

REGULAR IN PERSON COUNCIL “HYBRID/ZOOM” MEETING April 7, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, April 7, 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, Daisy Lee, Nancy Moldenhauer, Don Przybylinski, and Tracie Tillman (7).

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Dr. Vidya Kora, and Joseph Nelson (2)

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

ALSO, PRESENT: Council Attorney Jewel Harris, and City Clerk Gale Neulieb, and Deputy Clerk Amanda Pickens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Tillman asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the Regular “Hybrid/Zoom” Council meeting minutes that was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Councilman Bietry made a motion to approve the March 17, 2026, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes, second by Councilwoman Moldenhauer; the motion carried and they were both approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Lee, and Moldenhauer (7) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

FINANCE REPORT

Councilman Dabney stated the Finance Committee did meet this evening on April 7, 2026, and there was a quorum; stating the April 7, 2026: Riverboat fund #2235 was \$7053.93 paying LaPorte Chrysler Inc.; Riverboat EFT fund #2235 claims was zero (0); Rainy Day fund #2236 claims was \$1,286.25 paying Schneider Geomatics; and Boyd Development fund #2504 was zero (0) with the total claims being \$8,340.18.

Councilman Dabney advised the cash position for April 7, 2026, Riverboat Fund #2235 was \$5,150,903.74 Rainy-Day Fund #2236 was \$1,321,810.42 with the fiscal grand total ending balance was \$6,472,714.16.

Councilman Bietry made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$8,340.18 second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried and the April 7, 2026, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket in the total amount of \$8,340.18 was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Lee, Moldenhauer, and Przybylinski (7) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

President Tillman stated the April 7, 2026, Riverboat/Boyd Development Claim Docket have been approved.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Councilwoman Moldenhauer invited the public to attend the interactive workshop, "Recycle Smart, Do Your Part" on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. presented by Sacha Gee Burns; and introduced Abby Neary, Chair of the Michigan City Sustainability Commission presenting the Michigan City Sustainability Commission Annual Report.

(NOTE: This communication is filed in the Clerk's Office under Council Matters).

Councilman Bietry thanked Ms. Neary for a great report and is happy to hear of the job training that is being offered in the trades for solar panel assistants.

Councilman Przybylinski stated he is currently working with the city departments on their fleet inventory to convert to compressed natural gas.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer presented the "Caught You Being Green" Business Sustainability Award to Hitachi Global as the Michigan City Sustainability Commission chose Hitachi-Sulliar to receive the award for these three commitments: decarbonization, native plant restoration, and woodland restoration.

Jennifer Ohlinger, Senior Communication Manger, Hitachi Global Air Power, Susan Poner and Romero Aguilar excepted the award and read the following.

For our company sustainability is a guiding principle. Our belief and strategy is that environmental responsibility and strong business performance go hand in hand. Achieving carbon neutrality in fiscal year 2024, investing in our community through the Friendship Botanic Garden Woodlands revitalization and restoring our campus lawn to native plants and important milestones are important but not the finish line for us. Our goal is to embed sustainability across our entire value chain creating practical, measurable, and lasting progress that benefits both our company and society. We are proud to have been a part of the Michigan City community for more than sixty (60) years and are grateful for the partnerships that make this work possible with the Laporte County Water and Conservation District, and the Clean Water Indiana Grant Program. From the entire team at Hitachi Global Air Power, thank you for this incredible honor.

Andy Mouser, Baker Tilly, presented the Redevelopment Commission Gateway DGLF Report.

(NOTE: This communication is filed in the Clerk's Office under Council Matters).

Mr. Mouser advised Councilman Przybylinski that Fund 3344 "Lafayette/ Baker Syncing Bond" is the fund that the Redevelopment Commission will make a transfer from to pay the bond trustee that will then make the payment on the bond.

President Tillman thanked Mr. Mouser for the annual presentation.

Derald Burton, Human Rights Commission stated that the Annual Human Rights Award Dinner will be Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the FOP Dunes Lodge #75 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; tickets are \$25 and a table is \$300 and you can purchase them from the Human Rights Commission; advised that Dr. Vidya Kora had been selected for Humanitarian of the Year; Marty Corley received Chairman of the Year; and Stefani Olson received the Unsung Hero Award.

President Tillman asked if there were any other Board or 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.

Councilman Przybylinski, liaison to the LaPorte County Solid Waste District, advised that Clay Turner, Director, retired in March and that Robin Havens is currently serving as the Interim Director.

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.

Marylynn Wall, City Controller, presented the quarterly report on the City funds providing the council members with a summery sheet that included both General Funds and Riverboat Revenue; advising on which funds they will continue to monitor and that property taxes are not expected to be received until late June.

(NOTE: This communication is filed in the Clerk's Office under Council Matters).

Discussion ensued between Marylynn Wall, City Controller, and Council members Przybylinski, Dabney and Bietry thanking her for the quarterly report; advising that the revenue that will be coming in June will help mold the 2027 Budget; and that this report will help the council be informed on money being spent and coming in by providing a heads up on any future additional appropriations that may be needed.

MCPD Assistant Chief Shiparski presented their monthly March 2026 stats.

Assistant Chief Shiparski advised President Tillman that the increase in traffic stops was due to various factors as the completion of annual training was in March.

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 March 16, 2026, from Darrell Garbacik Superintendent of Central Services regarding the City's 2026 fleet equipment inventory.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on March 17, 2026, from Ashley Williams "Just Transition Northwest Indiana" regarding the Project Maize Data Center.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on March 19, 2026, from Amy Losinski and Dominic Yanke to the Board and Zoning Appeal Board members.

Correspondence was received from Shelly Yanke on March 23, 2026, regarding an incident that took place at 402 Royal Road.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on March 24, 2026, File 091-49561-00195 OAQ Permit

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on March 25, 2026, from C.J. Alexander requesting his document be sent to the Council member.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on March 31, 2026, from President Tillman to Ashly Williams regarding Ms. Williams correspondence the Clerk's Office received on March 17th

RESOLUTIONS

Clerk Neulieb read the following resolution by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL**RESOLUTION NO. 4996**

**APPROVING REQUEST TO CONNECT TO MICHIGAN CITY SEWER UTILITIES
BY YELLOW BEAR FARMS LLC OF
2522 SHOREWOOD DRIVE, LONG BEACH, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, Section 98-86 of the Municipal Code of Michigan City, as amended by Ordinance No. 4662 on December 28, 2022, currently reads as follows:

The owner of any real property located outside the corporate limits of the City who wishes to connect to the public sanitation system of the City for new or expanded service shall execute a waiver of the right to demonstrate or remonstrate against annexation by the City as a condition of connecting to the public sanitation system of the City. This waiver of the right to demonstrate or remonstrate against annexation shall be valid for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date the waiver is executed. This waiver shall run with the land and shall be recorded in the Office of the LaPorte County Recorder not later than thirty (30) business days from the date the waiver is executed. This waiver shall also be filed with the Office of the City Clerk of Michigan City not later than thirty (30) business days from the date the waiver is executed; and

WHEREAS, Section 98-87 of the Municipal Code of Michigan City, as amended by Ordinance No. 4662 on December 28, 2022, currently reads as follows:

No adjacent municipality or any part thereof may connect to the public sanitation system of the City without the express approval of a majority of the Michigan City Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has been made aware that a property owner wishes to establish a connection to the public sanitation system of the City of Michigan City: namely, Yellow Bear Farms LLC (hereinafter referred to as the “Property Owner”), at 2522 Shorewood Drive, Long Beach, IN 46360 (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council therefore finds that the Property Owner and the Property constitute a part of an adjacent municipality (specifically, the Town of Long Beach) which wishes to establish a connection to the public sanitation system of the City of Michigan City, therefore being subject to the provisions of Section 98-87 of the Municipal Code of Michigan City; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has executed any and all waivers necessary for compliance with Section 98-86 of the Municipal Code of Michigan City, which said waiver is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has already sought and obtained the necessary approval of the Michigan City Sanitary District (“the District”) in order to permit the establishment or re-establishment of their sewer connection, specifically, the District has issued a Lateral Permit Number of 26-04-L and has provided a capacity certification confirming there is sufficient capacity in the District’s sewer system to receive and transport the discharge from the proposed connection by the Property Owner and that the connection has been approved. A copy of this documentation is attached hereto and incorporated herein as group **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk is directed to record the waiver, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with the La Porte County Recorder’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk may require the Property Owner to re-execute **Exhibit A** if more than thirty (30) business days have elapsed from the date of initial execution and the date the Waiver is submitted for recording.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The aforementioned “Whereas” sections are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
2. Pursuant to Section 98-86 and Section 98-87 of the Michigan City Municipal Code, the expansion of the existing sanitary sewer service to real estate outside the corporate limits of the City of Michigan City as proposed by the Property Owner is hereby authorized and approved.
3. The City Clerk is directed to record the Waiver attached hereto as **Exhibit A** with the La Porte County Recorder’s Office.

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/Don Przybylinski

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

Council Przybylinski stated he is the liaison to the Sanitary District advising that this property is located on the Northside of Shorewood Drive in Long Beach and the council previously approved a sewer hookup for the neighboring property to the same owner; as all steps has been followed and will need approval from the council to connect to the Sanitary District sewers; reading the following into record:

The owner of any real property located outside the corporate limits of the City who wishes to connect to the public sanitation system of the City for new or expanded service shall execute a waiver of the right to demonstrate or remonstrate against annexation by the City as a condition of connecting to the public sanitation system of the City. This waiver of the right to demonstrate or remonstrate against annexation shall be valid for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date the waiver is executed. This waiver shall run with the land and shall be recorded in the Office of the LaPorte County Recorder not later than thirty (30) business days from the date the waiver is executed. This waiver shall also be filed with the Office of the City Clerk of Michigan City not later than thirty (30) business days from the date the waiver is executed.

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

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

Attorney Harris advised President Tillman that the reference to paragraph three as both 98-87 and 98-86 may be a typographical error and without reviewing the document, cannot determine which citation is correct; however, it is considered a typographical error and will not require further approval.

Councilman Bietry stated he is against providing any resources from the city unless they agree to be a part of the city; and that the annexation should not be limited to just the water and sewers as it’s for all city services as this remains an issue for the residence of Long Beach.

Attorney Harris advised that both codes are correct, as one pertains to the connection while the other addresses the annexation waiver; stating that the service area for the Sanitary District is defined by ordinance, and because this property lies outside of that boundary, the annexation is required; and that long term study is currently underway, which is expected to result in an amendment to the service area that would allow the District to address these matter more broadly, rather than on an individual basis.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer stated that the city is not benefiting financially from the sewer extensions aside from the monthly service charge to the Sanitary District; and that the properties should be annexed into the City to collect property taxes; stating that she is not in favor of the proposed resolution and will be voting against it.

Councilwoman Dabney stated he agrees with Councilwoman Moldenhauer these properties should be annexed into the city to collect the property taxes and not the county, as they do receive all municipal services as this could help the city's general fund.

Attorney Harris advised Councilwoman Lee that the property owner is responsible for the fees, as well as the equipment and labor associated with this project, stating that the resolution is granting permission for them to proceed.

Councilwoman Lee stated that there has been issues in the Long Beach area with septic tank leaks, and that she supports this resolution, as there is time for this property to be annex into the city.

Peter Izvorski, Benchmark Design Studio, stated that a septic tank system is not an option due to the water levels as it sits on Lake Claire that connects into Lake Michigan.

Attorney Harris advised Councilman Bietry that the annexation is on the city side not the Sanitary District; and that the district is working on recommendations to bring before the council that include the timing for annexations and will provide the council with a future workshop once the study has been completed.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer stated that having a fifteen (15) year window is to large and it should be shortened.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the proposed resolutions, second by Councilman Coulter, the motion carried and the resolution was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Lee, Przybylinski, and Tillman (6) **NAYS:** Council members Moldenhauer (1)

President Tillman stated the resolution has passed.

ORDINANCES

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
**AMENDING SEC. 22-83 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BUILDING & INSPECTION FEE WAIVER**

Introduced by: Tim Bietry
 Bryant Dabney

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

Councilman Bietry stated he supports this proposed ordinance, as in the past, permit fees have been waived for the Michigan City Area School Corporation, and the Michigan City Public Library building; advised that this ordinance would only waive Fifty Percent (50%) of the permit fees.

Councilman Dabney stated he agreed with Councilman Bietry as this proposed ordinance makes a clear understand of what the council is allowed to do and read the following whereas into record.

WHEREAS, the City reasonably believes that it is in the best interest of the City and residents herein to amend Sec. 22-83 of the Michigan City Municipal Code to provide the Common Council with the ability to waive up to Fifty Percent (50%) of building permit fees and inspection fees for the following:

- a. 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations engaged in the acquisition, creation, and construction/improvements of affordable housing; and
- b. Michigan City Area Schools, and
- c. Michigan City Public Library.

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

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, stated there is many resources for non for profits and should not hand out any permit fees being waved.

Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street, stated he supports the permit fees being waived for the schools and libraries but that the 501-3C's as they receive tax breaks already and should be considered by individual basis.

Ernie Hollihan, 602 Gladys Street, stated he supports waving the permit fees for the school system.

Sal Dunlap, 729 E. Michigan Blvd., advised the council not to be selective when it comes to waiving permit fees for the 501-3C's.

Dave Williamson, 605 White Oak Drive, Director of Facility for the Michigan City Area Schools, advised that the school system needs to renovate the schools bringing them up to current standards and is asking for the permit fees to be waived.

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

President Tillman asked if the Council had any questions or comments.

Councilman Przybylinski stated he spoke with the Sue Downs, Building Commissioner, and the permit fees for the school system are projected to be \$131,000.00; asked Mr. Williamson to provide an overview of the project.

Dave Williamson, 605 White Oak Drive, Director of Facility for the Michigan City Area Schools, stated the project will be called "The Barbara Jones Event Center" located at the Michigan City High School that will house a new multi-purpose field; the total amount of the project is \$185 Million Dollars that will be paid by bonds.

Councilman Przybylinski stated with the fees being waived by Fifty Percent (50%) the city will still receive \$65,000.00.

Councilman Coulter stated he is thankful the Michigan City Public Library is included in this proposed ordinance as Senate Bill 1 has had an effect on their tax base.

Councilwoman Lee stated that the council can waive up to Fifty Percent (50%) for any 501-3C but they will still have to apply and come before the council.

Councilman Dabney read the following

Sec. 22-83. Waiving a Percentage of Building Permit Fees & Inspection Fees.

- (a) The City Common Council, may waive up to Fifty Percent (50%), by resolution of the City Common Council, of any and all building permit fees and inspection fees charged by the Planning & Inspection Department for the following:

- (1) Non-profit 501(c) (3) corporations that are engaged in the acquisition, creation, and construction/improvement of decent and adequate housing for those who would not otherwise qualify under normal means;
- (2) Michigan City Area Schools, and
- (3) Michigan City Public Library.

(b) This fee waiver shall apply only to projects owned by or performed for the benefit of one of the entities described above in subsection (a). This waiver shall not apply to private developers or contractors except where such private developer or contractor is performing work directly on behalf of one of the entities described above in subsection (a).

President Tillman stated this will be held over for second reading at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

President Tillman asked Councilman Coulter to address how the council will be moving forward on the next Four (4) Ordinances.

Attorney Harris stated the next Four (4) Ordinance that was previously on the agenda for additional appropriations due to the new requirement must be posted on Gateway and that a public hearing be held; to meet this requirement all Four (4) ordinances will come before the council tonight to approve on all Three (3) readings by a unanimous vote and approve all Four (4) of them in one motion.

Marylynn Wall, City Controller, stated pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-5 effective January 1, 2026, all additional appropriations must be uploaded to Gateway at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing, and that the DLGF will make the information available to the taxpayers on budgetnotices.in.gov Ten (10) days prior to the public hearing; stating that the advertisement will no longer have to be placed in the newspaper, and that the advertisement was uploaded to Gateway on March 20, 2026.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer asked the Controller to explain what Gateway is; and stated that the advertisement should still be put in the newspaper.

Marylynn Wall, City Controller, stated that although it does get posted on Gateway it does not limit the city to only advertising this way; advising that Gateway is the Indiana Transparency Portal where City Budgets and Additional Appropriations are listed.

Attorney Harris advised President Tillman the City Clerk can read all Four (4) ordinance by title only, open the Formal Public Hearing, and then have a motion.

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

**Introduced by: Bryant Dabney
Dr. Vidya Kora**

(DCEREASE 1101.000 Unappropriated balance \$300,000.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1101.105.422.024 \$300,000.00 Operating Supplies- Salt)

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DESTINATION PLAYGROUND IN FEDDER'S ALLEY

Introduced by: Don Przybylinski
Nancy Moldenhauer
Tim Bietry
Daisy Lee

(DECREASE 2235.000 Unappropriated balance \$600,000.00 INCREASE: ACCOUNT# 2235.502.444.050 \$600,000.00 Cap Outlay-Imp Other than Bldg. Other)

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIOS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Introduced by: Daisy Lee
Dr. Vidya Kora

(DECREASE 2235.000 Unappropriated balance \$1,100,000.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2235.202.445.050 - \$1,100,000.00 Other Machinery & Equipment)

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING THE BUY-OUT OF LEASED VEHICLES, FOR THE MICHIGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduced by: Daisy Lee
Dr. Vidya

(DECREASE 2235.000 Unappropriated balance \$500,000.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2235.202.445.020 \$500,000.00 Other Machinery & Equipment Motor Vehicle)

President Tillmans stated that all Four (4) ordinances have been advertised in the Herald Dispatch on March 26, 2026; formal public hearing is taking place tonight April 7, 2026, and has been posted on "Gateway".

President Tillman advised that there will be a formal public hearing this evening (stating three times) "Is there anyone from the public that wish to speak on any of the Four (4) proposed ordinances.

City Clerk Neulieb stated for the record that her office will continue to place advertisements in the newspaper for the public transparency.

Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street, stated he feel each of the proposed ordinances should be read indivual and voted on separately so that the public can speak on every item.

President Tillman asked if there were any further questions or comments from the public at this time, there was no response, and the formal public hearing was closed.

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

Councilman Coulter stated that on the Gateway website under the taxpayer portal that any residence can sign up for email notifications regarding budgets and additional appropriations.

Councilman Coulter made a motion to suspend the rules to have first, second and third reading this evening, seconded by Councilman Przybylinski, the motion passed to have first, second and third reading this evening, by the following vote: **AYES:** Council

members Coulter, Dabney, Lee, Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Tillman, and Bietry (7)

NAYS: Council members None (0)

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4794

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE
GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE STREET
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated to the Common Council of the City of Michigan City that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2026 Annual Budget for the purchase of road salt; and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund #1101.000 to be appropriated for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the City the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purpose specified above, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
DECREASE 1101.000 Unappropriated balance	\$300,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1101.105.422.024 Operating Supplies- Salt		\$300,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$300,000.00	

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Introduced by:/s/ Bryant Dabney
 /s/ Dr. Vidya Kora
 /s/ Don Przybylinski

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4795

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE
RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DESTINATION
PLAYGROUND IN FEDDER’S ALLEY**

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated to the Common Council of the City of Michigan City that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2026 Annual Budget for the construction of the destination playground in Fedder’s Alley; and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are

available in the River Boad Fund #2235.000 to be appropriated for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the City the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purpose specified above, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
DECREASE 2235.000 Unappropriated balance	\$600,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2235.502.444.050 Cap Outlay-Imp Other than Bldg Other		\$600,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$600,000.00	

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Introduced by:/s/ Don Przybylinski
/s/ Nancy Moldenhauer
/s/ Tim Bietry
/s/ Daisy Lee

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance by title only.

**MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 4796**

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE
RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIOS FOR POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated to the Common Council of the City of Michigan City that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2026 Annual Budget for the purchase of radios for the Police Department and Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the River Boad Fund #2235.000 to be appropriated for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the City the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purpose specified above, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
DECREASE 2235.000 Unappropriated balance	\$1,100,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2235.202.445.050 Other Machinery & Equipment		\$1,100,000.00
TOTAL FUND	\$1,100,000.00	

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Introduced by:/s/ Daisy Lee
/s/ Dr. Vidya Kora

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4797

APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING THE BUY-OUT OF LEASED VEHICLES, FOR THE MICHIGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated to the Common Council of the City of Michigan City that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2026 Annual Budget for the purchase of vehicles for the Michigan City Police Department, including the buy-out on certain leased vehicles by said Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the River Boad Fund #2235.000 to be appropriated for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the City the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purpose specified above, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
DECREASE 2235.000 Unappropriated balance	\$500,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2235.202.445.020 Other Machinery & Equipment Motor Vehicle		\$500,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$500,000.00	

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Introduced by:/s/ Daisy Lee
/s/ Dr. Vidya Kora

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

Councilwoman Lee stated that the Four (4) ordinance was introduced on March 4, 2026, and had previously been read at Two (2) Council meetings along with a formal public hearing; this is providing the public extra time for comments.

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

Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street, asked if the fire truck that was discussed Two (2) years ago has been purchase for the Fire Department; and that he does not feel this is the time to allocate \$300,000 for road salt; advised he is not opposed to the all-inclusive park, but that there has been insufficient planning in our community by not utilizing the existing properties to their fullest extent and improving the neighborhoods parks throughout our city.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, stated at the previous Park Board meeting they received One (1) bid for the demolition of Millennium Plaza Fountain and that the bid was higher than what was appropriated.

President Tillman stated this is the last call for public comments, there was no response.

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

Councilman Bietry stated the appropriation for road salt is being done at this time for a deal that is being offered to the city to purchase salt now instead of December.

Councilman Dabney stated that he agrees with the early purchase of road salt to have on hand and being able to receive a deal with the supplier.

Councilman Coulter made a motion to approve the Four (4) proposed ordinances, seconded by Councilman Przybylinski, the motion carried and the Four (4) ordinances was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dabney, Lee, Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, and Coulter (7) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

President Tillman stated that all Four (4) ordinances have passed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tillman asked if there was any new business.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there was no new business this evening

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tillman asked if there was any unfinished business.

NOMINATIONS: Clerk Neulieb stated the council has one (1) appointment to the Sustainability Commission – **Incumbent:** Lawrence Zimmerman – term expires 3/31/2026.

Clerk Neulieb read the following applications that were received in the Clerk's office for the Sustainability Commission appointment:

- Shauna Hill
- Violet Worth
- Lawrence Zimmer

President Tillman asked (repeating three times) "Are there any nomination for the one (1) appointment to the Sustainability Commission".

Councilman Bietry and Councilwoman Moldenhauer nominated Lawrence Zimmer.

Attorney Harris advised that not all council members are required to make a nomination; the process is open to determine if any nominations are being brought forward, and the vote will be based on those nominations; stating that if only one person is nominated, a vote may proceed this evening.

President Tillman asked if there were any other nominations; stated that nominations are closed and since there was only one (1) nomination for Lawrence Zimmer we will hold the vote this evening.

Lawrence Zimmer was appointed to the Sustainability Commission by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Lee, Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, and Tillman (7) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

President Tillman called a "Point of Order" to congratulate Lawrence Zimmer on his appointment to the Sustainability Commission.

President Tillman advised that the council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Social Status of African American Males Commission representing the following and expired February 15, 2026

Michigan City Area Schools – Dwayne Hurt (2-year term)

President Tillman advised that correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from the Michigan City Area School Board that Mr. Marty Corley was appointed to represent them on this commission with his term beginning immediately and will expire February 15, 2028.

Attorney Harris advised President Tillman the vote can be held at tonight's council meeting.

President Tillman stated the vote will be taken by roll call to accept the Michigan City Area Schools representative to the Michigan City Social Status of African American Males Commission – Marty Corley, the motion carried and Mr. Corley was appointed to the Social Status of African American Males Commission by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, and Lee (7) **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

President Tillman congratulated Marty Corley on his appointment to the Social Status of African American Males Commission.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Dave Biela, 3044 Ohio Street, stated his concerns with the lack of service from the Sanitary District regarding sewer's and ditch maintenance in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wards.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, congratulated Lania Davis, Marquette High School senior who made the Indiana State Allstate team; asked the Redevelopment Commission to remove the fence along the former "You Are Beautiful" lot.

Sal Dunlap, 729 E. Michigan Blvd., stated his concerns with panhandling in our community and the property located at Lafayette and 8th Street.

Amy Losinski, 104 Mayfield Drive, stated her concerns with Royal Road and parking in front of the "Data Center"; advised she filed a formal complainant with the Planning Department for the BZA and the city has failed to respond.

Ernie Hollihan, 302 Gladys Street, stated his concerns with the "Data Center" at 402 Royal Road.

Mike Corbin, 406 Jackson Street, stated his concerns with the "SOLA" project and the LLC's.

Shelley Yankee, 904 Willow Spring Drive, stated her concerns with the air quality and asked for the IDEM results for the soil at "Project Maize" located at 402 Royal Road.

Dominic Yankee, 904 Willow Spring Drive, stated his concerns with an incident that happen at "Project Maize" Data Denter at 402 Royal Road.

Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street, thanked the residences for voicing their concerns for transparency with the administration; asked why non-disclosures were signed regarding the "Data Center" and why a bond was used instead of TIF Funds for the Eastside Annexation.

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 Przybylinski, thanked the Street, Vector, and Refuse Departments for a great citywide clean up; stated that Mayor Angie and himself attended the community meeting for the IURC and provided the members with the resolution that was passed by the council regarding rate increases; thanked Tom Nazemik for the petition and that the recovery home will be built by the former YMCA on Coolspring; asked Council Attorney Harris to draft a letter to IDEM to get answers regarding the soil testing results at "Project Maize" Data Center located at 402 Royal Road.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer, stated that NIPSCO locked their employees out and that she stands behind United Steelworkers 12775; advised that the Sustainability Commission is working with various city departments to replace city vehicles with electric and compressed natural gas.

Councilwoman Lee advised that in order for the council members to receive information regarding "Project Maize" Data Center NDA's had to be signed; stated that the "SOLA" LLC's miss spelling has been resolved; invited the public to attend "Spring Spruce Up" at Striebel Pond on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

President Tillman announced that the Michigan City Special Events is looking for art and merchandise vendors for the Michigan City Food and Music Festival taking place May 23-24, 2026, Juneteenth Day on June 19, 2026, Signing Sands Festival July 17-19, 2026, and Oktoberfest September 4- 7, 2026; and provided the locations for early voting

President Tillman asked if the council had any other comments, there was no response.

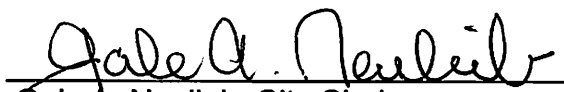
ADJOURNMENT

A motion by President Tillman, second by Councilman Coulter and there being no further business to transact, President Tillman declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:55 p.m.)

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Tracie Tillman, President


Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk