

Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on May 18, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 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; Nancy Moldenhauer, City Councilwoman; Skyler York, Redevelopment Director; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Shannon Eason, Parks Department Director; 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 May 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Opening of RFP

The City of Michigan City is opening Request For Proposals for the Spring 2026 Stump Removal, Log Removal, and Debris Hauling

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that part of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process includes not reading proposal amounts aloud until a vendor has been selected. Ms. Lapaich further noted that proposals were received from CA Harris Construction and Jon's Tree Service. These were the only two proposals received.

Ms. Smith made a motion to refer the Requests for Proposals to the City Attorney and City Forester for consideration; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Opening of Bid

The City of Michigan City is opening bids for the Ameriplex Drive Roadway Reconstruction (Phase 2)

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that three bids were received. One bid was submitted by Gariup Construction in the amount of \$545,700.00, another by Milestone Contractors LP in the amount of \$438,275.00, and a third by Reith Riley in the amount of \$510,837.72. Ms. Lapaich further noted that all bidders submitted a second EEO packet.

Ms. Moore made a motion to refer the bids to the Legal, Engineering, and Redevelopment Departments for consideration; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval of Bid Documents

The City of Michigan City is requesting the approval of bid documents for the 2026 Fuel Procurement

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that each year the Board procures and maintains a list of approved fuel vendors, stating that the current contract is set to expire at the end of the year, a new pool of vendors is needed for 2027 so the City can later reach out and secure a contract.

Ms. Antisdell noted that bids should be submitted by July 6th at 8:15 a.m. or at the Board of Works meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Smith asked why the item was listed as "2026 Fuel Procurement" if it was intended for 2027. Ms. Lapaich clarified that the contract will be for the 2027–2028 term.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for approval of Bid documents; seconded by Mr. Voltz, and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Stop Sign Request

Michael Daley is requesting the installation of two stop signs at the intersection of Corymbe Road/Grand Beach Road and El Portal Drive due to safety concerns

Mr. Daley (617 Oakland Drive) stated that the intersection is dangerous due to the lack of lane striping. He noted that the area has experienced increased traffic, density, and a greater number of children present, creating more opportunities for accidents to occur.

Ms. Antisdell noted that this is a "T" intersection with a stop sign currently located on the Michiana Shores portion of the roadway.

Captain Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol for the MCPD, reported that from January 1, 2020, through May 13, 2026, three accidents had occurred at the intersection. Of those incidents, two involved vehicles striking deer, while the third was attributed to roadway conditions.

Ms. Smith inquired about ownership and jurisdiction of the roadway. Captain Jesse clarified that Grand Beach Road heading eastbound falls under Michigan City jurisdiction. Discussion ensued between Captain Jesse and Board members regarding roadway jurisdiction.

City Engineer Tim Werner clarified that El Portal and Grand Beach Road to the west and north are under Michigan City jurisdiction, while Grand Beach Road to the east falls under Michiana Shores jurisdiction. Mr. Werner elaborated on the jurisdictional boundaries and geometric design of the Singing Sands Trail area and, based on those factors, recommended that the Board not approve the stop sign request.

Shannon Eason, Parks Department Director, elaborated that the relevant segment of the Singing Sands Trail is expected to be completed in 2028, with a goal of completion by spring or early summer. Ms. Eason added that signage for trail users could be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Simmons commented that implementing the stop sign now could help acclimate residents and motorists, particularly in anticipation of increased foot traffic in the area.

Ms. Smith commented that she would prefer to take a preventative rather than reactive approach regarding the stop sign request, noting that 2028 is still several years away.

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

Councilwoman Nancy Moldenhauer (107 Kaye Lane) made a comment.

Scott Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Mr. Werner further clarified the jurisdictional boundaries of El Portal and Grand Beach Road, reiterating and expanding upon the points previously discussed regarding roadway ownership and configuration.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for a stop sign; seconded by Mr. Voltz, and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Vendor License

Michael Schick is requesting the renewal of his vendor license permit for his mobile food truck "Cook Street Café" to operate in Michigan City at 4411 E. U.S. Hwy 12, Michigan City, Indiana

Mike Schick clarified that he will be operating at 4411 E. U.S. Highway 12 and noted that this will be his fourth year operating. Ms. Antisdell stated that the Certificate of Insurance (COI) is currently pending approval from Charlie Keene with Highstreet Insurance.

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

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the request for a vendor license pending the COI; seconded by Mr. Simmons, and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Vendor License

Ron Landtroop requested approval for a second vendor license permit for his mobile food truck, "A Slice of Heaven," to operate at 2001 Franklin Street, Michigan City, Indiana.

Mr. Landtroop stated that he does not believe he is in violation of City code if he were to operate at 2001 Franklin Street. Mr. Landtroop stated that he is willing to operate in the back of the lot instead of the front to comply, noting that Saint Joe Club approved the arrangement.

Mr. Landtroop clarified that the mobile food trailer is nearly the same size as his existing trailer and that the menu and setup will remain the same.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich asked whether Mr. Landtroop intended to keep his current "A Slice of Heaven" location, with this request serving as a secondary site. Mr. Landtroop confirmed yes.

Ms. Antisdell asked whether Mr. Landtroop was agreeable to the proposed location for the secondary site. Mr. Landtroop confirmed yes.

Dr. Dominique Edwards, Planning Director, clarified that Mr. Landtroop may operate on either the Fulton Street side or the Tillotson Street side, provided an agreement is made with Saint Joe Club. Dr. Edwards further explained the general location requirements within the City zoning code applicable to Mr. Landtroop's request.

Ms. Antisdell asked whether Mr. Landtroop could place a sign for "A Slice of Heaven" closer to Franklin Street. Dr. Edwards stated that she would need to review the sign code before providing a response.

Discussion ensued among Mr. Landtroop, Dr. Edwards, and the Board members regarding the City zoning code and the proposed location of the new stand.

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

Scott Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Ernie Hollihan (302 Gladys Street) made a comment.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the request for a secondary location for "A Slice of Heaven" to operate on the Fulton Street Side or the Tillotson Street side ; seconded by Ms. Moore and approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Order Affirming Emergency Costs

Ryan Beall, Deputy City Attorney, is requesting the approval of an order affirming emergency costs incurred under the Unsafe Building Act for 820 Buffalo Street

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich stated that, at the previous Board of Works administrative hearing, the Board approved the emergency costs for 820 Buffalo Street and that the item before the Board was the written order reflecting the Board's decision.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the order for 820 Buffalo Street; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval

Shannon Eason, Parks Department Director, is requesting the approval of the following artist agreements for Leopold Bench Art Project;

- Amy Thurman \$200
- Bill Cavlier \$200
- Brittany Wolford \$200
- Cassandra Devries \$200
- Gabriel Garcia \$200
- Laporte YMCA \$200
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- Jennifer Rusbolt \$200

- Joe Condon \$200
- Judi Somer \$200
- Lydia Lemmons \$200
- Maria Overlay \$200
- Ray Kominiarek \$200
- Rebecca Osterhout \$200
- Zoey Irk \$200

Shannon Eason, Parks Department Director and Michigan City Public Art Committee Treasurer introduced Matt Kubic (3318 Tilden Ave), Chair of the Michigan City Public Art Committee. Mr. Kubic explained the art installation in detail.

Scott Meland (200 Kenwood Place) made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the artist agreements for the Leopold Bench Art Project.; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket

May 18, 2026

Municipal	\$969,540.00
CDBG	\$43.29
Health & Life	\$311,555.59
Special Events	\$1,405.90
Zoo Casino Agreement	\$2,781.87
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	\$0.00
Self Funded Liability	\$110,000.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	\$1,395,326.65

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

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

NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	May 15, 2026	\$803,860.34
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Ms. Moore 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

Councilman Don Przybylinski is requesting to have an update on the cleanup of CSX Railroad Ties along Arther St. and the repairs of the CSX railroad crossing at Buffalo St. **Tabled from March 2, 2026** to allow time for the asphalt plants to open and for CSX to complete the requested repairs.

Tim Werner, City Engineer, stated that CSX informed City staff that the railroad crossing repairs are expected to take place this summer now that the plants are open. Mr. Werner noted that no specific date has been confirmed.

Ms. Antisdell made a motion to table the unfinished business for CSX railroad crossing to the second meeting in October on the 19th 2026 ; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Board Comment

There were no Board comments at this time.

Public Comment

Mr. Kulavik (1316 Ohio Street) commented on the upcoming Michigan City Food & Music Fest and the start of the Michigan City Farmers Market.

Ernie Hollihan (302 Gladys Street) commented on ongoing road and railroad construction projects, concerns regarding the data center project.

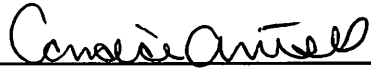
Scott Meland (200 Kenwood Place) thanked Shong Smith for his responsiveness, raised concerns regarding faded road striping on Springland Avenue, and commented on the use of native plants in larger development projects.

Adjournment

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m., and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0)



BOW President, Candice Antisdell



BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante