

REGULAR “ZOOM” MEETING – February 15, 2022

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, February 15, 2022, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Hosted by “Zoom” and streamed live on “My Michigan City” Facebook Page.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Angie Nelson Deutch.

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

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS Bryant Dabney, Michael Mack, Angie Nelson Deutch, Paul Przybylinski, Gene Simmons, Dalia Zygas, Don Przybylinski, and Tracie Tillman (9).

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS None (0).

President Deutch stated that we are still under the Governor’s Executive Order, and we still have our City Executive Order

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

President Deutch advised that Councilman Fitzpatrick would be late this evening and will acknowledge him when he joins.

ALSO, PRESENT: Attorney Meyer and Gale Neulieb City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deutch inquired whether there were any deletions, additions or corrections to the “Zoom” first meeting held on February 1, 2022, that will be approved this evening; there was no response.

Councilman D. Przybylinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the Zoom meeting held on February 1, 2022, a second was made by Councilman P. Przybylinski.

With them being approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Zygas, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, and Simmons (8) **NAYS:** None (0).

President Deutch advised that there was an Executive Session held on February 3, 2022 asking for a motion to approve the minutes for this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Simmons to approve the February 3, 2022 Executive Session minutes, second by P. Przybylinski and they were approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons and Zygas (8) **NAYS:** None (0).

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES

President Deutch asked if there were any reports of standing committees, there was no response.

FINANCE REPORT

Councilwoman Tillman presented the following Finance Meeting minutes held on February 11, 2022:

Chair, Tracie Tillman called to order the regular meeting of the Michigan City Finance Committee at 1:05 a.m. on February 11, 2022.

Roll Call

Tracie Tillman, Council, Sean Fitzpatrick, Council, Paul Przybylinski, Council and a quorum was present; also in attendance Yvonne Hoffmaster, City Controller, Angie Nelson Deutch, Council and Kaleb Goodwin, IT

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Regular Finance Committee meeting held on 1/28/2022 Ayes 3. Nays 0

Open Issues

Review claims in Fund No. 2031 Boyd Development \$0.00

Review claims in Fund 2042 Riverboat \$10,395.00

New Business

Approving Additional Appropriation in the budget of the Local Roads and Street Funds

Old Business

Discussion regarding the MVH Local Roads and Street Fund.

Minutes

Correction in agenda Fund No. 2031 Boyd Development should be \$0.00 and Fund No. 2042 Riverboat \$10,395.00.

Finance committee made recommendation to pay claims for Fund #3042 in the amount of \$10,395.00

Council discussed the approving additional appropriation in the budget of the Local Roads and Streets Fund for the balance of the 2021 miscellaneous paving project in the amount of \$382,071.00. This will be before the Council for approval.

Councilman Fitzpatrick asked if the \$382,071.00 will be paid out of the Riverboat Fund? Controller Hoffmaster confirmed that the balance will be paid out of the Local Road and Street Fund.

Councilwoman Deutch asked if there is an itemization that shows the change order for Reith Reilly for the additional \$34,000.00. Controller Hoffmaster said she did not receive an itemization list of the change order only a total amount was on the change order.

Councilwoman Deutch made a recommendation to what the itemization is for the cost of the \$34,000.00 with Controller Hoffmaster advising she will reach out to City Engineer Jeff Wright.

Chair Tillman, asked if Mr. Wright received any additional emails that the grant was not approved. Controller Hoffmaster said, no, because they did not know that the project was completed before the award letter was issued and all three of the dates were after completion.

Open comments regarding Resolution 8286.

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked if there was a process in the grant processing that was adopted where we would know what the bidding and submitting amounts are in order to maximize our money.

Controller Hoffmaster stated not sure if she will be able to make the council meeting on Tuesday night. Controller Hoffmaster asked if there are any other questions, policy updates, 2nd reading on the two resolutions; that she could answer now. None at this time.

Chairperson Tillman made a request of Controller Hoffmaster to have at least one of her deputies in attendance for Tuesday night Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. by Chair Tillman, a motion made by P. Przybylinski, second by Fitzpatrick.

Councilman D. Przybylinski commented on the change order for the F.O.P. with the finance committee asking for an itemization list of what was spent and where; stating that he doesn't feel these invoices should be paid until the Council has the information that was requested.

CLAIMS DOCKET

President Deutch read the following claims for the record.

February 15, 2022, Riverboat/Boyd Claim Docket

Fund #2042 – Riverboat – Claims	\$	10,395.00
EFT	\$	00.00
Fund #2031 – Boyd – Claims-	\$	00.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	10,395.00

President Deutch asked if the Council had any questions regarding the claim docket, there was no response.

A motion was made to approve the Riverboat/Boyd claims from February 15, 2022 by Councilwoman Tracie Tillman, second by Councilman Mack.

The motion was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Tillman, Dabney, Mack, Deutch, Simmons, Zygus and P. Przybylinski (7) **NAYS:** Councilman D. Przybylinski (1).

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

President Deutch asked if there were any reports of Special or Select Committees, there was no response.

REPORTS of OTHER CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

President Deutch asked if there were any reports of Other Officers and Departments, turning this part of the meeting over to MCPD Chief Campbell who will be doing a presentation on the 2021 Crime Statistics in Michigan City.

Chief Campbell addressed the Council reporting on details on service calls, statistics of violent crimes within our community during 2021, Drug Offenses, Juvenile Delinquency statistics, crimes against property, driving offenses, along with presenting to the Council a crime map.

NOTE: Councilman Fitzpatrick joined the meeting

Discussion ensued between MCPD Chief Campbell and Council members D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Dabney, Tillman, Mack, P. Przybylinski, thanking the department for a great job they do, supporting the department for additional appropriation for equipment, education, vehicles, to keep with the times for the safety of our officers, increase the hiring of officers, increase in officers' salaries, ideas to help solve crime in the city, ring doorbell system program, inhouse repairs to vehicles in accident, past practices in the U.S.A. "Broken Windows Policing", and quality housing in our community.

PETITIONS

President Deutch asked if there were any petitions.

Clerk Neulieb advised there were no petitions this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Deutch asked if there were any communications this evening.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on January 28, 2022, from Mr. Rodney McCormick stating concerns he has regarding the health and safety of the Housing Authority tenants.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on February 4, 2022, from Controller Hoffmaster with the report of an accident that happened on 01/22/2022 in a MCPD vehicle.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on February 8, 2022, from Kei J. Constantinov, Vice President of the Elston Grove Neighborhood Association advising the Common Council of their re-appointment of Ms. Laura Henderson to the Michigan City Tree Board.

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk read the following resolution by title only.

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 3832

APPROVING THE PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FROM HARRIS LAW FIRM, P.C. FOR THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Attorney James Meyer has previously informed the Common Council of his intention to discontinue representing the Michigan City Common Council, but has agreed to a temporary extension of services pursuant to Resolution No. 4824, until such time as the Common Council can secure and retain a permanent replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has solicited proposals for an attorney and/or law firm to provide legal services to the Council; and

WHEREAS, Harris Law Firm, P.C., has met with the members of the City Council in Executive Session to discuss its interest in representation of the Council, and has further submitted its proposed written contract for provision of legal services to the Common Council, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A;" and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now desires to engage Harris Law Firm, P.C. for provision of legal services in accordance with the proposed contract attached hereto.

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 Common Council approves the contract with Harris Law Firm, P.C., as set forth in Exhibit “A,” and authorizes the Council President to execute the same.

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/Angie Nelson-Deutch, President
Michigan City Common Council

CO-SPONSOR: /s/ Tracie Tillman, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Sean Fitzpatrick, Member
Michigan City Common Council

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council.

President Deutch stated that she would relinquish her chair to Vice President D. Przybylinski to address the Council.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that this is in reference to Attorney Meyer who gave his notice in December, 2021; that during January we received an inquiry from Harris Law and had an Executive Session February 3, 2022 regarding their proposal with no action being taken; advising that this a proposed resolution (with exhibit “A”) and is a contract for legal services to the Council through December 31, 2022; advising that there are representatives present from Harris Law.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if Attorney Harris or Attorney Snow had any comments.

Attorney Harris thanked the Council for giving his law firm the opportunity to submit the proposal; advising that Harris Law firm provide legal services for several municipalities throughout Northern Indiana and look forward to the opportunity hopefully with your favorable vote to provide this Council; stating that he would be happy to answer any questions the Council may have.

President Deutch asked if there were any additional comments from the public, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if the council had any comments or questions.

Discussion ensued between Attorney Harris, President Deutch, Council Members D. Przybylinski, P. Przybylinski regarding the proposed contract and what Harris Law Firm is proposing of their legal services.

Councilwoman Tillman made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution and contract for legal services, second Councilman Mack.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus and Tillman (8) **NAYS:** Councilman P. Przybylinski (1).

The Clerk read the following proposed resolution by title only. **REQUESTING REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE PROGRAMS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF RESIDENCES IN MICHIGAN CITY PURSUANT TO IC 36-7—14-45, ET SEQ. AND IC 36-7-14-53, ET SEQ.**

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked to have the proposed resolution read in its entirety. President Deutch read the following proposed resolution in its entirety. (Clerk Neulieb didn't read it due to her microphone not connecting this evening very well)

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission (RC) has spent millions of dollars on improvements to foster economic development in Michigan City (City), it has not spent any significant part of the millions of dollars of City tax payers' dollars it receives every year for constructing and/or improving residences in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that there is a serious need to address the deficiencies in the housing stock in the City by constructing new homes on the numerous empty lots in residential areas and by repairing and improving existing residences in the City that are in need of same; and

WHEREAS, the RC is authorized to plan and implement housing programs in the City, inside and outside of existing TIF districts, by IC 36-7-14-45, et seq. and IC 36-7-14-53, et seq., but has failed to do so despite the obvious need for such programs in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that it would be in the best interest of the citizens and businesses of Michigan City for the RC to prepare and implement plans for housing programs to construct, repair, and improve residences in those areas of the City as authorized by Indiana law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Michigan City requests that:

1. The Michigan City Redevelopment Commission promptly take appropriate action and conduct appropriate proceedings, including obtaining input from the public, to prepare and implement housing programs in Michigan City, as authorized by IC 36-7-14-45, et seq. and IC 36-7-14-53, et seq., to expend Commission funds for the construction, repair, and improvement of residences in Michigan City.
2. The Commission make monthly reports to the Common Council regarding its efforts to comply with the Common Council's request.

This Resolution to be effective upon adoption by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor.

Introduced by: Paul Przybylinski. Member

President Deutch asked if the sponsor had anything to add at this time.

Councilman P. Przybylinski advised that he feels this would be a vehicle that can accomplish many things that people have thought about this evening and at previous council meetings and is about helping the people in our community with their housing needs.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if any of the Council had any questions or comments.

Councilman D. Przybylinski believes this resolution is pretty straightforward and simple to understand; stating that he also believes that it could help many individuals in our community; that depending on how the program is developed could help both new construction as well as homes that are need of repairs; asking the Redevelopment

Commission to take a look at the thought process and try to adopt something to move forward on this.

Councilman D. Przybylinski made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski.

The proposed resolution failed by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members D. Przybylinski and P. Przybylinski (2) **NAYS:** Council members Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, Simmons, Zygus, Tillman, and Dabney (7).

President Deutch stated the resolution failed.

ORDINANCES

The Clerk read the following proposed Ordinance on first reading by title only
**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF
THE LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND FOR THE BALANCE OF THE
2021 MISCELLANEOUS PAVING PROJECT**

Introduced by: Paul Przybylinski

(DECREASE Local Road and Street Fund 2002 Unappropriated balance \$382,071.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2002 000 443.030 \$382,071.00 Capital Outlay – Streets)

President Deutch asked if the sponsor had anything to add at this time; with Councilman P. Przybylinski stating not at this time.

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

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman Dabney asked he thought we were going to propose an amendment this evening; that he received a copy of an amendment late this afternoon by email.

Councilman D. Przybylinski questioned that the \$35,000 change order that was received is part of the \$382,071.00 being proposed in this ordinance tonight, being advised by President Deutch that it was.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that we still have not received an explanation or a breakdown of this \$35,000; advising that he can't see moving this forward until we get that information that was requested and if there is an amendment, he did not receive that.

Councilman Fitzpatrick stated that he does have an amendment and it is sort of what Councilman D. Przybylinski was alluding that what he is going to propose would be the amount of money for the change order that we have not received an itemized breakdown of what these funds were spent for.

Councilman Fitzpatrick made a motion to amend the \$382,071.00 being proposed subtracting the change order and proposing \$347,908.50, second by Councilwoman Tillman.

President Deutch advised that the Council received an email from Controller Hoffmaster that the cents needed to be round up or down.

Attorney Meyer advised that the requirement now is a rule regarding filing items into Gateway which this would eventually have to be filed.

Councilman Fitzpatrick changed the amount of his amendment to \$347,909.00 and was second again by Councilwoman Tillman.

The proposed amendment was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, and Fitzpatrick (9) **NAYS:** None (0).

President Deutch advised the amount that it was amended to was \$347,909.00.

President Deutch asked if there were any other comments and hearing none the proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading until the March 1, 2022, Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following ordinance on first reading by title only. **AMENDING SECTION 2-462 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ON THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMISSION**

Introduced by: Angie Nelson Deutch
Sean Fitzpatrick

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the sponsor, there was no response.

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

President Deutch asked if there were any one from the Council who wish to speak on the proposed ordinance.

President Deutch asked to relinquish the chair to give an explanation to Council D. Przybylinski.

President Deutch commented on several reasons this ordinance needed to be amended that in the last six months it has been difficult to fill any of seats which we are changing the representation to any person attending a Michigan City School not a specific school, including students from middle school and also lowering the age to try and get this commission up a running.

President Deutch stated that this proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading at our March 1, 2022 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only. **CREATING SEC. 2-327 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE KNOWN AS THE "POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING BAD DEBT UNCOLLECTIBLE"**

Introduced by: Angie Nelson Deutch
Co-Sponsor: Bryant Dabney
Don Przybylinski

President Deutch asked if any of the sponsors had anything to add this evening.

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

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over on third reading at our March 1, 2022 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only.

CREATING SEC. 2-326 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE KNOWN AS THE “CAPITAL ASSET POLICY”

Introduced by: Angie Nelson Deutch

Co-Sponsor: Bryant Dabney

President Deutch asked if either of the sponsors had anything to add, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council, there was no response; stating that this ordinance will be held over on third reading at the March 1, 2022 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following ordinance on second reading by title only.

APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE PARK CONCESSION FUND FOR THE ZOO BIG CAT EXHIBIT EXPANSION PROJECT

Introduced by: Dalia Zygas

Co-Sponsor: Bryant Dabney

Don Przybylinski

Angie Nelson Deutch

(DECREASE Park Concession Fund 2053 Unappropriated balance \$182,000.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT#2053 000 444.050 \$182,000.00 Capital Outlay – Improvements Other than Buildings)

President Deutch asked if any of the sponsors had anything to add this evening.

Councilwoman Zygas stated that she will be asking to have second and third reading this evening; that it is necessary to get going on this project and get the bids out as soon possible.

President Deutch advised that there will be a formal public hearing this evening (stating three times) “Is there anyone from the public that wish to speak on this additional appropriation”, there was no response, and the formal public hearing was closed.

President Deutch asked if the Council had any comments.

Councilwoman Zygas made a motion to have second and third reading this evening, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski.

The motion to have second and third reading this evening was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygas, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick and Mack (9) **NAYS:** None (0).

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

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4615

**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE
PARK CONCESSION FUND FOR THE ZOO BIG CAT EXHIBIT EXPANSION
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated to the Common Council of the City of Michigan City that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2022 Annual Budget to fund the zoo big cat exhibit expansion project, and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the Park Concession Fund #2053 to be appropriated for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the City the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purpose specified above, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
DECREASE Park Concession Fund 2053 Unappropriated balance	\$182,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2053 000 444.050 Capital Outlay – Improvements Other than Buildings		\$182,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$182,000.00	

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/Dalia Zygas, Member
Michigan City Common Council

CO-SPONSOR: /s/ Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Angie Nelson Deutch, Member
Michigan City Common Council

President Deutch asked if the sponsors had anything to add, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if the public had anything to add, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman D. Przybylinski made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Mack and Councilwoman Zygas.

The proposed ordinance was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygas, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack and Deutch (9) **NAYS:** None (0).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only.
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE PARK OPERATING FUND FOR AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME ZOOKEEPER

Introduced by: Dalia Zygas
Co-Sponsor: Bryant Dabney
 Angie Nelson Deutch
 Michael Mack

(DECREASE Park Operating Fund 2056 Unappropriated balance \$73,682.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 411.013 \$44,055.00 Salaries & Wages-Regular Salary and Wages INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 413.001 \$3,371.00 Employee Benefits-Employer Share FICA INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 50413.003 \$6,256.00 Employee Benefits-Employer Share INPRS INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 413.005 \$18,000.00 Employee Benefits-Employer Share Health Insurance INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 434.010 \$2,000.00 Insurance-Workers Compensation)

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the sponsors.

Councilwoman Zygas advised that we are moving money within the park budget so they can hire a zookeeper, which they need very badly; stating that she will also be asking to have second and third reading this evening.

President Deutch advised that there will be a formal public hearing this evening (stating three times) "Is there anyone from the public that wish to speak on this additional appropriation", there was no response, and the formal public hearing was closed.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilwoman Zygas made a motion to have third reading this evening, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski.

The motion passed to have third reading this evening by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Simmons, Zygas, Dabney, Mack, Deutch and D. Przybylinski (6) **NAYS:** Councilman P. Przybylinski, Tillman and Fitzpatrick (3).

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

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4616

APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE PARK OPERATING FUND FOR AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME ZOOKEEPER

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated to the Common Council of the City of Michigan City that it is necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the 2022 Annual Budget to fund an additional full-time zookeeper, and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the Park Operating Fund #2056 to be appropriated for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the City the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purpose specified above, subject to the laws governing the same:

	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
DECREASE Park Operating Fund 2056 Unappropriated balance	\$73,682.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 411.013 Salaries & Wages-Regular Salary and Wages		\$44,055.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 413.001 Employee Benefits-Employer Share FICA		\$3,371.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 413.003 Employee Benefits-Employer Share INPRS		\$6,256.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 413.005 Employee Benefits-Employer Share Health Insurance		\$18,000.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT#2056 504 434.010 Insurance-Workers Compensation		\$2,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$73,682.00	

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/ Dalia Zygas, Member
Michigan City Common Council

CO-SPONSOR: /s/Bryant Dabney, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/Michael Mack, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Angie Nelson Deutch, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Councilwoman Deutch moved on to "New Business"

Councilwoman Zygas called a "Point of Order" stating that we didn't take the final reading on the additional appropriation for the "Zookeeper" position.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the sponsors, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if the public had any questions or comments, there was no response.

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilman Don Przybylinski made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, second by Councilman Mack.

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Zygas, Dabney, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski and Simmons (6) **NAYS:** Council members P. Przybylinski, Tillman, and Fitzpatrick (3).

NEW BUSINESS

President Deutch advised Mayor Parry is requesting the advice and consent of the Michigan City Common Council for his re-appointment of Ms. Melody Haynes as a member of the Michigan City Human Rights Commission (term begins immediately and expires 02-02-2026)

President Deutch stated that we will have the vote this evening asking for a motion.

Councilman D. Przybylinski made a motion to approve the mayor's request, second by Councilman Simmons; Ms. Haynes was re-appointed by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members P. Przybylinski, Dabney, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons and Zygus (9) **NAYS:** None (0).

President Deutch advised Mayor Parry is requesting the advice and consent of the Michigan City Common Council for his appointment of Ms. Mary Neil Murphy as a member of the Michigan City Tree Board (term begins immediately and expires 12-04-2023)

President Deutch stated that we will have the vote this evening; asking if Ms. Murphy was present and wanted to address the Council.

Ms. Murphy addressed the Council thanking them for their advice and consent vote; stating several reason why she would like to serve on the Tree Board and is replacing Mr. Mick Wolf who resigned.

Councilman P. Przybylinski made a motion to approve the mayor's request to place Ms. Murphy on the Tree Board, second by Councilwoman Zygus; Ms. Murphy was appointed to the Tree Board by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dabney, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus and P. Przybylinski (9) **NAYS:** None (0).

President Deutch advised the Council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Enrichment Corporation (term expires March 31, 2022) Incumbent: Ms. Connie Anderson.

President Deutch stated that nomination will take place at the next council meeting on March 1, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FYI: President Deutch advised the Common Council has one (1) appointment to the Tree Board and has to represent a "Neighborhood Association (term expires March 15, 2022). Incumbent: Laura Henderson

Clerk Neulieb advised that she received a letter from the Elston Grove Neighborhood Association re-appointment Ms. Laura Henderson as their representative.

A motion was made by Councilman P. Przybylinski to approve their recommendation, second by Councilmen D. Przybylinski and Dabney. Ms. Laura Henderson was re-appointed by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus, P. Przybylinski and (9) **NAYS:** None (0).

President Deutch advised the Common Council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Fire Merit Commission due to Mr. Ricky Jackson resigning (term expires 12-31-2022). Repeating three (3) times "Are there any nominations at this time"

Councilman D. Przybylinski nominated Mr. Fred Adrian, second Councilman P. Przybylinski.

Councilwoman Tillman nominated Ms. Desiree (Hawkins) Nichols, second by Councilman Simmons.

President Deutch repeating three (3) times “Are there any other nomination at this time” there was no response and nominations were closed.

Mr. Adrian that he is hoping that he will be appointed to the Fire Merit Commission, that he feels he could make difference and that we have a great fire department and would like to work with them to make it even better.

Ms. Nichols advised that she is very interested in becoming a Fire Commissioner, that she always wanted to serve for our city and when she saw this opportunity, she wanted to apply a fresh face with new ideas.

President Deutch advised that the vote on this appointment will take place at the March 1, 2022, Council meeting.

President Deutch stated the Council has the following appointments to the Commission on the Social Status of African American Males reading the following incumbents:

Ms. Albertine Allen – Minority Health Partners of the County (resigned)
Dr. Wendall McCollum- MCAS;
Ms. LaTonya Troutman – NAACP (resigned)
terms expire 02/15/2022

Clerk Neulieb advised President Deutch that the Clerk’s Office has not received any representation from any of the above representatives.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Deutch asked if there is anyone from the public who wished to speak; limiting everyone to three (3) minutes; asking them to state their name and address for the record, there was no response.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

President Deutch asked if the mayor was on the call and if he had any comments; there was no response.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

President Deutch asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Councilwoman Zygus commented on not knowing who has turned in applications to serve on board and commissions suggesting that it would be nice if we had a spread sheet to show the who turned in an application and what boards and commissions they would like to serve on by the Council.

Councilman D. Przybylinski spoke about Covid-19 and that we are getting more negative results which is good news; advising that the Salvation Army is doing free covid testing and vaccination starting tomorrow February 16th through Saturday February 19th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Councilman D. Przybylinski advised everyone that this next Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the Board of Public Works Board meeting at 8:30 a.m. this board is going to

make a decision whether to close Eleventh Street from Chicago Street to Michigan Boulevard with the only three intersections open will be Washington Street, Wabash Street and Franklin Street for the construction of the Double Track Project; stating several concerns he regarding this closing.

Councilman P. Przybylinski totally concur with Councilman D. Przybylinski that the closing of this entire street is going to bring a hardship to the citizens in Michigan City as well as the residents on the West side and Midtown; stating several reasons he is against closing the entire 11th Streets for eleven (11) months.

Councilman Dabney commented on the Double tracking project and that he understands some concerns about the blocking of the crossings being in a eleven month timeframe in order to get the work done and that he hadn't heard anything about running out of money; that there is going to be some change in traffic pattern through this process of this project and that we are the only city having the double track going down the center of their town and that when this project is completed the benefits this city is going to have bringing Chicago closer to being a part of Chicago.

President Deutch advised that the Board of Public Works meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. "Zoom" and hosted on Michigan City Facebook page.

Councilman D. Przybylinski invited everyone to participate in this meeting on Tuesday; commenting on the closing that are going to take place.

President Deutch asked if there were any additional comments from the Council.

President Deutch wanted to remind all board and commission members that she and Councilwoman Zygus is having a Workshop on February 23, 2022 on "Zoom" and will be covering some accounting items and Roberts Rules of Orders; advising that we will get the last recording out on the City's web page that talked about agenda, meetings, etiquette and minutes.

President Deutch stated Mayor Parry scheduled a workshop late this afternoon to discuss the "LIT" tax that has been being talked about throughout LaPorte County on Thursday February 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the EOC Room and "Zoom".

President Deutch commented about housing, that there have been some amendments that were done to the Redevelopment Authority in 2019/2020 that allows us to create a whole TIF which is a housing TIF and wants the Council to make they understand that a member of the RDC that we have been looking at establishing a housing TIF which is a new vehicle; it's not something that's been here for years and will allow us that, and that we have had CDBG to help establish opportunities for citizens to get their houses fixed and have created some homes on the west side

Councilwoman Deutch advised that we are working with developers and in short order at some point we're looking to use land acquisition funds to subsidize additional housing outside of the TIF and she doesn't want anyone to think that we are not looking forward as far as housing in our community.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilman D. Przybylinski, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski and there being no further business to transact, President Deutch declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:36 p.m.)

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