

## **Regular Board of Works Meeting In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on June 15, 2026**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 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, Tamiko Smith, and Patrick Voltz (3)

**Absent:** Gene Simmons and Peggy Moore (2)

### **Also noted in attendance:**

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Ryan Beall, Deputy City Attorney; Barret Taylor, Fire Chief; Eric Willaims, Assistant Special Events Director; Shong Smith, Street Department Director; Skyler York, Redevelopment Director; Darrell Garbacik, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Dominique Edwards, Planning Director; Captain Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol; Phil Graf, City Forester; D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager; Tim Werner, City Engineer; and Drew White, ALCO.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the June 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Contract**

Approval of contract for the Stump Removal, Log Removal & Debris Hauling – Spring 2026 Project (Federal Tree Grant)

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that at the previous Board of Works meeting, the Board awarded the bid to C.A. Harris. Attorney Lapaich clarified that C.A. Harris will be performing the work directly and will not be using a subcontractor.

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

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Contract**

**Approval of contract for the Ameriplex Drive Roadway Reconstruction (Phase 2) Project**

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich clarified that at the previous Board of Works (BOW) meeting, Reith-Riley Construction Company was awarded the Ameriplex Drive Phase 2 bid. Attorney Lapaich further noted that Reith-Riley has submitted the required performance bond; however, the certificate of insurance (COI) required amendments and was returned for correction.

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

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Request to Utilize City Property**

Kenneth Smith, Inkwell Studio, 1605 Franklin Street is requesting to use City sidewalks and parking areas in the 1600 block of Franklin Street & the Ann Street side of his building for a Concrete Canvas chalk-art event on Friday, August 14, 2026 from 3pm to 8pm. With a Rain Date of Friday, August 21, 2026

Mr. Smith, owner of Inkwell Studio, introduced himself and noted that the Concrete Canvas chalk art event is a new event intended to promote artists and strengthen the community. Mr. Smith further clarified the details of the event.

Ms. Smith asked if the event would be free. Mr. Smith confirmed that it would be free and further explained the event details.

Ms. Smith asked how many people Mr. Smith is expecting. Mr. Smith responded that he is estimating 19 artist spots and approximately 50–100 attendees.

Ms. Smith asked for clarification on parking. Mr. Smith stated that the Saint Stanislaus parking lot or further down Franklin Street will be used for parking.

Ms. Antisdell asked if Mr. Smith intended to close the parking spaces and sidewalk. Mr. Smith clarified that the artists will primarily be drawing on the sidewalks, and parking spaces may be used if additional space is needed.

Ms. Antisdell asked if Mr. Smith is requesting to close parking on Ann Street along the building. Mr. Smith confirmed that this was correct.

Captain Jesse noted concern that barricades would take up nearly half of the parking stalls, which could place pedestrians close to vehicle traffic.

Discussion ensued between Board members, Captain Jesse, and Mr. Smith regarding event logistics, including clarification of closure locations.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the event pending permission from Saint Stanislaus and receipt of the COI, with approval to close Ann Street while restricting parking on Franklin Street per the original request; seconded by Mr. Voltz, and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdal, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

#### **Road Closure for a Special Event**

Michigan City High School is requesting to close Franklin St. from Ripley St to Pytynia Parkway for their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 9, 2026 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Captain Greg Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol, noted that this is an annual event and that there are no issues from the Police Department.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the request for a road closure; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdal, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

#### **Request for Approval of Additional Employees and Set up of Picnic Tables**

Ron Landtroop is requesting an additional employee for his second mobile food truck "A Slice of Heaven" at 2001 Franklin Street and to be allowed to set up picnic tables with umbrellas in the grassy area behind the stand

Mr. Landtroop, owner of A Slice of Heaven, noted a request to place picnic tables at the new location. Mr. Landtroop stated there is a grassy area behind the stand where picnic tables could be set up for customers.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the request for approval of additional employees and set up of picnic tables; seconded by Mr. Voltz, and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdal, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Request to Purchase City Owned Property**

John Konrath, 621 Spring Street, is requesting to purchase city owned property – parcel no. 460129427024.000022

Mr. Konrath noted he is buying and renovating properties in the historic districts of Michigan City and discussed 621 Spring Street, which was split and resulted in the yard being divided.

Corporate Counsel Amber Lapaich noted Mr. Konrath obtained a survey at his own expense, stating that the City acquired the property by tax default from the county in 2010. Attorney Lapaich further noted the property has an assessed value of \$6,600, explaining the next steps the Board could take on the request to purchase City-owned property.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Dr. Edwards noted no additional feedback and no objections from other departments regarding Mr. Konrath purchasing the lot.

Discussion ensued among Attorney Lapaich and Board members regarding next steps.

Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the request to place City parcel no. 460129427024.000022 up for sale to abutting landowners pursuant to Indiana law starting at a minimum bid of \$6,600; seconded by Ms. Smith, and was approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Contract**

Agreement between Fiske Enterprises, LLC, the City of Michigan City, and Michigan City Area Schools regarding the “Braden Fiske Family Fun Day”

Eric Williams, Special Events Assistant Director, stated that the agreement outlines the responsibilities of each party and is needed to allow vendors to name the necessary parties as additionally insured. Discussion ensued among Board members and Mr. Williams regarding the wording and specifications of the contract.

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

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

## **Claims Docket**

**June 15, 2026**

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| <b>Municipal</b>                 | <b>\$998,838.43</b> |
| <b>CDBG</b>                      | <b>\$60.68</b>      |
| <b>Health &amp; Life</b>         | <b>\$357,540.02</b> |
| <b>Special Events</b>            | <b>\$14,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Zoo Casino Agreement</b>      | <b>\$571.25</b>     |
| <b>Workers Comp</b>              | <b>\$68,371.49</b>  |
| <b>ARP Local Fiscal Recovery</b> | <b>47,177.12</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b>             | <b>1,487,058.99</b> |

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

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

## **Payroll Claims Docket**

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| <b>Payroll Claims Docket</b> | <b>June 12, 2026</b> | <b>\$901,976.96</b> |
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Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

## **Unfinished Business**

- Follow-up on Board action taken June 1, 2026 regarding traffic safety and maintenance concerns on Ohio Street, including the installation of cross traffic signs, painting of curbs at Ripley and Ohio, whether there is a City wide maintenance plan for painting curbs and crosswalks, and tree maintenance in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Ohio Street
  - Shong Smith, Street Department, provided an update on the traffic safety and maintenance concerns on Ohio Street, including the installation of

cross traffic signs, painting of curbs at Ripley and Ohio, noting that the request has been completed. Mr. Smith stated that, as part of the City's citywide maintenance plan, the City will conduct a citywide assessment following the winter season to evaluate damage to curbs and crosswalks and prioritize needed repairs. Discussion ensued among Board members and Mr. Smith regarding the assessment and maintenance plan, and Mr. Smith provided additional details.

- Phil Graf, City Forester, stated that very little tree maintenance is necessary in the requested area. Mr. Graf noted that none of the trees need to be removed, but some light pruning may be required. Mr. Graf stated that he and Shong Smith will coordinate the necessary work.
- Tommy Kulavick – Request for increased enforcement of illegally parked and expired registration vehicles at 1505 Ohio Street
  - Captain Jesse provided an update regarding the concerns of illegal parking and expired license plates, noting that no illegal parking violations were found. Captain Jesse stated that three vehicles with expired license plates were identified and addressed.

Tommy Kulavick (1316 Ohio Street) made a comment.

Ms. Antisdell made a motion to remove the traffic safety and maintenance concerns on Ohio Street, including the installation of cross traffic signs, painting of curbs at Ripley and Ohio, whether there is a City wide maintenance plan for painting curbs and crosswalks, and tree maintenance in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Ohio Street off of the pending items list; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

Ms. Smith made a motion to remove the request for increased enforcement of illegally parked and expired registration vehicles at 1505 Ohio Street off of the pending items list; seconded by Mr. Voltz and approved with the following vote:

**AYES: (3) Antisdell, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

### **Board Comment**

No Board comments were made at this time.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment was made at this time.

**Adjournment**

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

**AYES: (3) Antisdel, Smith, Voltz**

**NAYS: (0) None**

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

  
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BOW President, Candice Antisdel

  
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BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante