

Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on April 20, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Michigan City, on Hybrid/Zoom and streamed live on the "Access LaPorte County" Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Candice Antisdell.

On the call of roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent.

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdell, Gene Simmons, Tamiko Smith, Peggy Moore and Patrick Voltz (5) **Absent:** None (0)

Also noted in attendance:

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Barret Taylor, Fire Chief; Dominique Edwards, Planning Director; Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol MCPD and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the April 6, 2026 Regular minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Antisdell and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the April 13th Workshop meeting minutes with one correction; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Awarding of RFP

Tree Planting-Spring 2026

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that she met with the City Forester regarding the RFP for the Spring 2026 tree planting, and the recommendation is not to award the project at this time in order to remain conservative, with the possibility of returning in the fall to continue the RFP process. Attorney Lapaich noted that three RFPs were received from Duneland Landscaping, Lakeshore Landscaping, and Davey Resource Group.

Ms. Moore made a motion to delay the awarding of the RFP, as recommended Corporate Counsel, for the Spring 2026 Tree Planting; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Awarding of Bid

2026 CCMG project – Community Crossing Matching Grant Road Improvement Project

Jeannette Hicks, Global Engineering and Land Surveying, stated that two bids were received for the 2026 CCMG Project, one from Milestone and one from Reith-Riley Construction. Ms. Hicks noted that alternate bids were also received, with the total including all alternates coming to \$1,569,366.34 from Reith-Riley, resulting in a city share of \$794,668.32. Discussion ensued between Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich and Ms. Hicks regarding the bids received.

Ms. Moore asked whether the City match was in order, and Ms. Smith responded that it was.

Ms. Moore asked when the project would begin. Ms. Hicks responded that once the project is submitted to INDOT, the funds must be sent, and upon receipt, the contractor may begin at any time thereafter, depending on when the plant opens.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the awarding of bid to Reith Riley; seconded by Mr. Voltz, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Proposals

Stump Removal, Log Removal & Debris Hauling – Spring 2026

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated the purpose of the request for proposals is to secure a contractor/contractors in order to do Stump Removal, Log Removal & Debris Hauling in the City of Michigan City.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for proposals; seconded by Ms. Moore, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Bids

Ameriplex Drive Roadway Reconstruction Project Phase 2

Ryan Haas, Haas & Associates, LLC, stated that the reconstruction project involves extending an existing roadway to accommodate the new building construction. Mr. Haas mentioned that bids will be opened at the meeting on the May 18 2026, and construction is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the request for bids; seconded by Mr. Voltz, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for a Rolling Road Closure

Queen of All Saints is requesting a one (1) lane rolling road closure on June 7, 2026 from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for a Church procession utilizing Woodland Avenue, Barker Avenue, Greenwood Avenue, Wabash Street, Washington Street and 10th Street to St. Mary's Church

Lucia Bim-Merle (616 S. Woodland Ave.) is requesting the Annual Church Procession, for Queen of All Saints. Ms. Bim-Merle mentioned that off duty police officers would be present in order to help with the escort.

Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol, MCPD, commented that this request is a repeat event noting that there have never been any issues in the past.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the request for a road closure pending the amended COI is received; seconded by Ms. Antisdell, and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (1) Simmons

Lane Closures for Special Event Request

Johnny Stimely is requesting lane closures for the Annual 5K Running Wild for Washington Park Zoo on July 12, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Closures will include LakeShore Drive, Center Street, Blaine Street, Ohming Street; Arndt Street; South Lake Avenue and Nevada Avenue

Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol, MCPD, commented that this is a recurring event and noted that some of the smaller streets will have soft closures, while LakeShore Drive will have more significant restrictions.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for lane closures; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Road Closures for Special Event Request

JFM American Legion Post 37 is requesting road closures on Monday, May 25, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the Annual Memorial Day Parade from Ames Field to

Greenwood Cemetery – closures will include: Pytynia Parkway, Arthur Street & Decatur Street

Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol, MCPD, commented that this is an annual event and noted that Franklin Street will be reopened promptly following its conclusion, resulting in minimal traffic disruption to the public.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the road closure for the special event request; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Event

Fried's Cat Shelter is requesting to hold a Fundraising Awareness Event on July 25, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in their parking lot at 509 Indiana Highway 212 that will include various animal shelters who will provide information on services available

Lillian Antisdell, 509 Indiana Highway 2-12 (Friends Cat Shelter), explained that the event is intended to bring shelters and rescues together to better serve the community and support animal welfare.

Dominique Edwards, Planning Director, commented that materials were missing regarding the use of an adjacent site; however, the adjacent lot, which is also owned by the applicant, is significantly larger than the area where activities will be concentrated. Ms. Edwards stated that site plan and updated materials are needed as soon as possible. Ms. Antisdell submitted the certificate of insurance at the meeting and provided it to the Clerk.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio St.) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the event with the condition that the site plan be submitted to Dr. Edwards; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) Moore, Smith, Voltz, Simmons

NAYS: (0) None

ABSTAIN: (1) Antisdell

Renewal of Vendor License

Ron Landtroop, A Slice of Heaven, is requesting the renewal of his vendor license – located in the parking lot of Brandt's Old Fashion Emporium, 309 W. Michigan Blvd

Ron Landtroop, 425 Ogden Avenue, stated that they are preparing for the season and are seeking renewal of the license.

Ms. Moore commented that she appreciated how well the packet was put together.

Mr. Simmons motioned to approve the license renewal; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Smith, Voltz, Simmons

Memorandum of Understanding

Between the City of Michigan City, Indiana and the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission for Landscaping Services to be rendered by the Vector Control Department

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that an MOU was entered into with Redevelopment last year under which the City would assist with mowing on Redevelopment properties, with consideration in the amount of \$90,000.

Mr. Kulavick (1316 Ohio St.) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the MOU; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval

The Michigan City Fire Department is seeking approval of the 2026 Service Agreement with Ascension St. Vincent Public Safety Medical (PSM) for firefighter annual wellness Services

Ms. Moore asked about Options 1 and 2 in the contract. Fire Chief, Barrett Taylor, responded that they may be related to age, but he was not certain and would look into it. Discussion ensued between Chief Taylor and Ms. Moore regarding the specifications of the contract.

Ms. Moore made a motion to table the request for approval to the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Order Affirming Emergency Costs

Order Affirming Emergency Costs Incurred Under Unsafe Building Act for the property located at 1504 E. Barker Avenue

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that at the last Board of Works meeting, the Board held a hearing regarding 1504 E. Barker Avenue, reducing the order to written form, and is now requesting Board approval of the written order.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the emergency costs at 1504 E. Barker Ave; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval

Request for Approval of Emergency Fees Incurred Under Unsafe Building Act & Notice of Hearing – 820 Buffalo St

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that this matter is scheduled as an administrative hearing; however, a request was made to continue it to the first meeting in May, noting that Ryan Beall, Deputy City Attorney, has not yet obtained service of process.

Ms. Moore made a motion to table the hearing for 820 Buffalo St.; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket:

April 20, 2026

Municipal	\$1,627,856.74
CDBG	\$90,142.40
Health & Life	\$377.00
Special Events	\$10,941.16
Zoo Casino Agreement	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$0.00
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	\$275,981.31
TOTAL CLAIMS:	\$2,005,318.61

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	April 17, 2026	\$781,416.72
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Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to be discussed at this time.

Board Comment

There were no Board comments at this time.

Public Comment

Mr. Kulavik (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment stating the demolitions were approved last July for Actin contracting on Custard Street and 9th and Elston, and he requested an update on the status, urging progress on these demolitions.

Adjournment

Ms. Moore made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (5) Antisdell, Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Peggy Moore

BOW President, Candice Antisdal
PEGGY MOORE, BOW vice President

Gianna Galante

BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante