4987

**APPROVING & AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND
UTILIZATION OF ETHICS TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OF THE
SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-7-1, et seq., allows local government entities to make the most efficient use of the powers by enabling them to mutually purchase and utilize equipment and supplies for the mutual benefit of each other; and

WHEREAS, the political subdivisions that are signatories are empowered by the aforesaid Interlocal Cooperation Act, as amended with authority to contract on behalf of each other on a basis of mutual advantage so as to better provide public services at a lesser cost; and

Whereas, the political subdivisions that are signatories desire to enter into a joint agreement pursuant to IC 36-1-7-1, et seq., to provide for the ability to better provide and utilize resources and services for the mutual benefit of the participating entities, and at a shared cost, particularly related to administration of shared ethical values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of MICHIGAN CITY, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section One: That the City Council of the City of Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana, shall take all appropriate and legal measures to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the participating public entities in order to optimize the resources of the participating communities for the mutual benefit of the participating entities related to each community's ethics code of values.

Section Two: That services to be provided under this agreement include but are not limited to ethics training, ethics policy review, ethics code administration and such supplies that may be desirable in support of the services.

Section Three: That the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and permitted to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for purchase and utilization of ethics training and administration services for mutual benefit, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Indiana Code 36-1-7-1, et seq., as amended from time to time; further, the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the execution of said agreement by the Mayor of the City.

Section Four: That a copy of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between and among the participating parties shall be attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference, including the companion Code of Shared Ethics and Values.

Section Five: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana.

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

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Tracie Tillman, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/ Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/ Daisy Lee, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/ Nancy Moldenhauer, Member
Michigan City Common Council

President Tillman asked there were any comments from the authors.

Councilman Przybylinski advised that basically this resolution would authorize the city to be part of the joint interlocal agreement for the purchase and utilization of ethics training and administration services of the shared ethics advisory commission, with the cost of this being approximately \$10,000.

Councilman Kora stated that he is familiar with this commission for a while that when he was on the county commission explaining that they voted to join this as a county and that he feels is a good thing to do.

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

President Tillman asked if there were any comments from council.

Councilman Bietry made a motion to amend the resolution/agreement to read just "Clerk" not "Clerk-treasure" anywhere in this document, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Coulter, Dabney, Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski and Tillman (9) **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

President Tillman stated the amendment has been approved.

President Tillman asked to entertain a motion to approve this resolution.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the amended resolution, second by Councilman Bietry, the motion carried and with the resolution being approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dabney, Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, and Coulter (9) **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

Councilwoman Moldenhauer advised that she noticed two (2) scrivener's error in Section 3 of this resolution where it state "Mayor of the City Council" which Council should also be removed due to it doesn't apply to our council.

Attorney Snow stated that this is a scrivener's error but due to the resolution being adopted, there should be a motion and a vote to move forward.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer made a motion to amended as she stated, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Coulter, and Dabney (9) **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

ORDINANCES

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

CREATING SEC. 78-7 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE MICHIGAN CITY GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDINGS AS SMOKE FREE FACILITIES

Introduced by: Don Przybylinski
Greg Coulter

Councilman Coulter advised that during the process of submitting his proposed ordinance to the Clerk Office a previous draft was sent by mistake and was distributed; making a motion to amend that document by substitution, stating that everyone should have received an email from him yesterday and a hard copy this evening, Councilwoman Moldenhauer second the motion, the motion carried and the amendment by substitution was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Coulter, Dabney and Kora (9) **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

Councilman Przybylinski made a "Point of Order" questioning why his name is on this evening's agenda regarding this proposed ordinance but on the amended ordinance by substitution that was just approved his name doesn't appear on it; advising that he wants everyone to know that his name isn't on the ordinance that is being proposed by substitution this evening and that he isn't saying that he isn't voting for what is being proposed.

Attorney Snow advised Councilman Przybylinski that his name appeared on the original proposed ordinance that the Clerk's Office inadvertently received and placed on this evening's agenda. That is why his name appeared on the agenda. The proposed ordinance that was amended by substitution this evening and approved was sponsored solely by Councilman Coulter.

President Tillman stated for transparency Councilman Przybylinski's name was on the agenda due to the first proposed ordinance received and that he is not a sponsor on the proposed amended ordinance by substitution that was approved this evening.

President Tillman asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Steven Komacki, 5410 Rogowski Avenue, stated several reasons why supports this ordinance; asking them to move forward and get this adopted.

Tom Dagonen, 205 E.11th Street, questioned how long the council is going to discuss the proposed ordinance regarding the language and when is it going to be finalized.

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

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

Councilwoman Moldenhauer asked to be added as a sponsor to the proposed ordinance; advising reasons why she was supporting it.

Councilman Przybylinski feels this is a good ordinance, advising that no smoking in city vehicles is already a policy; questioning who is going to enforce what is being proposed and is there going to be a fine; that at the present time there is an ordinance that you are not supposed to take pets in any city park or on the beaches and you see pets whenever the weather good. And also being proposed is all city employees are not being able to smoke on any city property and there is "No Smoking" at the City's golf course he does not agree with.

Councilman Coulter thanked Council members Moldenhauer and Przybylinski for their vulnerability in sharing their family history, that he feels it is helpful to have an honest conversation in our community about what this means; advising when he was the tobacco coordinator for LaPorte County the tobacco numbers in our community was approximately 24% explaining the statistics regarding tobacco use in our county and does agree with the public about getting this adopted as quickly as possible; advising you can type in "Quit Now" link or put 333888 in the texting link to join and is great way to get support to help a person quit smoking.

Councilwoman Lee asked to be added as a sponsor; stating reasons why she is supporting this ordinance as well and is important that we start here moving forward.

Councilman Dr. Kora stated that he appreciated everyone comments that when doing his rounds at the hospital 25% of the patients he sees are smoking related issues; advising the United States \$250 billion healthcare cost are directly related to smoking.

Councilman Bietry asked to be added as a sponsor to the proposed ordinance, sharing his experience regarding smoking when he was principal of the Michigan City High School.

Taylor Williams, American Lung Association addressed the council regarding the effect this will be on city employees and where they will be able to smoke during their lunch or breaks when they are at working if the proposed ordinance is adopted; stating that most people are law-abiding citizens, so if they see a sign that says, "no smoking", they're likely to not smoke in that area.

President Tillman asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response, stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over for second reading at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following ordinance on second reading by title only.

CREATING SEC. 78-7 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING WITHIN (20) TWENTY FEET FROM THE PUBLIC ENTRANCEWAYS OF MICHIGAN CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Introduced by: Don Przybylinski
Vidya Kora
Greg Coulter
Tim Bietry

Note: This proposed ordinance was TABLED at the January 6, 2025, Council meeting until January 20, 2026, Council meeting

President Tillman asked if the authors had anything to add at this time.

Councilman members Przybylinski, Dr. Kora, Coulter, and Bietry pulled their sponsorship to this proposed ordinance..

Councilman Przybylinski called a "Point of Order" advising that when all the sponsors withdraw their sponsorship, the President needs to ask if there is any other council member that would want to sponsor it.

President Tillman asked if there was any other council member that would like to pick up this proposed ordinance, there was no response; stating this proposed ordinance dies.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tillman asked if there was any new business.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there was no further new business this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tillman asked if there was any unfinished business.

Clerk Neulieb advised that the council has three (3) appointments to the Michigan City Social Status of African American Males Commission representing the following and expire February 15, 2026

Council Appointment – Stasi Benning (2-year term)
Michigan City Area Schools – Dwayne Hurt (2-year term)
NAACP – Michael Jones (2- year term)

City Clerk Neulieb advised a letter was received from the NAACP to appoint Linda Fay Conley to the Social Status Commission.

Application received

- Cordell Atkins
- Dannie Armstrong Jr.
- Tommy Kulavik

Councilwoman Lee made a motion to approve Linda Fay Conley to represent the NAACP on the Social Status of African American Males, second by Councilman Nelson; the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, and Lee (9) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

Attorney Snow addressed President Tillman, Councilmembers Moldenhauer, Nelson, Dabney, Przybylinski concerns regarding the nomination process for the Council's one (1) appointment to the Social Status of African American Males Commission, applications being received, and concerns related to a family member serving on this board.

Attorney Snow advised that pursuant to the ordinance, an FYI will be placed on the agenda two (2) meeting prior to the expiration date of an appointment with nominations held at the following meeting; stating that applications must be received by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting; and that nominations may be called by the president at tonight's meeting by a nomination and statement of support; stating that in Section 2-457 subhead B-b2b that the appointments made to the commission are either appointed by memberships or voted in by the council on every odd or even year.

President Tillman opened nominations (repeating three times) "if there were anyone that would like to nominate someone to the Social Status of African American Males."

Councilman Dr. Kora nominated Cordel Atkins seconded by Councilman Bietry.

President Tillman nominated Dannie Armstrong Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Lee.

President Tillman stated that nominations are closed; and the following nominations are Cordel Atkins and Dannie Armstrong Jr.; advising the vote will take place at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb advised that the council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Tree Board representing a Neighborhood Association – Incumbent Laura Henderson (Elston Grove Neighborhood Association) Term expires February 15, 2026.

City Clerk Neulieb advised that an application was received from Wendy Willis to serve on the Tree Board; that this appointment would require a letter from the neighborhood association committee appointing her as their representative.

President Tillman asked the council members to attend the "Boards and Commissions" Workshop on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to review policies and procedures regarding agendas and minutes

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kenny Fly, 211 Fulton Street, stated that "Fly High Youth" will be hosting a free gun safety program starting in April for (4) weeks to help curb the violence; also providing after school tutoring.

Brian Gross, 830 W. 6th Street, stated his concerns on air pollution.

Steven Kornacki, 5410 Rogowski Ave., stated his concerns with the NIPSCO price increase asking what will happen if SEA 1 does not pass, will the taxes be decreased.

Dominic Yankee, 904 Willow Spring Drive, thanked Councilman Coulter and the American Lung Association for their smoke free presentation; asking if there would be a presentation on the effects of diesel generators and the effects it has on residence; stating his concerns regarding an incident that occurred at "Project Maize" data center.

Tom Dagonen, 205 11th Street, stated his concerns with panhandling and beggars in our community.

President Tillman asked if there were any other 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 advised on the fees and tax increase with SEA 1 stating that there were limits was set in the budget and advised on funds that will longer be coming to the into the city.

Councilman Dr. Kora suggests that the Council should consider scheduling a conference call with AIM to receive an update on how recently approved legislation downstate will impact our city.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer stated that she proposed clean alternatives to diesel generators at the IDEM hearing, along with Pat Boy and Debra Shores; provided an update regarding the concerns in Ward 6 related to old- growth trees hazards.

Councilman Przybylinski stated that he has asked State Representative Randy Novak to provide the council with an update on matters coming from the State of Indiana; invited the public to attend the upcoming meeting that will be held at the Michigan City Street Department on Thursday, January 22, 2026, regarding "Indiana Clean Cities" by using biodiesel in the city equipment; thanking Mayor Angie and Kiahna Davis for hosting the Martin Luther King Day presentation at PNW.

President Tillman asked the public to avoid approaching the council members prior to the start of the meeting as this is reserved for council members to complete necessary preparations and confer with the council attorney, and to please wait until the meeting has been formally adjourned, and all council members have left their seats before approaching the bench as there is often documents that must be signed and finalized; asking the City Clerk to place agendas outside of the council chamber for the public access.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Dr. Kora, second by Councilwoman Moldenhauer and there being no further business to transact, President Tillman declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:50 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=JPpCKjGrnJI&list=PL8L8Y5g9S6bqw-rohSfvSUA8dwegr6st>



Tracie Tillman, President



Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk