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CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY

A G E N D A
COMMON COUNCIL – IN PERSON - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Meeting to be held at **6:30 p.m.**, local time,
in the Council Chambers, City Hall 100 E. Michigan Blvd.
and **Hosted by “Hybrid/Zoom” and streaming live on the**
Access LaPorte County Facebook page
See attached to connect to “Hybrid/Zoom.”

CALL TO ORDER BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG and PRAYER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) January 20, 2026

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIMS DOCKET

February 3, 2026

Fund #2235 – Riverboat – Claims -	\$	14,107.86
EFT	\$	0.00
Rainy Day (Fund 2236)	\$	3,950.00
Fund #2504 – Boyd Development -	\$	0.00
EFT	\$	0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	18,057.86

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Shannon Eason, Michigan City Art Committee – 2025 Annual Report

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

REPORTS FROM MAYOR OR OTHER CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

PETITIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on January 15, 2026, from AIM inviting the council to their "Legislative Dinner".

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE BUDGET OF CENTRAL MAINTENANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND #1101 FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Introduced by: Don Przybylinski

A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE BUDGET OF CEMETERY EXTENSION FUND #6607 FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

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ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE
2nd Reading**

**CREATING SEC. 78-7 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO
DESIGNATE ALL MICHIGAN CITY GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDINGS
& REAL PROPERTY AS SMOKE FREE**

**Introduced by: Greg Coulter
Nancy Moldenhauer
Tim Bietry
Daisy Lee**

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**FYI: The Council has two (2) appointments to the
Michigan City Social Status of African American Males Commission
representing the following and will expire February 15, 2026
Michigan City Area Schools – Dwayne Hurt (2-year term)
Council Appointment – Stasi Benning (2-year term)**

**VOTE: Council appointment to the Michigan City Social Status of
African American Males Commission**

Nominations

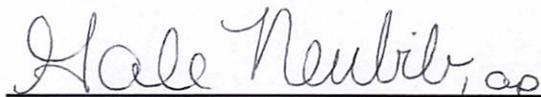
- Dannie Armstrong Jr.
- Cordell Atkins

**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, 2026**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT



Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:30 PM** Central Time (US and Canada)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84298000057?pwd=RXVRUKhobXI2aVE2R1lIR0VEVTl3dz09>

Passcode : 463601 Webinar ID: 842 9800 0057 Passcode: 463601 Or One tap mobile:

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS
WITHIN THE BUDGET OF CENTRAL MAINTENANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND
#1101 FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, there exist certain circumstances within the budget of Central Maintenance of the General Fund #1101 of Michigan City which require increasing and decreasing appropriations for certain line items in that Fund for the year 2026, more specifically, the Central Maintenance Department is in need of vehicle lift.

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 Central Maintenance of the General Fund of the City, the Common Council approves the following transfer of appropriations, as listed, to-wit:

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GENERAL FUND #1101

DECREASE: A/C #1101.108.436.020 \$84,000.00
 Repairs & Maintenance Equipment

INCREASE: A/C #1101.108.445.050
 Other Machinery & Equipment \$84,000.00

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: _____
Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Tracie Tillman, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved/Vetoed (circle choice) by me, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
City of Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
City of Michigan City, Indiana

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS
WITHIN THE BUDGET OF CEMETERY EXTENSION FUND #6607 FOR THE YEAR
2026 IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, there exist certain circumstances within the budget of the Cemetery Extension Fund #6607 of Michigan City which require increasing and decreasing appropriations for certain line items in that Fund for the year 2026 for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Truck for the Cemetery Department.

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 Cemetery Extension Fund of the City, the Common Council approves the following transfer of appropriations, as listed, to-wit:

CEMETERY OPERATING OF CEMETERY FUND #6607

DECREASE:	A/C #6607.000.436.010	
	Repair and Maint Building	\$ 50,000.00
INCREASE:	A/C #6607.000.445.050	
	Other Machinery and Equipment	\$ 50,000.00

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City of Michigan City, Indiana

Prepared by Corporation Counsel Upon Request

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has enacted certain smoking bans and regulations under I.C. 7.1-5-12, including a ban prohibiting smoking within municipal government buildings (I.C. 7.1-5-12-4(a)(1) and I.C. 7.1-5-12-2) and also prohibiting the smoking within eight (8) feet of a public entranceway (*see* I.C. 7.1-5-12-4(a)(4)); and

WHEREAS, State law also provides that a municipality may adopt more stringent smoking regulations (*see* I.C. 7.1-5-12-13(a)); and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for its employees, residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke are leading causes of preventable disease, disability, and death, significantly contributing to lung cancer, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and other health conditions; and

WHEREAS, reducing exposure to smoking and secondhand smoke decreases employee absenteeism, improves overall employee productivity, and lowers long-term health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Michigan City is within La Porte County, Indiana, which has one of the highest tobacco use rates in the state. 24.7% of adults smoke in La Porte County compared to a state average of 14.5%; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that nearly 50% of smokers make at least one quit attempt each year, and smoke-free policies are proven to support cessation efforts and reduce relapse; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that a smoke-free workplace and smoke-free environment will advance the public health and welfare for employees, citizens, and visitors, protect municipal resources, and foster a safer, healthier environment for all who use government facilities and government owned property.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council for the City of Michigan City, Indiana as follows:

- 1. Sec. 78-7 is hereby created in Chapter 78 of the Michigan City Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

Sec. 78-7. No Smoking on City-Owned Property or in City-Owned Vehicles.

(a). Definitions:

(1) *Smoking* is hereby defined as the following:

(a.) I.C. 7.1-5-12-3, as the same may be amended, which states:

- (1). The carrying or holding of a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe or any other lighted tobacco smoking equipment; or
- (2). The inhalation or exhalation of smoke from lighted tobacco smoking equipment.

(b) It shall also include vaping, which means the process of inhalation and exhalation of electronic cigarettes, electronic water pipes, or vaporizers.

(2) *Electronic Cigarette* means a device that is capable of providing an inhalable dose of nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption by delivering a vaporized solution that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device. The term includes the components and cartridges.

- (3) *Electronic Water Pipe* means a device that is capable of providing an inhalable dose of nicotine or any other substance through water intended for human consumption by delivering a vaporized solution that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device.
 - (4) *Vaporizers* means a device like an electronic cigarette that is used to inhale e-liquid, which is a substance that may or may not contain nicotine and is intended to be vaporized and inhaled using a vapor product.
- (b). Smoke Free City-Owned Property.
- (1) By virtue of state law, smoking is prohibited on all City-owned property. (I.C. 7.1-5-12-4(a)(1) and I.C. 7.1-5-12-2)
 - (2) All City government owned buildings are hereby designed as smoke-free facilities, meaning that smoking is prohibited inside and outside of the facilities.
- (c). Smoking Prohibited in City Owned Vehicles: Smoking is hereby prohibited in all City-owned vehicles.
- (d). Signage and Notice.
- (1) The City shall clearly and conspicuously post “No Smoking” signage or the international “No Smoking” symbol at the entrances to City-owned buildings and at appropriate locations on City-owned grounds.
 - (2) Outdoor signage shall be placed, at a minimum, at the following locations. Signs shall be installed by the city at each location listed below in a manner reasonably calculated to be seen by a person entering or using the area:
 - a. All public entrances to City-owned buildings and facilities, including (without limitation) City Hall and any annex or administrative offices open to the public.
 - b. All employee entrances customarily used for ingress/egress at City-owned buildings and facilities that serve as places of municipal employment, including (without limitation) fire stations, police facilities, central services facilities, street and fleet operations, and similar work sites.
 - c. Each entrance, primary gate, and principal pedestrian access point to City-owned parks, sports complexes, playgrounds, and greenspaces.
 - d. Each beach access point and entrance to City-owned lakefront park areas and shoreline public facilities.
 - e. Each pavilion, shelter, gazebo, band shell, concession building, restroom building, and similar structure located on City-owned park or recreational property.
 - f. Major gathering areas on City-owned grounds, including (as applicable) picnic areas, playground perimeters, ballfields, courts, skate areas, amphitheater seating areas, and similar congregating spaces.
 - g. Each primary entrance and principal pedestrian access point to City-owned cemeteries.

- h. The primary public entrance to each City-owned golf facility and clubhouse, and at (i) starter areas and (ii) turn areas or other comparable high-traffic points on each course, where practicable.
 - i. Any additional outdoor City-owned property that functions as a place of employment or regularly hosts public-facing services, including (without limitation) yards, lots, and service counters open to the public.
- (3) All City-owned vehicles shall display at least one sign visible from the exterior stating that smoking is prohibited.
- (e) **Removal of Ashtrays.** All ashtrays, cigarette receptacles, and similar devices intended to facilitate smoking shall be removed from City-owned buildings, vehicles, and real property. No such receptacles shall be installed or maintained on City property following the effective date of this section.
- (f) **Training and Guidance.** The Human Resources Department shall develop and provide guidance and training to City employees whose duties include regular public interaction, including but not limited to Parks Department staff, facilities personnel, front-line administrative staff, and supervisory employees. Such training shall focus on:
- (1) Communicating the smoke-free policy clearly and respectfully.
 - (2) Requesting compliance or relocation in a non-confrontational manner.
 - (3) Escalation procedures when voluntary compliance is not achieved; and
 - (4) Ensuring that enforcement is based solely on observed tobacco use and applied in a nondiscriminatory manner.
- (g) **Severability.**

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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2026.

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