REGULAR IN PERSON COUNCIL

"HYBRID/ZOOM" MEETING
October 20, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, October 20, 2026, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Hosted by "Hybrid/Zoom" and streamed live on "My Michigan City" Facebook Page.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.by Vice President Bietry.

Vice President Bietry stated that there is one (1) Council member on "Zoom" this evening Councilwoman Lee; advising that to vote they have to be visually seen on your monitor.

Vice President Bietry stated that President Tillman was absent this evening and is excused.

Roll call was authorized, and the following were noted present and/or absent.

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Tim Bietry, Greg Coulter, Bryant Dabney, Dr. Vidya Kora, Daisy Lee (Zoom), Nancy Moldenhauer, and Don Przybylinski (7).

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Joseph Nelson and Tracie Tilman (2)

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

ALSO, PRESENT: Council Attorney Jewel Harris, City Clerk Gale Neulieb, and Deputy Clerk Amanda Pickens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the Regular "Hybrid/Zoom" Council meeting minutes that was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to approve the Regular "Hybrid/Zoom" Council meeting minutes that was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried and were approved (Verbal) Vote: 7 – 0.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

President Tillman asked if there were any standing committee reports, there was no response.

FINANCE REPORT

Councilman Dabney, chair of the Council's Finance Committee read the following October 20, 2026, minutes for the record.

October 20, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryant Dabney at 6:02 p.m. to review and approve claims since the last meeting. Committee members Councilman Dr. Kora.

Councilman Bietry, and Councilman Dabney were present. City Controller Smith and Assistant City Controller Shaffer were also present.

Claims reviewed were **$37,290.90** from the Riverboat Fund, **$0.00** from the Boyd Development fund, and **$0.00** from the Rainy-Day Fund, for a total claim docket of **$37,290.90.** There were no questions of the City Controller. City Controller Smith addressed that during the third reading of the budget, and we need to make sure the budget is labeled correctly.

Controller Smith stated that at the next Finance Committee meeting on November 4, there will be some additional appropriations introduced for the 2026 budget. There were no questions of City Controller Smith's information. Councilman Bietry moved to recommend approval of the docket, and with a second from Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion was approved unanimously. Finally, on a motion by Councilman Bietry and a second by Councilman Dr. Kora the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The details of claims are as follows:

From the Riverboat Fund: $37,290.90

MC Maddwrappers, INC – Michigan City Police Department graphics pkg and window tint on vehicles - $2.550.00
Waymire APS Inc. dba Waymire – Michigan City Police Department outfitting vehicles with proper equipment - $34,740.90.
Total Riverboat Fund Claims $37,290.90

From the Boyd Development Fund: $0.00
From the Rainy-Day Fund: $0.00

TOTAL CLAIM DOCKET - $37,290.90

October 20, 2026, Riverboat & Rainy-Day Fund – Statement of Cash Position:
Riverboat Fund - $7,137,508.93
Rainy Day Fund - $1,099,894.46
TOTAL - $8,237,403.39

Signature: *Bryant Dabney* Date: October 20, 2026

Bryant Dabney, MBA
Finance Committee Chair

Councilman Dr. Kora made a motion to approve the October 20, 2026, Claim Docket in the amount of $37,290.90, second by Councilman Coulter, the motion carried and was approved (Verbal) VOTE: 7 – 0.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any reports from boards and commissions.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer read the following proclamation for the record.

A PROCLAMATION OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION, OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN, INDIANA SUPPORTING A SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS SOLAR COOPERATIVE IN LAPORTE, PORTER, AND LAKE COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission of Michigan City, Indiana (the "Sustainability Commission"), understands that as a city on the front lines of climate crisis,

it is imperative that the City of Michigan City join communities across the globe in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen the impacts of climate chaos; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission recognizes the increasing burden of energy costs for Michigan City residents and the need to help residents find solutions to lower their energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission understands there is growing interest from homeowners, small businesses, and nonprofits in the City to install solar panels and battery storage on their property to reduce their energy bills, generate pollution-free renewable energy, and improve resilience to extreme weather and potential power outages; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission recognizes neighborhood solar purchasing co-ops can provide resident members with the chance to cooperatively navigate the complex world of solar power and combine efforts to purchase solar infrastructure in bulk to make solar power more affordable and accessible; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission understands when homeowners join a solar purchasing co-op, they become part of a community aimed at going solar, joining together, and using a competitive bidding process to select a single company to install systems for all the participating households; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission also understands solar purchasing co-ops offer technical expertise and individualized assistance to property owners who are interested in solar power; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Indiana and in other parts of the country, solar purchasing co-ops have been created through entities such as Solar United Neighbors, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ("Solar United Neighbors"); and

WHEREAS, regional and statewide supporters include NWI Region Resilience, NWI Green Drinks, Faith in Place, League of Women Voters LaPorte County, Indiana Conservation Voters, Earth Charter Indiana, Hoosier Environmental Council, Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter, Indiana Community Action Association, Citizens Action Coalition, and Just Transition NWI, and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission participated in and promoted the first two Northwest Indiana Solar Co-ops; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission wishes to express support for the current Northwest Indiana Solar Co-op, encourages residents and small businesses to learn from Solar United Neighbor's information, videos, and workshops; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA PROCLAIMS, that:

The Sustainability Commission hereby expresses support for the establishment of the Northwest Indiana Solar Co-op within Michigan City and Northwest Indiana Counties.

/s/ Abigal Neary, Sustainability Commission Chair

/s/ Nancy Moldenhauer, City Council Liaison /s/ Attest: Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk

Councilwoman Moldenhauer invited everyone to attend the workshop that is being held tomorrow evening October 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC Room here at City Hall with Erin and Brian Florey present to answer any questions about solar projects.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other board or commission reports this evening, there was no response.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any reports from Special or Select Committee reports.

Councilman Przybylinski liaison to the Sanitary District and Refuse reminded everyone that the Michigan City Refuse Department Fall Cleanup is still happening and that this will be the last week to take items to the Michigan City Airport; stating the item you can can't take out there; advising if you have any questions to call (219) 873-1530.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any reports from the mayor or other city officers and departments.

Mayor Angie addressed the council regarding the following

- Announced the list of family Halloween events happening city wide and that the City Halloween is on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 5 – 7 p.m. and if participating please put your front porch light on
- Congratulated Marquette High School Ladies Volleyball team on their sectional victory
- Thanked the Exchange Club for hosting Public Safety and Public Service Safety Awards today to Police Lieutenant Steve Westphal, Fire Fighter Andrew Cass and Mary Griffin, and EMS of the year Kayla Pienta
- Announced the City is sponsoring a Veterans Day breakfast at the Wall Gang on Veterans Day, Wednesday November 11,2026 from 7 – 9 a.m. along with celebrating "Homeland Patriot Day" that was declared by Mayor Oberlie back in 2001 after 911; stating she wants to bring this back and that there will be a Homeland Patriot Medal being presented at the breakfast: advising the application is posted on the City Website.
- Introduced Workforce Development Director Kila Ward

Kila Ward, Michigan City Promise and Workforce Development Director present her 2026 Annual report.

NOTE: This presentation is filed in the Clerk's Office in Council Matters

Discussion ensued between Ms. Ward regarding her presentation with Council members Bietry, Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Dr. Kora, and Dabney.

Mayor Angie advised the council that it is up to this council to make changes in the opportunities that were proposed/mentioned by them.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other reports from the mayor or other city officers and departments, there was no response.

PETITIONS

Vice President Bietry asked Clerk Neulieb if there were any petitions.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there were no petitions this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any communications received.

Clerk Neulieb read the following communications:

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office October 15, 2026, from Carlie Dunn, regarding the 2026 annual TIF spending Plan Workshop pursuant to IC 36-7-14-12.7.

Notice of Public Hearing – Variance Request was received in the Clerk's Office October 12, 2026, from the LaPorte County Building Commissioner - Michael Polan, that will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

Notice of 30 – Day Public Comment -received in the Clerk's Office on October 12, 2026, from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management requesting Part 70 Operating Permit for Lavender Fields Holding, LLC.

RESOLUTIONS

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed resolution by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 5007

COMMITTING TO A GOAL TO ELIMINATE ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURY BY 2040 ON THE STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY & ADOPTING THE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the City of Michigan City, Indiana ("City") are the City Council's utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on City streets; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all roadway users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move motorists efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the roadway system and related policies should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation planners and engineers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes; and

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach (i.e., interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plans; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is a required component of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan and sets forth the City's goal of reducing serious injuries and fatal crashes to zero by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the City's Vision Zero Goal is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Common Counsel reasonably believes that it is in the best interest of the City and residents herein to adopt **Exhibit A** as the City's comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the City's Vision Zero Goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana as follows:

1. The aforementioned "whereas" sections are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

2. The City of Michigan City, Indiana hereby commits to a goal of achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2040 on the streets within the jurisdiction of the City ("Vision Zero Goal").

3. The comprehensive safety action plan to achieve the City's Vision Zero Goal attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and adopted.

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

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/ Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/ Nancy Moldenhauer
Michigan City Common Council

NOTE: Exhibit "A" is attached to this Resolution in CR-116 filed in the Clerk's Office

Vice President Bietry asked if any of the authors had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Przybylinski stated that Lochmueller Group is present and will be doing a presentation and answer any questions the council may have regarding the "Safe Action Plan" being proposed this evening.

Nick Medic, Senior Engineer with the Lochmueller Group, did a presentation, explaining what they are proposing for the city of Michigan City moving forward.

NOTE: This presentation is filed in the Clerk's Office attached to this ordinance in CR-116

Vice President Bietry asked if there any questions or comments from the public.

Mayor Angie stated that this plan was paid by the first "Safe Streets" grant funds that the city received for $100,000; advising that she recently signed the contract for a second grant/contract with the city receiving an additional $250,000 with these funds will focus on scoping out the work that Mr. Medic explained in this presentation regarding the different projects that will give us a better handle on how to apply the next grant money to actually implement this plan; that she is waiting on the Federal Government to send back their signed contract that she has already singed.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, questioned if the city was going to eliminate the PASER rating scale for deciding if and what streets get paved in the future, stating several concerns why the city uses this system to rate our streets and roads.

Chevy Woodard, 741 Hwy. 20 questioned why Liberty Trail, U.S. Hwy. 12 and Washington Park Boulevard was not mentioned in this plan, that they are essentially the roads the connect the Washington Park area to the Eastport neighborhoods; that you have Lake Hills Elementary Schools located there, a lot of traffic that comes off Washington Park Boulevard, stating concerns about this area and would like to know why it wasn't included in this plan.

Mayor Angie advised Ms. Woodard that this intersection belongs to INDOT and is part of the U.S. Highway INDOT project moving forward and that she will contact the city engineer to address these concerns with them.

Ernie Hollihan, 302 Gladys Street, stated that he has asked several times that the striping at the intersection of Michigan Boulevard and Roeske Avenue be corrected, that this intersection is not only busy, but dangerous.

John Carrington (Zoom), 140 Esther Street, questioned if Michigan Boulevard was going to be paved this year; that Mayor Angie announced last spring at a council meeting it would be happening; echoing everyone's concerns and comments about striping that needs to be done throughout our entire community

Mayor Angie addressed Mr. Carrington's questions regarding why Michigan Boulevard was not being paved this year; that the city wasn't awarded the CCMG grant on their first try but was awarded $770,000 the second time they applied and that the striping on the street that were just paved on the west side was included in their contract to do that as well.

Dakota Euler, 718 Emma Street advised that LaPorte is putting up digital speed signs on main highway intersections and would like to see the city of Michigan City contact INDOT regarding getting them in our community as well.

Austin Morris, 1117 Wabash Street addressed the council regarding striping not being done, that he doesn't have a vehicle and walks a lot; commenting on education and enforcement that needs to be addressed due to how reckless local and out-of- town drive in our community.

Angie Heinzman, 237 Leo Avenue, stated that we need to have a plan to move forward and focus on getting the street striping done on every street and road in our community and also focus on repairing sidewalks and better lighting within our community.

Derald Borton, Green Acres, stated that there is a need for more lighting on U.S. Highway 212 and that he has called the highway department, but have not had any response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, second by Councilman Kora, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, and Lee (Zoom) (7). **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

Councilman Przybylinski commented on the "fog lines" on Karwick and Pahs Roads that are worn off and can't see them; stating that these two areas should be done first due to many residents that walk to and from the Plaza on Highway 12 and to the High School and apartments on Pahs Road; advising that the city has set $150,000 aside to start in the spring to do striping

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed resolution by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 5008

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2027-1 COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & SUPPORTING THE LOCAL MATCH FOR SAID GRANT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 2-325 of the Michigan City Municipal Code, the Michigan City Common Council must pre-approve all grant applications requiring a local match; and

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City, Indiana intends to submit a grant application seeking funding through the Indiana Department of Transportation for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program 2027-1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City will be requesting up to $1,000,000 in grant funds for various street paving projects that will require a dollar-for-dollar match; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 2-325, the City Controller has provided the following information pertaining to the Grant:

1. **Name of grantor and grant title:** Indiana Department of Transportation – Community Crossings Matching Grant Program.
2. **Why it is beneficial to the City to apply for this grant:** This grant will allow the City to double the budget for street paving.
3. **The purpose of the grant and the proposed use of grant funds:** This grant will be used to pave streets in the worst condition as determined by the Engineer assisting the City based on the PASER report.
4. **The person who will be responsible for managing the grant for the City:** Tamiko Smith, City Controller & Ann Shaffer, Assistant City Controller.
5. **All relevant time frames and schedule, including any deadlines for submitting the application and closing out the grant:**
    a. The application process opens at 8:00 a.m. (ET), September 1, 2026.
    b. The deadline to submit the application is 5:00 p.m. (ET), September 30, 2026.
6. **The amount of any required or proposed City monetary match or voluntary contribution and the proposed source for the matching funds and contributions:**
    c. Cities with a population of greater than 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50% match.
    d. The max amount eligible to receive is $1,000,000.
    e. The matching funds are budgeted as follows: $650,000.00 in the 2027 MVH Restricted Fund, $350,000 in Wheel Tax Fund.
7. **The description of the types and sources of any in-kind match or contribution:** NA
8. **Whether the Controller wishes to have a new, separate fund created for the grant:** No, the Controller does not wish to have a new, separate fund created for the Grant. A separate grant fund has previously been established and this Grant will run through that existing fund.

WHEREAS, all relevant information required by Sec. 2-325 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**-Notice of Application for Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The aforementioned "Whereas" sections are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.

2. The Michigan City Common Council approves the submission of the 2027-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant Application and supports and commits to funding the local match for said Grant from the 2027 MVH Restricted fund and from the 2027 Wheel Tax fund in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000.

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

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Tim Bietry, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Vice President Bietry advised that this grant is done annually, that we will receive (CCMG) Community Crossing funds for paving streets in the amount of $1 million and that the matching grant the city has to do for $1 million with those funds are in the 2027 budget.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from council.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried and the resolution was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Przybylinski, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee (Zoom) and Moldenhauer (7). **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed resolution by title only.

Councilman Przybylinski read the following proposed resolution in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 5009

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA CONDEMNING HATE SPEECH, RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY, AND THE TARGETING OF ANY COMMUNITY BASED UPON RELIGION, FAITH, RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR OTHER PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC.

WHEREAS, the City of Michigan City is an Indiana Municipal Corporation, governed by its duly elected Mayor and the Michigan City Common Council (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Common Council" or "Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Common Council recognizes that the City of Michigan City is a diverse community comprised of residents of differing faiths, religions, races, ethnicities, national origins, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to fostering a community in which every person is treated with dignity, respect, and equality and is able to practice his or her faith without fear of discrimination, intimidation, harassment, or violence; and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech and freedom of religion are fundamental rights protected by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and the Michigan City Common Council recognizes the importance of protecting those rights, including the right to express disagreement with religious beliefs and doctrines; and

WHEREAS, the exercise of constitutional freedoms, however, should not be used as a justification for governmental endorsement or normalization of hatred, religious bigotry, discrimination, or violence against individuals or communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that statements made by individuals holding high public office can carry particular weight and can affect the sense of safety, belonging, and dignity experienced by members of communities who are targeted by such rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that elected officials and other public leaders have a special responsibility to promote civility, mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and equal treatment of all people, particularly in a State and nation founded upon principles of religious liberty and equality before the law; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that disagreement and debate are essential to a free society, but that disagreement should be expressed without demeaning, threatening, or dehumanizing individuals because of their identity; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to make it clear that Michigan City will not stand for hate speech, religious bigotry, discrimination, intimidation, or violence directed against any member of its community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana as follows:

1. The Common Council hereby unequivocally condemns hate speech, religious bigotry, discrimination, dehumanization, intimidation, and violence directed against any individual or community because of religion, faith, race, ethnicity, national origin, or other protected characteristic.

2. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to prohibit or restrict constitutionally protected speech, religious exercise, or political expression. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as criticism of religious beliefs, doctrines, institutions, public officials, or governmental policies.

3. The Council calls upon elected officials, government leaders, religious leaders, community organizations, and residents throughout Indiana to reject rhetoric that divides communities on the basis of religion or other protected characteristics.

4. The Michigan City Common Council declares that Michigan City will not stand for hate. Michigan City will continue to welcome and respect people of all faiths and backgrounds and will work toward a community in which every resident can live, worship, work, raise a family, and participate in civil life without fear of religious hatred, discrimination, or violence.

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

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Don Przybylinski

Vice President Bietry asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Przybylinski stated that this request was brought to him by the Michigan City Human Rights Commission members and he is being the liaison as well he will be supporting this resolution; advising that this basically stems from comments that were made downstate by state officials

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Derald Borton, Green Acres Hwy.212, advised that the Human Rights Commission supports this resolution, asking for the council to support it as well.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the council.

Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, second by Councilman Coulter, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Lee (Zoom), Moldenhauer, and Przybylinski (7). **NAYS:** Council members None (0)

Vice President Bietry asked for a motion to have a five(5) minute recess. (verbal) Vote 7 – 0.

Vice President Bietry called the meeting back to order.

ORDINANCES

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed Ordinance on first reading by title only.
ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON A NEW DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND CREATING SEC. 22-3 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

Introduced by: Dr. Vidya Kora
Bryant Dabney
Daisy Lee
Greg Coulter
Tim Bietry
Don Przybylinski

Vice President Bietry asked if any of the authors had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dr. Kora stated reasons why he and Councilman Dabney brought the DATA moratorium proposed ordinance back on this agenda; expressing his gratitude to

Council members Moldenhauer and Nelson for the tremendous amount of work they did regarding the moratorium; but kept receiving calls asking them to move forward and create a moratorium on DATA centers, this subject has become a state and national issue and why they are bringing this proposed ordinance to the council this evening; commenting on the current Google data center and it moving forward on Phase II of their project that Phase II permits have been issued; advising that a moratorium will not affect this project from moving forward.

Attorney Harris advised Councilman Dr. Kora that the data center on Royal Road is fully permitted and under construction, it is permissible under the city zoning code, and that the moratorium as drafted is intended to be proactive in a proposed application and not retroactive; that any action by the council to interfere with the lawful use of the property on Royal Road, including the lawful operation of business, would expose the city to significant liability.

Councilman Dr. Kora thanked Attorney Harris; stating that he just wanted to be transparent about the facts that these two (2) phases have begun and that if we were to pass this moratorium, it will affect any future data center developments; explaining if "Googe" wants to expand further they would have to come to the city for zoning change and he would oppose this and is sure the council members would as well.

Councilman Dabney stated that we support a moratorium of any expansion outside the current footprint that he thinks there were some bad labeling when it says Phase I, Phase II that he has received comments from the public that they think that it is two separate projects; advising anything that would need to extend outside of that, marked area would then need the zoning code changed.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other comments from any of the authors, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

The following residents addressed the council regarding the proposed ordinance addressing a moratorium and data centers; Kristen Kientzel -1617 North 500 East, Savannah Lyles - 7676 Meer Road, Amy Losinski - 104 Mansfield Dr, Eileen Mark - 219 Ann Street, John Carrington (Zoom)- 140 Esther Street, Ashley Williams 401 Fir Street, Ernie Hollihan 302 Gladys Street, Dominic Yanke – 904 Willow Spring Drive, Jeff Kohler – 2712 Roseland Trail, Chevy Woodard – 7401 U.S. Hwy. 20, Bruce Medic – Michigan City Plan Commission, and Nora McDonald – 228 E. 10th Street.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public, there was no response and public comments were closed.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilwoman Moldenhauer stated I'm finding it surprising that something which could have been so simple has become so complicated. I will be making a motion at our next City Council Meeting to bring off the table the first Temporary Data Center Development Moratorium for its second reading for the following reasons: 1) In respect of the over half a dozen residents and City Councilpersons who worked on this Temporary Data Center Moratorium Ordinance for over three months this summer since they researched it carefully, listened to residents' concerns, and desired to convey the wishes of our community. 2) We aim to add a provision to the first Temporary Data Center Development Moratorium which would support our City Council Planning and Zoning Committee to hold two public workshops in order for our residents to suggest their ideas and submit input of what could be included in Zoning Regulations to protect our people, animals, and environment. 3) I and our City Council Attorneys were informed by the Planning Department and their Legal Council that assigning any tasks to them or the

Planning Commission would result in starting a 90-day clock requiring a completion of Zoning Ordinances within that period per State Law, and I hope none of us desire to put them in the position of doing a rushed job with all of the building permits they are issuing. 4) Seemed like we were close to coming to agreement on the original Temporary Data Center Development Ordinance except for the length of the temporary moratorium. I was contacted solely by Councilman Przybylinski who asked if I'd be open to a deadline for the length of the moratorium to which I replied yes. Councilman Dabney developed a sound suggestion of allowing a one-year period after Google assumed operations of their data center facility to allow the collection of sound locally based information before finalizing any data center regulations under Planning and Zoning. 5) We original sponsors—Joe, Daisy, and I--are committed to coming up with a definite timeline based on all of the above considerations and the new Data Center Moratorium Ordinance previewed last City Council Meeting then presenting a final hopefully cooperative revision of a Temporary Data Center Development Ordinance at the next City Council Meeting for consideration and vote.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other comments from the council, there was no response, stating that this proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading at the November 4, 2026, council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 4813

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION AND RATES

(CIVIL AND SANITATION DISTRICT)

NOTE: THIS ORDINANCE WITH ATTACHMENTS ARE FILED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IN FILE 0-210 AND ALSO FILE CB- 2027 (COUNCIL BUDGET 2027)

Vice President Bietry stated that this is an ordinance is timely; advising that what is being proposed is required to be download to the DLGF and Gateway; that there was a formal public hearing held at the October 6th. Council meeting.

Vice President Bietry asked if the author had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Dabney stated he didn't have anything to add at this time.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Dabney, the motion carried and the ordinance was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora, Moldenhauer and Przybylinski, (6). **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4814

AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Mayor must set the salaries and wages of appointed officials and employees of the City of Michigan City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Michigan City must, pursuant to IC 36-4-7-3, set other said salaries and wages by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-4-7-3, the Common Council of the City of Michigan City may by ordinance reduce, but may not increase, any salaries and wages set by the Mayor.

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

Section 1. The salary and wage ranges for appointed officials and employees for the year 2027 shall be as set forth as follows: (Positions covered by collective bargaining agreements are marked with *)

(FT- means full-time; PT- means part-time)

City Employees-Departments	Min. Hourly	Max. Hourly	Min. Salary	Max. Salary
Controller's Office:				
Controller			$75,019.07	$84,252.80
Assistant Controller			$68,080.80	$76,460.53
2nd Assistant Controller			$64,028.65	$71,909.62
Grant Administrator			$52,500.00	$60,000.00
Accounts Payable/Receivable Administrator	$21.83	$25.60		
Accounts Payable/Receivable Specialist*	$19.68	$23.08		
Clerk's Office:				
Deputy Clerk			$55,136.64	$60,708.96
Mayor's Office:				
City Administrator			$56,000.00	$66,202.59
Education & Workforce Development Director			$66,061.32	$74,192.48
Special Events Planner			$58,947.08	$75,555.00
Constituent Services Director			$62,000.00	$67,000.00
Special Events Assistant Director			$52,000.00	$56,000.00
Administrative Assistant II (PT)	$18.70	$21.94		
Office Manager (FT/PT)	$21.82	$25.60		
Municipal Intern	$17.00	$21.00		
Planning & Inspection:				
Planning Director (Executive II)			$73,320.00	$82,344.60
Zoning Specialist			$68,000.00	$76,000.00
Building Superintendent			$67,000.00	$74,520.00
Building Commissioner			$62,860.89	$72,000.00
Associate Planner			$55,136.64	$69,345.00
Code Enforcement Manager			$57,930.62	$65,061.02
Project & Development Coordinator			$52,500.00	$57,000.00
Administrative Assistant II	$18.70	$21.94		
Building Inspector (FT/PT)	$31.50	$36.95		
Code Enforcement Inspector	$23.55	$27.63		
CDBG Housing Specialist (PT)	$30.60	$36.23		
Permit Specialist #1	$21.15	$24.81		
Permit Specialist #2	$21.15	$24.81		
Human Resources:				
Human Resource Director (Executive II)			$79,900.00	$89,734.50
Assistant Human Resource Director			$64,028.65	$71,909.62
Payroll Administrator*	$21.83	$25.60		

Administrative Assistant III	$19.68	$23.08		
Central Maintenance/Services:				
Central Services Superintendent (Executive II)			$71,447.52	$80,241.65
Mechanic*	$26.24	$30.77		
Office Manager	$21.83	$25.60		
City Hall:				
Maintenance Foreman	$19.27	$22.60		
Custodian II (FT/PT)	$17.43	$20.34		
Attorney:				
Corporation Counsel			$100,993.57	$113,424.38
City Attorney			$55,136.64	$61,923.14
Office Manager	$21.83	$25.60		
MC Transit:				
MC Transit Director (Executive I)			$66,061.32	$74,192.48
Logistics Supervisor Transit	$24.00	$27.95		
Assistant Transit Director			$55,136.64	$61,923.14
Driver*	$21.60	$25.34		
Administrative Assistant II*	$18.70	$21.94		
Washer/Custodian*	$17.43	$20.34		
Engineering:				
City Engineer			$122,200.00	$137,241.00
Engineering Tech			$56,000.00	$61,000.00
Fire Department:				
Chief			$87,335.36	$98,085.04
Deputy Chief			$79,072.31	$88,804.94
Office Manager	$21.83	$25.61		
Seasonal Lifeguard	$24.32	$28.54		
Seasonal Assistant Head Lifeguard	$25.31	$29.69		
Seasonal Head Lifeguard	$26.28	$30.83		
Administrative Assistant I (part-time)	$16.83	$19.74		
Police Department:				
Chief			$87,833.66	$98,644.67
Deputy Chief			$79,540.62	$89,330.88
Office Manager	$21.83	$25.61		
Administrative Assistant II*	$18.70	$21.94		
Administrative Assistant III	$19.68	$23.08		
Maintenance Foreman*	$19.30	$22.60		
Custodian II*	$17.34	$20.34		
Animal Control Officer* (FT/PT)	$19.41	$23.81		
Social Worker			$57,791.31	$64,904.56
Crossing Guard	$11.00	$13.46		
Vector Control:				
Vector Control Officer			$55,136.64	$61,923.14
Vector Control Assistant Officer			$50,000.00	$58,760.00
Administrative Assistant II	$18.70	$21.94		
Laborer	$17.34	$20.34		
Seasonal Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Street Department:				
Street Department Director (Executive I)			$66,061.32	$74,192.48
Operator*	$23.54	$27.62		
Driver*	$21.60	$25.34		
Aviation:				
Airport Manager (Executive I)			$66,061.32	$74,192.48
Foreman Maintenance Supervisor	$19.27	$25.61		
Laborer (FT/PT)	$17.34	$20.34		
Seasonal Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Cemetery:				

Cemetery Superintendent (Executive I)			$66,061.32	$74,192.48
Cemetery Assistant Superintendent			$55,136.64	$61,923.14
Administrative Assistant II	$18.70	$21.94		
Working Foreman	$19.27	$22.60		
Mechanic	$19.27	$22.60		
Laborer/Driver	$17.34	$20.34		
Temporary/Seasonal Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Park Administration:				
Park Superintendent (Executive II)			$71,447.90	$80,242.07
Assistant Park Superintendent (Executive I)			$66,745.88	$74,961.31
Admin Director			$52,000.00	$61,547.21
Administrative Assistant II Payroll	$18.70	$21.94		
Administrative Assistant II Rec Program Coordinator	$18.70	$21.94		
Seasonal Parking Sticker Clerk	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Parking Enforcement	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Assistant Parking Enforcement Supervisor	$16.76	$18.63		
Seasonal Parking Enforcement Supervisor	$17.30	$19.67		
Park Recreation:				
Seasonal Day Camp Director	$17.00	$19.67		
Seasonal Day Camp Leader	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Day Camp Supervisor	$15.00	$18.63		
Summer Intern	$14.00	$17.60		
Recreational Director (PT)	$19.00	$22.00		
Park Zoo:				
Zoo Director			$59,963.30	$67,343.88
Assistant Zoo Director	$23.55	$27.63		
Retail Manager	$23.55	$27.63		
Zookeeper I	$20.61	$24.18		
Craftsman	$20.21	$23.70		
Seasonal Admission Cashier I	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Zookeeper/Laborer I	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Zookeeper/Laborer II	$16.76	$18.11		
Seasonal Education Curator	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Guest Services Attendant	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Groundkeeper	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Train Attendant/Operator	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Aviary Attendant	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Animal Health Care Manager	$20.00	$21.11		
Seasonal Dietician	$14.00	$17.60		
Park Maintenance:				
Maintenance Director			$57,930.62	$67,343.88
Operations Foreman	$22.74	$26.68		
Administration Foreman	$22.74	$26.68		
Craftsman	$20.21	$23.70		
Laborer	$19.27	$22.60		
Seasonal Custodian Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal General Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Landscaping Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Seasonal Patriot Park Laborer	$14.00	$17.60		
Park Senior Center:				
Senior Center Director			$55,897.95	$62,778.15
Administrative Assistant I (part-time)	$18.51	$19.74		
Golf:				
PGA Professional Director of Golf Operations			$68,000.00	$77,382.81
Greens Superintendent			$68,000.00	$77,382.81
Assistant Greens Superintendent/Mechanic	$25.00	$30.00		
Assistant Greens Superintendent	$22.74	$27.95		

Golf Laborer	$19.27	$22.60
Seasonal Assistant Golf Manager	$18.00	$19.00
Seasonal Laborer	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Shift Leader	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Clerk	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Cart Laborer	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Cook/Server	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Beverage Cart Operator	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Ranger/Starter	$14.00	$17.60
Park Concessions:		
Seasonal Zoo Gift Shop Attendant/Office Assistant	$14.00	$17.60
Seasonal Concession Attendant	$14.00	$17.60

Section 2. The fringe benefit program provided by the City includes medical insurance, vacation pay, vacation bonus, participation in the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS), and sick leave, as defined in the City Employee Handbook for non-contract, full-time employees in the following departments: Mayor, Controller, Clerk, Engineer, Personnel, City Hall, Attorney, Planning & Inspection, Cemeteries, Police, Fire, Aviation, Human Rights, Central Services, Vector Control, Street, Transit, Central Maintenance, Park, Redevelopment and the Promise Scholarship Director. Also included in the fringe benefit program are the following: the City Engineer, who shall maintain a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week as well as serving on or attending the meetings of the Board of Public Works & Safety and Plan Commission; and the Corporation Counsel, who shall maintain thirty (30) hours per week, and the City Attorney, who shall maintain twenty (20) hours per week, representing City departments in grievances, participating in all contract negotiations, representing and attending the meetings of the Board of Public Works & Safety, and prosecuting ordinance violations.

Section 3. For the Animal Control Officer, the fringe benefit program provided by the City includes certification pay at the rate of $500 per year per certification with a maximum of three (3) certifications to be divided and included with the bi-weekly pay.

Section 4. For those employees employed with the City prior to January 1, 2026, the fringe benefit program is further defined as providing a longevity program for non-contract employees who have worked three (3) or more years in a full-time capacity, the financial increment shall be $650 for each three (3) years of service to a maximum of $5,200. For those employees employed with the City on and after January 1, 2026, the fringe benefit program providing a longevity program for non-contract employees who have worked three (3) or more years in full-time capacity, the financial increment shall be $450.00 for each three (3) years of service to a maximum of $3,600.00.

Section 5. Personnel who are subject to emergency calls outside of regular business hours will be provided with a City take-home vehicle. These include public safety personnel (Police and Fire) and one service employee per department per day when their service calls require tools that are carried in the vehicle (Animal Control, Vector Control, Parks & Recreation and Aviation).

Section 6. For Park Maintenance only, on-call pay shall be provided at an additional $2.00 per hour as defined in a Park Resolution and approved by the Park Board.

Section 7. Except for salaries included in Section 9 below, all salaries are annual and shall be paid in equal amounts on a bi-weekly basis over the number of bi-weekly periods in the

calendar year. Set salaries are in effect for all payrolls issued in the calendar year governed by this ordinance.

Section 8. All salaries and fringe benefits for union workers are subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations specified in the respective labor contracts for the year governed by this ordinance.

Section 9. Members of the following boards and commissions shall receive compensation in the amounts listed for that board or commission, payable the following month. Annual Per Diem are the maximum amounts to be paid for that position, and the columns below in this Section depict if that position is paid monthly or paid per meeting attended. Council Members and Department Heads who serve on these bodies shall not receive the per diem.

	Annual Per Diem	Monthly
Board of Public Works & Safety:		
Member	$ 2,400.00	$ 200.00
Police Civil Service Commission:		
Member	$ 1,800.00	$ 150.00
Fire Merit Commission:		
Member	$ 1,800.00	$ 150.00
Fire Pension Board:		
Secretary	$ 2,400.00	$ 200.00
Police Pension Board:		
Secretary	$ 2,400.00	$ 200.00
Human Rights Commission:		
Secretary	$ 1,800.00	$ 150.00

The following Board/Commission members must attend the meeting to receive compensation.

	Annual Per Diem	Monthly Maximum /Meeting
Board of Cemetery Trustees:		
Member	$ 1,287.00	$ 107.25
Licensing Board:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Plan Commission:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Board of Zoning Appeals:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Human Rights Commission:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Social Status of African American Males Commission:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Commission for Women:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Tree Board:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00
Sustainability Commission:		
Member	$ 600.00	$ 50.00

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: **/s/** Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Vice President Bietry asked if the author had anything to add at this time, Councilman Dabney responding that he didn't have any comments at this time.

Vice President asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, commented that there are several board and commission vacancies that need to be filled within the city and that he feels that certain boards get paid too much and others not enough.

Chevy Woodard, 741 U.S. Hwy. 20, questioned what the refuse employees' salaries were; that she didn't see those positions on this document; stating that these positions are critical infrastructure positions to our city. Suggesting giving new employees incentives to work after being a new employee and having had no absences during their ninety (90) day probationary period of $750.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if the Council had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve this proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dabney, Dr. Kora, Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Bietry and Coulter (6). **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4815

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-4-7.2, the Michigan City Common Council is required by Indiana law to set the annual compensation of all elected City officers; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now desires to establish the salary for the Mayor for 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Michigan City shall be paid an annual salary of $96,544.80 from the General Fund beginning January 1, 2027.

Section 2. The Mayor will be paid her annual salary based on the number of pays in that year divided by the number of scheduled pays for other employees. Said pays are to be issued at the same time as other pays. If the Mayor leaves her position, prior to the expiration of her tenure, she will be required to repay the City for any prepaid salary. When the salary is not evenly divisible by the number of pays in the year, the first payroll will be adjusted with the remaining payrolls made at the bi-weekly rate.

Section 3. The fringe benefit program provided by the City for the Mayor includes medical insurance, vacation pay, vacation bonus, participation in the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS), and sick leave, as defined in the City Employee Handbook for non-contract, full-time employees. In addition, the Mayor shall participate in the longevity program provided

to non-contract employees and shall receive a financial increment of $650 for each three (3) years of continuous full-time service to a maximum of $5,200.

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: /s/ Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the author, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if the council had any comments at this time.

Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Coulter, motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dr. Kora, Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Bietry, Coulter and Dabney (6). **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4816

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-4-7.2, the Michigan City Common Council is required by Indiana law to set the annual compensation of all elected City officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has advised the Mayor that she does not desire an increase in her salary for the calendar year 2027;[1]

WHEREAS, the Common Council now desires to establish the salary of the City Clerk for 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL, as follows:

Section 1. The City Clerk of the City of Michigan City shall be paid an annual salary of $76,252.73 from the General Fund beginning January 1, 2027. The General Fund is to be reimbursed $1,000.00 from the Sanitary District Operating Fund to offset the salary of the City Clerk.

Section 2. The City Clerk will be paid her annual salary based on the number of pays in that year divided by the number of scheduled pays for other employees. Said pays are to be issued at the same time as other pays. If the City Clerk leaves her position, prior to the expiration of her tenure, she is required to repay the City for any prepaid salary. When the salary is not evenly divisible by the number of pays in the year, the first payroll will be adjusted with the remaining payrolls made at the bi-weekly rate.

Section 3. The fringe benefit program provided by the City for the City Clerk includes medical insurance, vacation pay, vacation bonus, participation in the Indiana Public Retirement

System (INPRS), and sick leave, as defined in the City Employee Handbook for non-contract, full-time employees. In addition, the City Clerk shall participate in the longevity program provided to non-contract employees and shall receive a financial increment of $650 for each three (3) years of continuous full-time service to a maximum of $5,200.

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: /s/ Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Vice President Bietry asked if the author had anything to add at this time, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the council.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Dr. Kora, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Moldenhauer, Przybylinski, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, and Dr. Kora (6). **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4817

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARIES FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-4-7.2, the Michigan City Common Council is required by Indiana law to set the annual compensation of all elected City officers; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now desires to set their annual compensation for 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL, as follows:

Section 1. Each member of the Common Council of the City of Michigan City shall be paid an annual salary of $15,966.08 from the General Fund beginning January 1, 2027.

Section 2. Elected officials will be paid their annual salary based on the number of pays in that year divided by the number of scheduled pays for other employees. Said pays are to be issued at the same time as other pays. Elected officials leaving their position, prior to the expiration of their tenure, will be required to repay the City for any prepaid salary. When the salary is not evenly divisible by the number of pays in the year, the first payroll will be adjusted with the remaining payrolls made at the bi-weekly rate.

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: /s/ Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Vice President Bietry asked if the author had anything to add at this time, there was no response.

Vice President Bietry asked if the public had any comments or questions.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street stated that he thinks the council should not approve the 3.5 raise for themselves; that what they are receiving now should stay the same.

Tom Donegan, 205 E. 11th Street, agreed with Mr. Kulavik's comments; stating several reasons why.

Savannah Lyles, 7676 Meer Road stated that she feels our city council members aren't paid enough.

Vice President Bietry asked if the Council had anything to add at this time.

Councilman Przybylinski stated that if someone calls, if they want him to go to their house, I will call them back and will go to their home; that he addresses each and every email, telephone call, questions from the public when he is out in our community; calls city department heads, the city engineer, street and vector, the mayor, other council member to get whatever concern, request or problem someone has in our community resolved and that he will be voting in favor of the 3.5 raise the council will receive in 2027.

Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Coulter, the motion carried and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Przybylinski, Bietry, Coulter, Dabney, Dr. Kora and Moldenhauer (6). **NAYS:** Council members None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Bietry asked Clerk Neulieb if there was any "New Business".

Clerk Neulieb stated Mayor Angie is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding her new appointments of Paul Foreman to the Michigan City Board of Cemetery Trustees, term begins immediately and expires 12/31/2027; and Ted Perzanowski, term beginning immediately and expires 12/31/2028.

Vice President Bietry asked if the Council had any comments.

Councilman Przybylinski made a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Foreman and Mr. Ted Perzanowski to the Michigan City Board of Cemetery Trustees, second by Councilman Dabney; the motion carried approving the mayor's request to appoint them. Vote 7 – 0

Clerk Neulieb stated Mayor Angie is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding her re-appointments of Bunny Dimke and Albertine Allen beginning immediately and expires 11/01/2030; and Derald Borton and Marty Corley beginning immediately and expiring 11/2/2030.

Vice President Bietry asked if the Council had any comments

Attorney Harris stated that this can be voted on by acclamation.

Vice President Bietry asked for the vote: 7 – 0 to approve the mayors request of these appointments.

Clerk Neulieb stated Mayor Angie is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding her new appointment of Brendan Coomes to the Michigan City Tree Board, term begins immediately and expires 08/01/2028.

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the Council asking for the vote: The Mayor request was approved 7 – 0.

Clerk Neulieb advised that Council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Women's Commission due to Ms. Angela Carter's resignation (term will begin immediately and expire 12/21/27)

Vice President Bietry stated that nominations will be opened at the next council meeting on November 4, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Bietry if there was any unfinished business

Clerk Neulieb stated there was no unfinished business.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vice President Bietry asked if there were any comments from the public.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street, announced that KTR Corporation will be relocating their business to 400 North across from Walmart which is located out of the city limits; congratulated Rob Sabie, LaPorte County EMA Director, on receiving the Governor Braun Distinguished Hoosier Award; and wished the public a happy and safe Halloween.

Lisa Cochran, representing MTM Premier Property Management, presented the "Michigan City Beach Safety Initiative & Life Jacket Loaner Program"
Note: This is filed in 2026 Council Matters

Councilman Dabney asked Ms. Cochran to present this to the Park Board at the October 21, 2026, meeting.

Amy Losinski 104 Mayfeild Drive, asked why the Council did not advise the public that the City Clerk declined her salary increase 2027 and also declined her raise for past two (2) years; and that there are council members that go above and beyond in their duties asking for the others to follow their example, as there are questions and concerns unanswered; stated her concerns regarding the noise from the Google Data Center at 402 Royal Road.

Dominic Yankee 904 Willow Spring Drive, stated his concerns with the time limit set for public comment, thanked the mayor for the removal of the vegetation on Royal Road, asked if Google came before the Board of Public Works and Safety to build onto a public roadway.

Tom Donegan, 205 East 11th Street, stated his concerns with the violence happening in our community.

Eileen Mark, 209 Ann Street, stated her concerns with the Google Data Center regarding increases of emissions and the amount of daily water intake.

Anastasia Gumms, 222 Springland Ave., asked the council to rescind the current contract with Flock Safety that is in the 2027 budget.

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Vice President Bietry asked if there were any other comments from the public, there was no response.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Vice President Bietry asked if the Council had any comments Council at this time.

Councilman Przybylinski encouraged the public to get out and vote to support the Michigan City Area Schools referendum, as this will impact our children and community; advised that the proposed funding would support academic programs, teacher recruitment and retention, school safety, student support services, transportation and extracurricular activities.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman Przybylinski, second by Councilman Dr. Kora and there being no further business to transact, Councilman Przybylinski declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 9:25 p.m.)

Michigan City Common Council October 20, 2026

Tracie Tillman, President

Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk