

REGULAR IN PERSON COUNCIL

“HYBRID/ZOOM” MEETING

April 21, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, April 21, 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, Dr. Vidya Kora, Daisy Lee, Nancy Moldenhauer, Joseph Nelson, Don Przybylinski, and Tracie Tillman (9).

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS (0)

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

ALSO, PRESENT: Council Attorney Nick Snow, 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, April 7, 2026, and the Mayor / Council Executive Session minutes held on April 6, 2026.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026, Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) meeting minutes, and the Executive Session meeting minutes that was held on April 6, 2026, second by Councilman Bietry; the motion carried and they were both approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Lee, Moldenhauer, Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, and Kora (9) **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 Dr. Kora stated that the Finance Committee did not meet this evening as there was no claims to approve; stating the Riverboat Statement of Cash Position for April 21, 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.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Clarence Hulse, EDCMC Director, presented the Annual Report.

(NOTE: This Annual Report/ presentation is filed in the Clerk’s Office under Council Matters).

many new attainable housing developments currently underway; requesting that a list be provided to the public with all of the smaller developments that have been completed; stating that the focus should be bringing new industry's for our community, that the study regarding the Indiana State Prison will continue until the final documents are completed; announced the 11th Street Housing Development is scheduled to open on July 26, 2026; encouraged residents to support our local small businesses; and that new developments will be coming to both east and west sides of our city.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer introduced Tree Board Committee Chair Jennifer Birchfield, who presented their 2026 Annal Report.

(NOTE: This Annual Report/presentation is filed in the Clerk's Office under Council Matters).

Discussion ensued between Jennifer Birchfield, President Tillman and Council members Dr. Kora, Lee, Moldenhauer, and Przybylinski, regarding that trees help provide healthier air for our community; requested community members to help take care of the new trees that were planted by watering them; thanked Wendy Vachet - Board of Public Works Director and the city administration of contracts; and that a list of the names of the trees that were planted and their value will be provided to the council members.

Derald Borton, Human Rights Commission Chair, announced their 2026 Michigan City Human Rights Humanitarian of the year award dinner will be Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the FOP Dunes Lodge #75 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; stating that Councilman Dr. Kora had been selected as our Humanitarian of the Year and that the commission is looking for Human Rights Scholarships program sponsors.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, member of the LaPorte County Alcohol Beverage Commission, stated that Tutties Chicken and Fish restaurant will be opening on Michigan Boulevard in the former Creek Side location; and read Senate Bill 260-regarding Alcohol and Tabacco Commission Permits.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer, liaison to the Sustainability Commission, invited the public to attend the following: "Earth Month Extravaganza" on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Michigan City Senior Center from 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.; at 9:00 a.m. a tree planting at Walker Street Garden, and 10:00 a.m. a beach cleanup at Washington Park; and on May 9, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center a "Pollinator Garden Planting" workshop.

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, 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.

Mayor Angie addressed the council regarding the following

- Thanked Jennifer Birchfield – Tree Board Chair who presented their 2026 Annual Report, the Tree Board members and City Arborist- Phil Graf for all they have done and accomplished in the past year.
- Thanked Clarence Hulse, EDCMC Director, for his annual report and his staff for the great job they have done over the last year as well.
- Updated information regarding the "Safe Street Grant" that additional funds were received for a total amount of \$350,000 for the city's sidewalk program with the bids scheduled to go out.

- Updated the status of several grants that the city has applied for and are waiting on.
- “Destination Playground” has been funded and is scheduled to go out for bid and are looking forward to the groundbreaking the weekend after Labor Day 2026.
- CCMG was not awarded the grant they applied for the first round, but we did reapply and was awarded \$774,697.00 from the state to begin the 2026 paving.
- Advised the city is now a member of the “America in Bloom” with the advisors scheduled to be here in June and she will notify the Tree Board and the Sustainability Commission members so they can attend.
- Stated that her GALA event was held on April 17, and as Clarence Hulse EDCMC Director, shared, Google was announced last week and they matched us with \$50,000 with her giving away total \$120,000 to local organizations.
- Invited the public to attend the “Indiana Plan” information meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the EOC room from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. and will be sponsoring another class that is scheduled to start on July 13, 2026.
- Creating a program for contractors and developers to build attainable housing and small housing units on city’s smaller and vacant lots within our community using the “Drive Grant”; CDBG and rehabilitation programs that will be funded by the state to provide residents with energy efficient appliances, roofs, windows and doors.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Angie, President Tillman, and Council members Dr. Kora, Coulter, and Przybyliski regarding grants that are being applied for to save the city money for improvements; programs and purchases; what donations that were received from the gala to local non for profit organization; requesting a traffic study through the “Safe Street Grant” to be done on Franklin Street to reduce speeding, routes that will be used to get from the south to north of our community, new signs installation throughout the city; and to apply for planning grants instead of using the Rever Boat fund moving forward.

MCFD Chief Bear Taylor presented their March 2026 monthly stats.

NOTE: This report is filed in the Clerk’s office in council matters 2026

Councilman Nelson thanked the Michigan City Fire Department for the Narcan demonstration.

Councilwoman Lee thanked C shift for their help during the “Spring Spruce Up” at Striebel Pond last Saturday.

PETITIONS

President Tillman asked Clerk Neulieb if there were any petitions.

Clerk Neulieb read the following petitions.

- Petition of Bailey's Properties LLC to **VACATE A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY RUNNING PARALLEL TO EAST MICHIGAN BOULEVARD AND LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO 2525 AND 2515 EAST MICHIGAN BOULEVARD**
- Petition of Ronald Presbitero and Lauren Presbitero to **VACATE A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET AND A PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY LOCATED NORTH OF WOODLAWN AVENUE BETWEEN WINNIPEG AVENUE AND GENEVA LAKE AVENUE**

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 April 2, 2026, from Mayor Angie regarding her Gala event being held on Friday, April 17, 2026.

A Notice was received in the Clerk's Office on April 6, 2026, from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) regarding a sanitary sewer construction permit application received.

A Notice of a Public Hearing was received in the Clerk's Office from NFR Institute of Technology regarding Petition # B-105-26 being held on Tuesday April 14, 2026.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on April 10, 2026, from Mayor Angie announcing that the city was awarded \$774,697.92 for Road Improvement Project/ 2026-2 Community Crossing Grant Funds (CCMG)

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from CJ Alexander responding to the response he received regarding an FOIA he filed on March 26, 2026.

Correspondence was received on April 13, 2026, from Ashley Williams regarding correspondence she received from Councilwoman Tillman regarding the DATA Center, 402 Royal Road.

RESOLUTIONS

President Tillman asked Clerk Neulieb if there were any resolutions.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there were no resolutions this evening.

ORDINANCES

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

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY RUNNING PARALLEL TO EAST MICHIGAN BOULEVARD AND LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO 2525 AND 2515 EAST MICHIGAN BOULEVARD

Introduced by: Don Przybylinski

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

Councilman Przybylinski advised that Attorney McDonnell representing the petitioner was present to explain what is being proposed and answer any questions the council may have.

Attorney Barry McDonnell, 601 Franklin Street, representing Bailey's Properties LLC Dr. Rex and Sherry Baily owners of the Michigan City Animal Hospital, advised that the proposed petition/vacation will allow them to make improvements and expand the parking lot; that the parcel is the alley that has never been developed only maintained with vegetation and therefore would not serve as an access point.

President Tillman stated this will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on April 22, 2026, and the formal public will be held on May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

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

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

Councilman Przybylinski thanked Attorney McDonnell for his explanation of what is being proposed; asking the council to support the proposed ordinance.

President Tillman asked if there were any other comments from the council, there was no response; stating this will be held over on 2nd Reading at the May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET AND A PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY LOCATED NORTH OF WOODLAWN AVENUE BETWEEN WINNIPEG AVENUE AND GENEVA LAKE AVENUE

Introduced by: Don Przybylinski

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

Councilman Przybylinski stated that Attorney McDonnell representing Ronald and Lauren Presbitero, asking him to explain to the council what they are asking to vacate in this proposed ordinance.

Attorney Barry McDonnell, 601 Franklin Street, represented Ronald and Laurne Presbitero advising that the property they want to vacate site on two (2) vacant parcels with a sixteen (16) foot wide alley that was plated separating the parcels that are both owned by the petitioners; that the petitioners are wanting to build a large single-family home and that the underdeveloped alley needs to be vacated prior to moving forward.

President Tillman stated this will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on April 22, 2026, and the formal public will be held on May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

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

Sal Dunlap, 729 E. Michigan Blvd., addressed the council stating that you don't have to have a background in a profession to present a proposed vacation to the council.

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 this will be bringing in a new resident to the westside of the city by letting them develop their family home on empty undeveloped parcel, asking for the council to also support on this proposed ordinance.

President Tillman asked if there were any other comments from the council, there was no response; stating this proposed ordinance will be held over for 2nd Reading at the May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only.
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE GOLF NON-REVERTING FUND #2508 TO FUND SALARIES AND WAGES AT THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES

Introduced by: Bryant Dabney

(DECREASE Golf Non-Reverting Fund #2508 Unappropriated balance \$ 36,600.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT #2508.000.411.014 \$ 35,300.00 Seasonal Wages. **INCREASE**
ACCOUNT #2508.000.411.013 \$ 1,300.00 Salaries and Wages (Full Time)

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

Councilman Dabney stated this a non-reverting fund that allows the golf course to maintain funds that will not go into the general fund but may be used for what is needed for the golf course.

President Tillman stated this will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on April 22, 2026, and the formal public will be held on May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

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

Shannan Eason, Park Supertindent, introduced Melissa Moore, Park’s new Administrative Assistant, stating that these funds are coming from the non-reverting account which makes money/ spends money with the checking account always balanced.

Melissa Moore, Park Administrative Assistant, advised the funds being proposed were not put in the Park’s “Seasonal Budget” for 2026 and that is currently Sixty-Four Percent (64%) in the Operating Budget; stating that his would just be a transfer of funds from the non-reverting account.

Shannan Eason, Park Supertindent, advised the Golf Course has already confirmed Eight (8) outings for this year; and that the Park Departments cash balance is in good shape and that none of these funds will be used if money if is coming in; that we want to make sure we have enough funds in our personnel accounts.

President Tillman asked if there was any further public comments, there was no response.

President Tillman asked if the Council had any questions or comments, there was no response, stating the proposed ordinance will be held over for 2nd Reading at the May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

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

APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RAINY DAY FUND TO COVER UNFUNDED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT FUND (PERF) CONTRIBUTIONS

Introduced by: Tracie Tillman
Tim Bietry
Bryant Dabney

(DECREASE 2236.000 Unappropriated balance \$400,000.00. INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2236.000.413.003 \$400,000.00)

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

President Tillman read the following proposed ordinance in its entirety.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RAINY DAY FUND TO COVER UNFUNDED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT FUND (PERF) CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City, Indiana (“City”) participates in the Indiana Public Employees’ Retirement Fund (PERF) administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS); and

WHEREAS, a recent internal audit performed by the Human Resource Department identified that eight (8) participants had “improperly retired” with PERF due to failing to have an actual bona fide separation of employment as required by IRS and PERF regulations; and

WHEREAS, of these eight (8) participants, six (6) are City employees, one (1) is a Port Authority employee, and one (1) is an elected official; and

WHEREAS, these improper retirements occurred between 2021 and 2023 before Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch took office; and

WHEREAS, the City has worked cooperatively with PERF to resolve this matter, and as a result, the employer’s share of contributions must be remitted for all eight (8) participants retroactive to the date that each submitted their improper retirement applications to current; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recently advised the Port Authority that they will be required to remit their respective employer share for their one (1) participant once that amount has been determined by INPRS; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds currently appropriated in the 2026 Budget to satisfy the missed employer contributions by the City to PERF for the remaining seven (7) participants; and

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 City’s employer contributions for seven (7) City participants to PERF; and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the Rainy Day Fund #2236.000 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 2236.000 Unappropriated balance	\$400,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2236.000.413.003		\$400,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$400,000.00	

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.

President Tillman stated this will be advertised in the Herald Dispatch on April 22, 2026, and the formal public will be held on May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

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

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

Councilman Bietry stated that in 1859 Charles Dickson wrote “A Tale of Two Cities”, stating “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”; advising that the city has had great growth and that the legislature and governor has tried to financially ruin us and that this proposed ordinance is an example of the worst of times and that mistakes were made prior to the current administration and have to meet the responsibilities under the law for an additional \$400,000 to cover the financial obligations.

Amber Lapaich Stailbrink, Corporation Counsel, advised Councilman Dr. Kora that the city worked with INPRS to resolve the issue thanking them for bringing it to their attention when the audit was complete; and that the issues with employees retirement is solely with INPRS and does not foresee it happening again due to the participants have to affirmatively fill out their applications, submit them and with the representation that they are separating employment and moving forward HR is strictly referring all staff to INPRS for retirement.

Councilman Przybylinski, stated that he doesn't believe there was any ill intent that has happened and nevertheless it did happen; asking why a meeting was not held with the with the Personnel Director with each of the individuals involved to see what exactly happened instead of receiving a letter from the state; the employees involved don't feel good about this and that the end results will be tough on them but there should have been a conversation of why things happened the way they did instead of just okay this is it write an ordinance and be done with it.

Councilman Dabney stated the council was strictly told this is a state issue with INPRS and did not have anything to do with the Human Resources talking to employees as this was sent directly to INPRS to settle this issue; and a sit down conversation would have been a ill point as this is a state issue and has been refereed and will be settled there as it is no longer in the city's hands and have to pay \$400,000 that would have funded their retirements.

Amber Lapaich Stailbrink, Corporation Counsel, stated when the city met with INPRS, they advised this is a INPRS matter and that they were going to handle reaching out directly to the employee and was no longer a city issue to resolve any back payments, and what the city would be responsible for is the employer share and that Councilman Dabney is correct.

President Tillman asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating this proposed ordinance will be held over for 2nd Reading at the May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on second 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 sponsor had anything to add at this time, there was no response.

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

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Place, stated that he supports waving the fee up to 50% instead if the entire permit fee.

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

Councilman Dabney stating this an outline and guidelines for the permit fee waiver; reading the following:

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.

Councilman Przybylinski stated this proposed ordinance will allow the council to wave up to 50% of permit fees on each application.

Councilman Bietry stated that the original ordinance only waive permit fees up to 50% to non for profits regarding housing and this proposed ordinance will include our schools and library; advised the council needs to be careful when selecting fees to be waived.

President Tillman asked if there were any other comments from the council; stating this proposed ordinance will be held over for 3rd Reading at the May 5, 2026, Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Tillman asked if there was any new business.

Clerk Neulieb stated Mayor Angie is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding her new appointment of Jesse Cundiff to the Michigan City Historic Commission, term begins immediately and expires 3/15/2029.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer made a motion to approve Mayor Angie's advice and consent request for her new appointment of Jesse Cundiff to the Michigan City Historic Preservation Commission with his term beginning immediately and expires March 15, 2029, second by Councilman Przybylinski, 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 member None (0).

President Tillman congratulated Jesse Cundiff on his appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Clerk Neulieb stated Mayor Angie is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding the re-appointments of the following to the Michigan City Historic Preservation Commission:

- Rose Tejada 3/15/2026 – 3/15/2027
- Patricia Matsey 3/15/2026 - 3/15/2029

Councilman Coulter, liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission stated the commission has come a long way for the better.

Councilman Coulter made a motion to approve Mayor Angie's advice and consent request of the re-appointments of Rose Tejada and Patsey Matsey to the Michigan City Historic Preservation Commission with the term beginning immediately and Rose Tejada expiring March 15, 2027 and Patricia Matsey expiring March 15, 2029, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Nelson, Przybylinski, Tillman, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee, and Moldenhauer (9) **NAYS:** Council member None (0).

President Tillman congratulated Rose Tejada and Patricia Matsey on their re-appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Tillman asked if there was any unfinished business.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there was no unfinished business this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Ernie Hollihan, 302 Gladys Street, stated he hopes that industry and jobs will come back to our city

Sal Dunlap, 729 E. Michigan Blvd., thanked Councilman Przybylinski for his help regarding his issues within the city; stating his concerns with community development.

Dave Bielia, 3044 Ohio Street, stated his concerns with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wards ditch maintenance, and invited the public to attend the Sanitary District meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, thanked Chris Yagelski, Sanitary District, Chris Carter, Refuse Department, and Jessica Ward, Michigan City Municipal Airport and Brett Kelly, Vector Control, for community wide spring and liter clean up around our city.

President Tillman called a five (5) minute recess coming back at 8:40 p.m., second by Councilman Coulter.

President Tillman called the meeting back to order opening "Public Comments".

Linda Stoulz, 201 Euclid Avenue, stated her concerns with the Data Center located at 402 Royal Road, and requesting sidewalks to be installed along south Franklin Street.

Dominic Yankee, 904 Willow Spring Drive, stated his concerns with the proposed ordinance regarding PERF and concerns with the Data Center located at 402 Royal Road.

Tiffany Taylor, 701 E. 11th Street, introduced the program City Kids New Wave.

Ashley Williams, 401 Fir Street, stated her concerns with the Data Center located at 402 Royal Road.

C. J. Alexander, 6233 N. 300 West, presented a packet to the council regarding his concerns within the city.

President Tillman stated any direct slander or select individuals; this is not the place to direct any personal grievances; this is to present your comments.

Amy Losinske, 104 Mayfield Drive, thanked Councilwoman Lee for following up regarding the truck traffic on Royal Road, stated her concerns with the construction on Tryon Road, and that the lack of response from the city and council is not okay.

Paul Przybylinski, 1716 Washington Street, asked the council to rescind the forty (40) year tax abatement; stating he supports Mr. Belia study regarding the sewer separation project / "Lafayette Sewer Project" and that Sanitary District owes the residence in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wards

Tom Donegan, 205 E. 11th Street, stated his concerns with annexations and unused property that the city currently owns.

Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Drive, advised this council did not approve Google/ Data Center; asking if "Google" would be a good neighbor, suggesting city residents to write a letter to "Google" to rescind the Tax Abatements they received at 402 Royal Road.

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, stated that Attorney Harris sent in a FOIA regarding the IDEM soil sampling report regarding the Data Center located at 402 Royal Road and have not received a response to date; announced that the yard waste pick up will begin on May 4, 2026; invited the public to attend the Sanitary District meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, regarding the sewer/ ditch report; thanked Tiffany Taylor for creating "City Kid New Wave" non for profit program; asked if the Planning Department has set up a meeting regarding annexations.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer, wished everyone a Happy Earth Day; and that Trail Creek has been cleaned up since the first Earth Day; and that in 1970's she and the high school Earth Club were responsible for petitioning and attending a public hearing that erected the cooling tower during NIPSCO expansion of their coal burning power plant; and stating her concerns that environmentally our country is currently going in the wrong direction.

Councilwoman Lee, stated that the "City Kids New Wave" bike program has a Facebook page and an Amazon Wishlist for items to be purchased; thanked the residents and the MCFD Shift A from Station 1 and 3 for participating in the Spring Spruce clean up at Striebel Park.

Councilman Dabney, stated his concerns with annexation with our city, Wendy Vachet, Public Works Director, will be putting an annexation plan together and then a meeting will be scheduled; and that industry may not be coming back into our community soon.

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

ADJOURNMENT

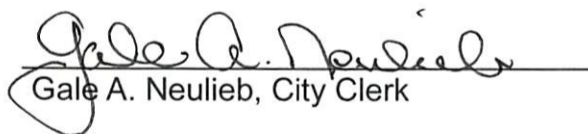
A motion by President Tillman, second by Councilman Coulter and there being no further business to transact, President Tillman declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 9:25 p.m.)

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:

[Michigan City Common Council April 21, 2026 - YouTube](#)



Tracie Tillman, President



Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk