

Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on May 4, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 8:30 a.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 Vice President Peggy Moore.

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

Noted present in person: Gene Simmons, Tamiko Smith, Peggy Moore and Patrick Voltz (4)

Absent: Candice Antisdell (1)

Also noted in attendance:

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Ryan Beall, Deputy City Attorney; Terry Greetham, Special Events Director; Eric Williams, Assistant Director for Special Events; D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager; Shannon Eason, Parks Department Director; Barret Taylor, Fire Chief; Melisha Henderson, Human Resources Director; David Albers, Building Superintendent; Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol MCPD and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the April 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Parks and Recreation Quarterly Update

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is providing an update on upcoming events.

Shannon Eason, Parks Department Director, noted several upcoming events taking place in May, including Chess Club at Memorial Hall on the first and third Monday of each month, and a new quilting program held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month; advising beginning Tuesday, May 19, the Municipal Band will also begin rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday in the park. Ms. Eason noted additional events and programs planned throughout the month as well.

Sculpture Purchase and Approval Request

The Michigan City Public Art Committee is requesting to purchase artist Tim Adams "Hoopla" sculpture and place it on the Southeast corner of Ripley and Franklin Streets.

Shannon Eason, representing the M.C. Public Art Committee explained the sculpture would be leased to the City for a three-year period at a cost of \$5,000.

Ms. Smith asked whether a sculpture already exists at the proposed installation site. Ms. Eason stated that there is currently no sculpture in that location.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the request for approval as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Highstreet Insurance Business Associates Agreement

Highstreet Insurance is seeking an updated Business Associates Agreement to change the name from GIS to Highstreet for sharing PHI data and analytics to assist in plan management.

Eric Gibson, Highstreet Insurance, stated that the only change being made is updating the name from GIS to Highstreet, while all other terms of the agreement remain unchanged.

Mr. Simmons asked whether there was a reason for the delay in updating the company name. Mr. Gibson stated there was not and noted that this was simply an opportunity to make the update.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the updated Business Associates Agreement seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Request for approval of Oktoberfest tent rental agreement

The Michigan City Special Events Department is requesting the approval of a tent rental agreement for the 2026.

Eric Williams, Special Events Department, stated that he contacted two tent rental companies and noted that the lowest proposal came from the company the City has used over the past several years. He added that the slight increase in cost was anticipated.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich requested a minor modification to the contract by striking the language stating, "further, I agree I am binding myself personally to the terms of the agreement..".

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the tent rental agreement pending the language change, seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) 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 – tabled from 4/20/26 meeting.

Ms. Moore inquired about the specifications of the contract, and discussion ensued between Chief Barrett Taylor and the Board regarding available options within the agreement and other contract details.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Contract

Agreement Between the City of Michigan City, Indiana, Center of Workforce Innovations, and Goodwill Industries of Michiana for a Summer Ambassador/Internship Program with the City's share of funding not to exceed \$30,000.00

Mayor Angie stated that the Center of Workforce Innovations has partnered with the City of Michigan City for the past two years and has funded several internships, as well as the Vantage Program for residents over the age of 50; explaining that the agreement would establish a pilot employment program for residents, funded through \$30,000 from the Mayor's Charitable Gala funds, with the Center of Workforce Innovations providing a matching contribution of \$40,000.

Mayor Angie further explained that the pilot program would include several components, including opportunities for high school students, re-entry participants, and young adults involved in workforce development programs; also discussing additional workforce development initiatives and opportunities the City is pursuing.

Ms. Smith asked whether Goodwill would be responsible for paying the interns. Mayor Angie stated that Goodwill would provide compensation and noted that the information was included in the agreement. Mayor Angie further expanded on various employment pathways and available positions.

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

Ms. Lapaich noted that the agreement is in draft form and requested Board approval subject to any final modifications approved by the Legal Department.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the contract pending approval of the Legal Department for any final edits, seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval and Administrative Hearing

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

Ryan Beall, Deputy City Attorney entered into the record that service had been completed two weeks prior by certified mail. Corporate Counsel Lapaich then swore in D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager, and the hearing commenced. Attorney Beall proceeded with a series of questions directed to Mr. Briscoe regarding the matter.

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

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

NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket:

May 4, 2026

Municipal	\$1,072,885.55
CDBG	\$76,786.15
Health & Life	\$422,930.48
Special Events	\$68,674.10
Zoo Casino Agreement	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$63,495.49
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	\$813,942.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	\$2,518,713.77

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the May 4, 2026 claims docket as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	May 1, 2026	\$1,003,837.20
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Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the May 1, 2026, payroll claims dockets as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:

AYES: (4) 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. Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) commented that a tree that fell during a recent storm at 2015 Elston Street, which he stated caused a power outage in the area; also commenting positively on last year's Oktoberfest event and shared additional thoughts and details regarding the event.

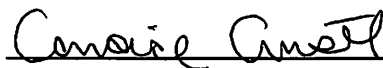
Adjournment

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

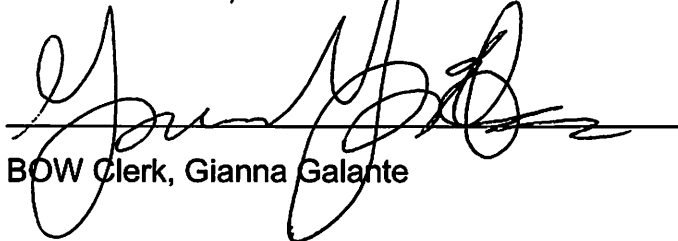
AYES: (4) Moore, Simmons, Smith, Voltz

NAYS: (0) None

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.



BOW President, Candice Antisdal



BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante