Regular Board of Works Meeting
In Person and Hybrid/Zoom on
October 5, 2026

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Michigan City, on Hybrid/ Zoom and streamed live on the "Access LaPorte County" Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Candice Antisdel.

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

Noted present in person: Candice Antisdel, Gene Simmons, Tamiko Smtih, and Patrick Voltz (4) **Absent:** Peggy Moore (1)

Also noted in attendance:
Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich; Gianna Galante, BOW Clerk; Shong Smith, Street Director; Eric Williams, Assistant Special Events Director; D'Marcus Briscoe, Code Enforcement Manager; Terry Greetham, Special Events Director; Skyler York, Redevelopment Director; Captain Jesse, Captain of Uniform Patrol; Tim Werner, City Engineer; Chief Barrett Taylor, Fire Department; and Drew White, ALCO.

Approval of Minutes
Regular "HYBRID/ZOOM" meeting on September 21, 2026

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Approval of Minutes
Special Meeting "HYBRID/ZOOM" meeting on September 25, 2026

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Vendor License
Backyard Butchers LLC is requesting a vendor's license in order to sell USDA frozen and prepackaged meats in the parking lot of 4431 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN from October 7, 2026 to December 12, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that she researched Backyard Butchers, LLC and Backyard Butchers on the Better Business Bureau and found numerous

complaints associated with the business. Attorney Lapaich further noted that the Laporte County Health Department noted that the permit would only be valid from October 7th throughout October 12th, advising the Board to narrow the scope of the request down to those dates.

There was no one present from Backyard Butchers, LLC.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich regarding the specifications of the request.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to deny the Vendor License as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Request for Approval
Eric Gibson, Highstreet Insurance, is seeking approval of the following:
- Updated HSA plan Summary of Benefits and Coverages
- 1/1/2027 Employee Benefit premium, contribution, and COBRA rates

Eric Gibson, Highstreet Insurance, noted that the HSA deductible is being proposed to increase by $50 in order to satisfy IRS mandates to qualify as an HSA (Health Savings Account).

Discussion ensued among the Board and Mr. Gibson regarding the specifications of the request for approval.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Request for Approval; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Road Closure and Utilization of Lots for a Special Event
Antonio Conley, Buddingprenuers, is requesting the utilization of the lots at 7th & Franklin Streets as well as a street closure on W. 7th St., immediately west of Franklin Street to Washington Street, for the Trick or Treat on Franklin Street Event on October 24, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Terry Greetham, Special Event Director, noted the Special Events Department is involved in the Trick or Treat on Franklin Street Event, explaining that City Staff decided it was best to request a Street Closure on 7th Street to keep children safe if they run into the road.

Discussion ensued among the Board, Mr. Antonio Conley, Mr. Carlton Bishop, and Mr. Greetham regarding the specifications of the event.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Road Closure and Utilization of Lots for a Special Event as presented; seconded by Mr. Voltz and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (3) Antisdel, Smith, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None
ABSTAIN: (1) Simmons

Road Closure for a Special Event
The Michigan City Fire Department is requesting a street closure on 10th Street between Elston and Ohio Streets as well as Elston Street from 10th Street South to the dead end for the Fire Department Open House Event to take place on October 10, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chief Barret Taylor, Fire Department, noted that the requested closure is for the Fire Department Open House at Station One and is for safety purposes. Discussion ensued among the Board, Captain Jesse, and Chief Taylor regarding the specifications of the event.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Road Closure for a Special Event Request as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Agreement
Agreement between the City of Michigan City and The Collective Events, Inc. for the Farmed & Forged Market for 2027 and 2028 in a total amount not to exceed $34,000.00

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that this is a renewal agreement for the Farmed and Forged event for 2027 and 2028, noting that the agreement outlines $17,000 each year.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Attorney Lapaich regarding the specifications of the agreement.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Don Przybilinski, Councilman at Large, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Farmed and Forged Agreement for 2027-2028 as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Contract
Contract between the City of Michigan City and the Michigan City Firefighters Local #475 for January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich noted that the 2027 contract is still being negotiated. Discussion ensued among Attorney Lapaich and the Board regarding the specifications of the Contract.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Contract as presented pending approval by the City Council; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Resolution
Approval of Resolution - Accepting Dedication of portions of Streets within the Tryon Meadow Subdivision Phase 2

Tim Werner, City Engineer, advised the Board of work performed in the subdivision that he has approved and is asking for approval of the Street Dedication Resolution.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Werner, Corporation Counsell Amber Lapaich, and the Board regarding the specifications of the Resolution.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Awarding of Contract
Tim Werner, City Engineer, is requesting to award a contract for routine repair and maintenance of existing sidewalk pursuant to IC 36 - 1 – 12 - 4.9

Tim Werner, City Engineer, stated that he sent a letter out for the requested proposals for the 2026 Sidewalks Improvements, and only one proposal was received from Reith and Riley.

Discussion ensued among Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich, Mr. Werner, Shong Smtih, Street Director, and the Board regarding the specifications of the contract.

Don Przybilinski, Councilman at Large, made a comment.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the contract, contingent upon the City Controller confirming that sufficient funds are available, and if funds are insufficient, the project scope will be reduced accordingly; seconded by Ms. Smith and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Electrical Service Request
Tim Werner, City Engineer, is requesting that seven (7) currently installed streetlights within Woodland Ridge be electrified and a new service established with NIPSCO

City Engineer Tim Werner stated that Woodland Ridge Subdivision has seven streetlights that the City takes over as part of the roadways and requested that they be electrified.

Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the Electrical Service Request; seconded by Mr. Simmons and was approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Claims Docket

October 5, 2026

Municipal	**$1,070,838.45**
CDBG	**$42.13**
Health & Life	**$212,402.70**
Special Events	**$10,559.94**
Zoo Casino Agreement	**$43,401.72**
Worker's Comp	**$119,412.55**
ARP Local Fiscal Recovery	**$3,195.00**
+TOTAL CLAIMS:	**$1,459,852.49**

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Payroll Claims Docket

Payroll Claims Docket	**September 18, 2026**	**$850,094.92**
Payroll Claims Docket	**October 1, 2026**	**$192,296.03**

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the payroll claims dockets as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Unfinished Business

Request for Signage and Striping: Councilman Don Przybylinski is requesting an update on the following:

- Restriping on Pahs Rd. from Woodland Ave to Johnson Rd.
- Restriping on Karwick Rd. from Springland Ave. to U.S. 12

Tim Werner, City Engineer, noted that the estimate for Pahs Rd. restriping would be $38,320 and Karwick would be 55,280 for a total of around $80,000.

Discussion ensued among the Board, Corporation Counsel Amber Lapaich, and Engineer Werner regarding the specifications of the request.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Don Przybilinski, Councilman at Large, made a comment.

Mr. Voltz asked if this request would require having additional equipment and personnel.

Shong Smith, Street Director, stated that sophisticated equipment and additional personnel would be needed.

Ms. Antisdel made a motion to table the request for striping until January 18, 2027 as presented; seconded by Ms. Smith and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Traffic Control Device Inspection: Councilman Don Przybylinski is requesting an inspection of all City stoplights with "Audio Crosswalk" buttons from 11th & Franklin Streets South to Coolspring Ave

Tim Werner, City Engineer, noted that the Audio Crosswalk buttons along 11th St. and Franklin Streets are not currently ADA accessible signals.

Discussion ensued among the Board, Engineer Werner, and Corporation Counsel Amber Lapacich regarding the specifications of the request.

Don Przybilinski, Councilman at Large, made a comment.

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio Street, made a comment.

Ms. Antisdel made a motion to table the request for a Traffic Control Device Inspection Request until the October 19, 2026 meeting to give Engineer Werner adequate time to contact Midwestern Electric; seconded by Mr. Simmons and approved with the following vote:
AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

Public Comment

Tommy Kulavick, 1316 Ohio St., thanked the Code Enforcement, Building, Planning, and Fire Departments for their efforts in removing a shipping container from Dunes Plaza and addressing a dilapidated structure at 9th and Elston Streets. Mr. Kulavick announced that the Refuse Department will have dumpsters available at the airport from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the next three Wednesdays and Saturday for large item drop off.

Don Przybilinski, Councilman at Large, commented on the CSX railroad crossing at Buffalo Street and the condition of the railroad ties. Councilman Przybilinski asked the Board to provide direction on contacting CSX again, requesting that the Mayor contact the U.S. Senator's Office regarding the matter.

Board Comment

There were no Board comment at this time.

Adjournment

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

AYES: (4) Antisdel, Smith, Simmons, Voltz
NAYS: (0) None

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

BOW President, Candice Antisdel

BOW Clerk, Gianna Galante