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

AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL – IN PERSON - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 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 6, 2026

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIMS DOCKET

January 20, 2026

Fund #2235 – Riverboat – Claims -	\$	487,377.62
EFT	\$	0.00
Rainy Day (Fund 2236)	\$	0.00
Fund #2504 – Boyd Development -	\$	0.00
EFT	\$	0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	487,377.62

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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 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

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

Introduced by: Tracie Tillman
Don Przybylinski
Daisy Lee
Nancy Moldenauer

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE
1st Reading**

**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**

**ORDINANCE
2nd Reading**

**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 on January 6,
2026 Council meeting until January 20, 2026, Council meeting**

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE: 2026 Council Committee Assignments

**2026 VOTING MEMBERS ON THE FOLLOWING
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- Animal Control Board
- MCEDC
- Plan Commission
- Public Art Committee
- Redevelopment Commission
- Social Status of African American Males
- Solid Waste Management
- Tree Board
- Urban Enterprise Association

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FYI: The Council has three (3) appointments to the Michigan City Social Status of African American Males Commission representing the following and will 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) resigned

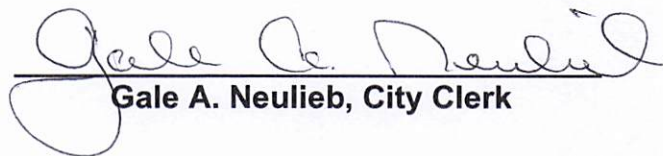
- **NAACP** letter received appointing Linda Fay Conley as his replacement

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, January 20, 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=RXVRUkhobXI2aVE2R1IIR0VEVTI3dz09>

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

Agenda January 20, 2026

Posted January 15, 2026

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 Council 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 Council.

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: _____

Tracie Tillman, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Daisy Lee, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Nancy Moldenhauer, 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 action taken*) by me, this _____ day of
_____, 2026.

Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

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

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

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, the City is self-funded for employee health insurance resulting in the City directly bearing the cost of medical claims associated with tobacco-related illness, thereby increasing the burden on taxpayers; 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, the City finds that a smoke-free workplace will advance the public health and welfare for employees and visitors, protect municipal resources, and foster a safer, healthier environment for all who use government facilities.

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 Premises of City-Owned Buildings & 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). Designation of Smoke Free Facilities.

(1) By virtue of state law, smoking is prohibited inside all City government owned buildings. (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.

2. The City administration shall amend any and all employee policy and procedure manuals accordingly and post the necessary signage at the public entranceway of City-owned building.

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

INTRODUCED BY: _____
Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Greg Coulter, 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 action taken*) by me, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
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 PROHIBIT SMOKING WITHIN (20) TWENTY FEET FROM THE PUBLIC ENTRANCEWAYS OF MICHIGAN CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has enacted certain smoking bans and regulations under I.C. 7.1-15-12, including a ban prohibiting smoking within eight (8) feet of a public entranceway (*see* I.C. 7.1-15-12-4(a)(4)); and

WHEREAS, State law also provides that a municipality may adopt more stringent regulations (*see* I.C. 7.1-15-12-13(a)); and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably believes it to be in the best interest of the public and City employees based upon public health and welfare to prohibit smoking within twenty (20) feet of the entranceway of all City-owned buildings, and include electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and vapor products in the definition of smoking.

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 Within Twenty (20) Feet of Entranceway of City-Owned Building.

(a) Definitions:

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

(a) I.C. 7.1-15-12-3, 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
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(b). Smoking is hereby prohibited within twenty (20) feet of the entranceway of City-owned building.

(b). The City administration shall amend any and all employee policy and procedure manuals to reflect such prohibition and post the necessary signage reflecting the same at each public entranceway of each City-owned building.

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

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Michigan City Common Council

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Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana this _____
day of _____, 2025.

Tracie Tillman, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved/Vetoed (*circle action taken*) by me, this _____ day of _____,
2025.

Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

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

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