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A G E N D A
COMMON COUNCIL – IN PERSON - REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Meeting to be held at **6:30 p.m.**, local time,
in the Council Chambers, City Hall 100 E. Michigan Blvd.
and Hosted by “Hybrid/Zoom” and streaming live on the
Access LaPorte County Facebook page
See attached to connect to “Hybrid/Zoom.”

CALL TO ORDER BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG and PRAYER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council (Hybrid/Zoom) May 19, 2026

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIMS DOCKET

June 2, 2026

Fund #2235 – Riverboat – Claims -	\$	2,707.00
EFT	\$	0.00
Rainy Day (Fund 2236)	\$	1,430.00
Rainy Day EFT	\$	100,453.71
Fund #2504 – Boyd Development -	\$	0.00

TOTAL CLAIMS \$ 104,590.71

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

REPORTS FROM MAYOR OR OTHER CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

PETITIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on May 28, 2026, from Taylor Scott regarding her concerns with litter in the Uptown Arts District.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on May 27, 2026, from Patricia Matsey regarding her letter of support for the elected leadership in Michigan City.

Notice of Public Hearing was received in the Clerk's Office on May 20, 2026, from the Michigan City Board of Zoning Appeals regarding Development Standard Variance being held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Notice of Public Hearing was received in the Clerk's Office on May 18, 2026, from the Michigan City Plan Commission regarding Petition P-900-26 being held on Tuesday May 26, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE BUDGET OF GENERAL FUND #1101 FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Introduced by: Tracie Tillman

Note: This proposed resolution was TABLED at the May 19, 2026, Council meeting until June 2, 2026, Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 2-322 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING METHODS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED BY THE CITY
2nd Reading

**Introduced by: Tracie Tillman
Don Przybylinski
Tim Bietry**

Note: This proposed ordinance was TABLED at May 19, 2026, Council meeting until June 2, 2026, Council meeting

ORDINANCE
3rd Reading

CREATING SECTION 2-420 IN CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH A FUND FOR SPECIFIC EXPENSES RELATED TO RIVERFRONT DINING WITHIN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Introduced by: Tracie Tillman

ORDINANCE
3rd Reading

AMENDING SEC. 2-59 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Introduced by: Tracie Tillman

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE: Energy Systems Group (ESG) Year six (6) " Performance Guarantee Savings Report" for the City of Michigan City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FYI: Mayor Angie is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding her new appointment of Ken Purze to the Michigan City Historic Preservation Commission, term begins immediately and expires 3/31/2027.

Note: This Advice and Consent request was TABLED at the May 19, 2026, Council meeting until June 2, 2026, Council meeting

VOTE: The Council has one (1) appointment to the Sustainability Commission – due to Julie Smith’s resignation on April 18, 2026 (term will begin immediately and expire 5/01/2027).

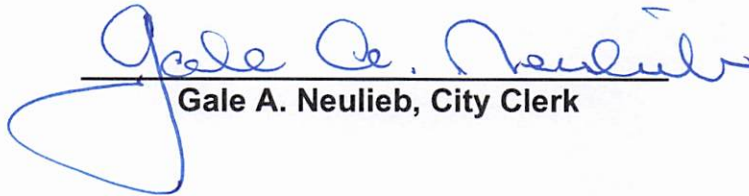
Nominations:

- Sheryl Krachinski
- Dale Batz
- Shauna Hill

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT



Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 6:30 PM** Central Time (US and Canada)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84298000057?pwd=RXVRUkhobXI2aVE2R1lIR0VEVTI3dz09>

Passcode : 463601 Webinar ID: 842 9800 0057 Passcode: 463601 Or One tap mobile:

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS
WITHIN THE BUDGET OF GENERAL FUND #1101 FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, there exist certain circumstances within the budget of the General Fund #1101 of Michigan City which require increasing and decreasing appropriations for certain line items in that Fund for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that:

Section 1. Because it is deemed advisable and necessary, in order to meet the circumstances facing the budget of the General Fund of the City, the Common Council approves the following transfer of appropriations, as listed, to-wit:

GENERAL FUND #1101

DECREASE:	A/C #1101.401.411.014	
	Temporary Wages	\$ 15,000.00
INCREASE:	A/C #1101.401.423.031	
	Small Tool and Minor Equipment	\$ 15,000.00

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after passage by the Michigan City Common Council and the approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: _____
Tracie Tillman, President
Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Tracie Tillman, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved/Vetoed (circle choice) by me, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
City of Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
City of Michigan City, Indiana

Prepared by Corporation Counsel Upon Request

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

**AMENDING SEC. 2-322 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
METHODS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED BY THE CITY**

WHEREAS, on or about July 3, 2012, the City enacted Ordinance No. 4180 establishing the methods of payments accepted by the City; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4180 is codified in Sec. 2-322 of the Michigan City Municipal Code and currently reads as follows:

Sec. 2-322. Methods of payment; service charge.

(a) The City may accept payment by and of the following methods:

- (1) Cash;*
- (2) Check;*
- (3) Bank draft;*
- (4) Money order;*
- (5) Bank card or credit card; or*
- (6) Electronic funds transfer.*

(b) If there is a service charge to the city for the use of any of the above described payment methods, the charge shall be paid by the city.

(c) The city, by and through the controller's office, may contract with a bank card or credit card vendor for acceptance of bank cards or credit cards. The implementation of processing of credit card payments shall be consistent for all payments made, either in person or electronically.

(d) The city may pay any applicable bank or credit card service charge associated with the use of a bank card or credit card.

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-8-11 sets forth that the fiscal body of a municipality may authorize the methods of payment and other fees associated with said methods of payment (*See* I.C. 36-1-8-11¹; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-11, the City can also collect any transaction fees incurred by the City in processing a payment method, if a transaction fee is imposed; and

WHEREAS, the need now exists to amend Sec. 2-322 to pass on a transaction fee or processing fee charged by banks or payment processors to the customer who pays with said method of payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana that:

Sec. 2-322. Methods of payment; transaction and other fees.

(a) The City may accept payment by and of the following methods:

- (1) Cash;
- (2) Check;
- (3) Bank draft;
- (4) Money order;
- (5) Bank card or credit card; or
- (6) Electronic funds transfer.

(b) If there is a charge to the City for the use of a financial instrument, the City may collect a sum equal to the amount of the charge from the person who uses the financial instrument.

(c) The City, by and through the City Controller's Office, may contract with a bank card or credit card vendor for acceptance of bank cards or credit cards. However, if there is a vendor transaction charge or discount fee, whether billed to the City or charged directly to the City, the City may collect from the person using the card either or both of the following:

- (1) An official fee that may not exceed the transaction charge or discount fee charged to the City by the bank or credit card vendors.

- (2) A reasonable convenience fee:
 - (A) that may not exceed three dollars (\$3); and
 - (B) that must be uniform regardless of the bank card or credit card used.
- The fees described in subdivisions (1) and (2) may be collected regardless of retail merchant agreements between the bank and credit card vendors that may prohibit such fees. These fees are permitted additional charges under IC 24-4.5-3-202.

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: _____
 Tracie Tillman, President
 Michigan City Common Council

 Don Przybylinski, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

 Tim Bietry, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this _____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of _____ to _____.

 Tracie Tillman, President
 Michigan City Common Council

Approved/Vetoed (circle appropriate action) by me, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

 Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
 City of Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

 Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
 City of Michigan City, Indiana

¹ (a) This section does not apply to a county treasurer governed by IC 36-2-10-23.
 (b) As used in this section, "credit card" means a:
 (1) credit card;
 (2) debit card;
 (3) charge card; or
 (4) stored value card.
 (c) A payment to a political subdivision or a municipally owned utility for any purpose may be made by any of the following financial instruments that the fiscal body of the political subdivision or the board of the municipally owned utility authorizes for use:
 (1) Cash.
 (2) Check.
 (3) Bank draft.
 (4) Money order.
 (5) Bank card or credit card.

(6) Electronic funds transfer.

(7) Any other financial instrument authorized by the fiscal body.

(d) If there is a charge to the political subdivision or municipally owned utility for the use of a financial instrument, the political subdivision or municipally owned utility may collect a sum equal to the amount of the charge from the person who uses the financial instrument.

(e) If authorized by the fiscal body of the political subdivision or the board of the municipally owned utility, the political subdivision or municipally owned utility may accept payments under this section with a bank card or credit card under the procedures set forth in this section.

However, the procedure authorized for a particular type of payment must be uniformly applied to all payments of the same type.

(f) The political subdivision or municipally owned utility may contract with a bank card or credit card vendor for acceptance of bank cards or credit cards. However, if there is a vendor transaction charge or discount fee, whether billed to the political subdivision or municipally owned utility or charged directly to the political subdivision's or municipally owned utility's account, the political subdivision or municipally owned utility may collect from the person using the card either or both of the following:

(1) An official fee that may not exceed the transaction charge or discount fee charged to the political subdivision or municipally owned utility by bank or credit card vendors.

(2) A reasonable convenience fee:

(A) that may not exceed three dollars (\$3); and

(B) that must be uniform regardless of the bank card or credit card used.

The fees described in subdivisions (1) and (2) may be collected regardless of retail merchant agreements between the bank and credit card vendors that may prohibit such fees. These fees are permitted additional charges under IC 24-4.5-3-202.

(g) The political subdivision or municipally owned utility may pay any applicable bank card or credit card service charge associated with the use of a bank card or credit card under this subsection.

(h) The authorization of the fiscal body of the political subdivision is not required by the bureau of motor vehicles or the bureau of motor vehicles commission to use electronic funds transfer or other financial instruments to transfer funds to the political subdivision.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

CREATING SECTION 2-420 IN CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH A FUND FOR SPECIFIC EXPENSES RELATED TO RIVERFRONT DINING WITHIN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Common Council (“Common Council”) established a Riverfront Alcohol Beverage License Program pursuant to Ind. Code § 7.1-3-20-16.1 in March 2008, which established the Riverfront Alcohol Beverage License Program within Michigan City, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, this program established non-quota liquor licenses to be granted by the City within the Riverfront Alcohol Beverage District; and

WHEREAS, the program at its creation contemplated a fee for the licenses and specific fund for the fees to be placed into, although no fund was ever created nor had any fees ever been collected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City Redevelopment Commission (“Redevelopment Commission”) approved and adopted its Resolution No.7-2025 entitled “A Resolution Recommending Modifications to the Local Rules Applicable to the Riverfront Alcohol Beverage License Pogram; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council, through Resolution 4969, approved the recommendations of the Redevelopment Commission to modify those aforementioned local rules to the Riverfront Alcohol Beverage License Program; and

WHEREAS, those modifications expanded the Riverfront Alcohol Beverage District to the entirety of the Economic Development Area in which it was located and a change to the fee structure originally established; and

WHEREAS, the City now seeks to establish the relevant fund as contemplated by the program; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the City to restrict the use of these funds to further promote, develop, and encourage dining and entertainment opportunities within not only the Riverfront Alcohol Beverage District, but within the corporate boundaries of the entire City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana, that:

Section 2-420 is hereby created in Chapter 2 of the Michigan City Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

Section 2-420. Riverfront Dining Marketing Fund

- (a.) There is hereby established a Riverfront Dining Marketing Fund. This Fund shall be a restricted, non-reverting fund.
- (b.) The source of funding shall be any fees obtained by the City from any private party for the application, processing, endorsement, maintenance, or renewal of Riverfront Dining 3-Way Alcohol Permit associated with any real property within the corporate boundaries of the City of Michigan City, Indiana.

- (c.) The revenues of this Fund shall only be used by the City for expenditures directly related to the following:
 - a. Advertising of dining and entertainment within the City;
 - b. Economic development of dining and entertainment within the City;
 - c. Community engagement with dining and entertainment within the City;
 - d. Educational opportunities related to dining and entertainment within the City or by City residents; or
 - e. Local match for grant opportunities related to dining and entertainment within the City.
- (d.) Funds in the Riverfront Dining Marketing Fund shall not be used for any other purposes than those stated herein.

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: _____
 Tracie Tillman, President
 Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this _____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of _____ to _____.

 Tracie Tillman, President
 Michigan City Common Council

Vetoed/Approved (circle action taken) by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

 Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
 City of Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

 Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
 City of Michigan City, Indiana

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel Upon Request

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AMENDING SEC. 2-59 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING
THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, in August of 2010, the Common Council of the City of Michigan City adopted Ordinance No. 4108, which established a general “order of business” to be followed during all regular meetings of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, that ordinance became codified within the Municipal Code of the City of Michigan City under Sec. 2-59; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 2-59(a)(7) of the Municipal Code includes in the “order of business” the presentation of “written petitions, communications, or written remonstrance and resolutions, except as provided for in subsection (9) of this section;” and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned “subsection (9) of this section” (namely, Sec. 2-59(a)(9) of the Municipal Code) includes in the “order of business” the presentation of “petitions, remonstrance, and communications only as they pertain to ordinances scheduled for consideration on second reading;” and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has observed that the presentation of “communications,” as contemplated by these two sections of the Municipal Code, often results in a reference, by title only, to written correspondence which may not be relevant to any topic scheduled for discussion during the current meeting, and with respect to which there is generally no substantive discussion during the current meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has observed that the authors of such “communications” are often not in attendance during the meetings at which said “communications” are referenced, and therefore can neither elaborate nor engage in discussion with respect to the content of such “communications,” even if asked to do so by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, further, the Common Council finds that, to the extent that such “communications” are directed toward the Common Council as a whole, said “communications” can be, and are routinely, circulated to each member of the Common Council upon receipt by the Office of the City Clerk, without being specifically announced during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, further, the Common Council finds that any such “communications” received by the Office of the City Clerk are generally matters of public record, and as such are generally available to the public upon request pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (Ind. Code § 5-14-3-1, *et seq.*), regardless of whether or not they have been included in the Common Council’s agenda or announced during a Common Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, further, the Common Council finds that while the terms “petitions,” “remonstrance,” and “resolutions” specifically describe items which are generally presented for direct consideration by the Common Council or which may be essential to compliance with various statutes, the term “communications” is vague and ambiguous, and generally tends to lead to the presentation of extraneous information; and

WHEREAS, further, the Common Council finds that, to the extent that any individual wishes to have his or her comments reflected in a public record during a public meeting, Sec. 2-59(a)(12) of the Municipal Code provides a designated time for “comments by the public;” and

WHEREAS, further, the Common Council finds that the terms “petition” and “remonstrance,” to the extent that they remain in Sec. 2-59(a)(7) and Sec. 2-59(a)(9) of the Municipal Code, should be specifically defined within that Section; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Common Council recommends that the term “communications” be removed from Sec. 2-59(a)(7) and Sec. 2-59(a)(9) of the Municipal Code, and further that the terms “petition” and “remonstrance” be specifically defined within Sec. 2-59 of the Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana that:

- 1. Subsection (a)(7) of Sec. 2-59 of the Michigan City Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

(7) Presentation of written petitions, written remonstrance, and resolutions, except as provided for in subsection (9) of this section.

- 2. Subsection (a)(9) of Sec. 2-59 of the Michigan City Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

(9) Presentation of written petitions and written remonstrance only as they pertain to ordinances scheduled for consideration on second reading.

- 3. Subsection (c) shall be created in Sec. 2-59 of the Michigan City Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

For purposes of this Section, "petition" shall mean "a written petition that is authorized to be filed with the Common Council as the legislative body for the City pursuant to a state, federal or local ordinance, statute, rule, or regulation."

For purposes of this Section, "remonstrance" shall mean "a written remonstrance that is authorized to be filed with the Common Council as the legislative body for the City pursuant to a state, federal or local ordinance, statute, rule, or regulation."

- 4. All portions of Section 2-59 of the Michigan City Municipal Code not specifically referenced within this Ordinance shall remain as written.

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: _____
Tracie Tillman, President
Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this _____ day of _____, 2026 by a vote of _____ to _____.

Tracie Tillman, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved/Vetoed (circle appropriate action) by me, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Angie Nelson Deutch, Mayor
City of Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
City of Michigan City, Indiana

Prepared by Harris Law Firm, P.C. upon Request