

REGULAR ZOOM MEETING –

April 04, 2022

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday morning, April 04, 2022, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., hosted by “Hybird/Zoom” and streaming live on “My Michigan City” Facebook page.

The meeting was called to order by President, Virginia Keating, who presided.

Noted present in person: Virginia Keating, Michael Vinson, and Mayor Parry (3), **Absent: None** (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT.

Also noted in attendance:

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel

Kaleb Goodwin I.T. Webmaster

Brad Minnick, City Engineer

Sgt. Steve Forker, M.C.P.D.

Shong Smith, Director M.C. Central Services

Aaron Borngraber, Associate Planner

Terry Greetham, Special Event Director

Andrew White, Alco TV

Frank Rebac, MCFD Deputy Chief

Skyler Your, Planning Director

Steve Stanford, Sanitation Director

Gale Neulieb, City Clerk

Stacy Dudley, Assistant Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Parry moved to approve the minutes of the Regular “Hybird/Zoom” meeting of March 21, 2022; seconded by Vice-President Vinson. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

AYES: Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0).

Motion Carries.

AWARDING OF BIDS- 2022 Sale of Surplus Vehicles (Rolling Stock-Transit Buses)

2013 Freightliner- Legacy #40

2013 Freightliner- Legacy #42

2013 Freightliner- Legacy #44

2000 Ford E450

(Bid received- Bill Cota submitted a bid for the purchase of the 2000 Ford E450 in the amount of \$1,155.00)

President Keating stated that the only bid that will be awarded today is a bid from Bill Cota for the 2000 Ford E450 in the amount of \$1,155.00.

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel addressed the Board stating that the recommendation is to award the bid to Bill Cota for the 2000 Ford E450 #37 Supreme Senator Bus in the amount of \$1,155.00.

President Keating asked if there was any comment from the Public and hearing none asked if there were any Board questions or comments, there was no response.

Vice-President Vinson made the motion to award the 2000 Ford E450 #37 to Mr. Bill Cota in the amount of \$1,155.00. The motion was seconded by Mayor Parry and carried as follows: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

AWARDING OF QUOTES - Miscellaneous Project -City of Michigan City 2022- MCFD Roof Replacement- Station 3 bidding

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel addressed the Board stating that her and Assistant Chief Rebac reviewed the lowest most responsive bidder is Arnett Associates Inc. in the amount of \$40,960.00.

President Keating asked if there was any comment from the Public and hearing none asked if there were any Board questions or comments, there was no response.

Vice-President Vinson made the motion to approve the bid to Arnett Associates Inc. in the amount of \$40,960.00 for the roof replacement at Station 3; seconded by Mayor Parry. The motion was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

AWARDING OF QUOTES - Miscellaneous Project -City of Michigan City 2022- MCFD Roof Replacement- Station 4 bidding

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel addressed the Board stating that her and Assistant Chief Rebac reviewed the lowest most responsive bidder is Arnett Associates Inc. in the amount of \$45,440.00.

President Keating asked if there was any comment from the Public and hearing none asked if there were any Board questions or comments, there was no response.

Vice-President Vinson made the motion to approve the bid to Arnett Associates Inc. in the amount of \$45,440.00 for the roof replacement at Station 4; seconded by Mayor Parry. The motion was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

REQUEST TO PURCHASE CITY OWNED PROPERTY- Tera Ramirez, 703 Nahas Street, is requesting to purchase the property owned by the City of Michigan City located next to their property Parcel # 46-01-22-426-002.000-022

President Keating asked if anyone wanted to speak on this matter, there was no response.

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel addressed the Board stating that she would recommend that this matter be referred to her office and the Planning Department for further review; asking that this matter be tabled until next meeting.

Vice-President Vinson made the motion to table this matter until the next meeting on April 18, 2022 for further review from Corporate Counsel; seconded by Mayor Parry and were approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE- Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street is requesting a “4-Way Stop” at the intersection of Ohio and William Street.

Tommy Kulavik 1316 Ohio Street stated that he is requesting the MCPD to complete a traffic study and place a “4-Way Stop” at the intersection of Ohio Street and William Street; further explaining that in the eight (8) years he has lived at that address there have been five accidents.

Sergeant Steve Forker, MCPD addressed the Board on behalf of Captain Loniewski, stating that information was provided regarding four (4) accidents at that intersection from October 4, 2020 until present with the recommendation to place additional signage underneath the East and West “Stop” signs to indicate that “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop”.

President Keating asked if there was any comment from the Public and hearing none asked if there were any Board questions or comments.

Vice-President Vinson stated that he is curious to know what the cause of the accidents mentioned.

Further discussion ensued between Vice-President Vinson and Sergeant Steve Forker regarding the past accidents that happened at the intersection of Ohio Street and William Street.

Mayor Parry made the motion to approve a “4-Way” Stop at Ohio and Williams Street.

Vice-President Vinson stated that he is not sure that a “4-Way” stop will prevent any accidents or cause more; further discussing how the City is already shuffling “Stop” signs around.

Further discussion ensued between Mayor Parry and Vice-President Vinson postponing the decision and waiting on Captain Loniewski to come back from vacation.

Sergeant Steve Forker, MCPD stated that Captain Loniewski recommendation is to put additional signage underneath the “Stop” signs.

Mayor Parry asked Vice-President Vinson how he feels about adding the additional signage.

Vice-President Vinson stated that he agrees with that recommendation.

Mayor Parry amended the motion to approve the additional signage underneath the “Stop” signs that read “Cross Traffic Does NOT Stop”; seconded by Vice-President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vice-President Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** NONE (0). **Motion Carries.**

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - An Agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and Marquis Electric, Inc. to provide on call electrical services and related contractor materials (not to exceed \$60,000.00)

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel addressed the Board stating that Marquis Electric, Inc has been performing work for the City for several years and that this is just a standard on call agreement.

President Keating asked if there was any comment from the Public and hearing none asked if there were any Board questions or comments.

Mayor Parry addressed the Board to give some additional insight on the Double Track explaining that there are a lot of grey areas that exist during the construction cycle; further explaining that he contacted Marquis Electric, Inc. to give the City an estimate to be our construction electrician.

Vice-President Vinson asked if Marquis Electric, Inc. is qualified for high voltage and below.

Mayor Parry answered Vice-President Vinson stating yes, Marquis Electric, Inc. is qualified. Mayor Parry made the motion to approve Marquis Electric, Inc. to provide on call electrical services and related contractor materials (not to exceed \$60,000.00); seconded by Vice-President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vice-President Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** NONE (0). **Motion Carries.**

PHYSICAL FITNESS - The Michigan City Police Department will be conducting the semi-annual Spring physical fitness testing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on April 5th thru April 29, 2022

(Note: for informational purposes only)

POLICY AMENDMENT - Sergeant Steve Forker, M.C.P.D. is requesting approval to and update the Michigan City Police Department's Use of Force Policy #23

Sergeant Steve Forker, M.C.P.D. addressed the Board stating that the updates to this policy have been reviewed by City Council now we bring it before the Board so that the MCPD policy is in line with state statute.

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel addressed the Board stating that she has reviewed this policy and also sent it over the City's other insurance provider for review and we both approve Policy # 23.

President Keating asked if there was any comment from the Public and hearing none asked if there were any Board questions or comments.

Vice-President Vinson made a motion to approve the Michigan City Police Department's Use of Force Policy #23; Mayor Parry seconded the motion by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

FARMER'S MARKET AGREEMENT- Terry Gretham, Special Event Director is requesting amendment to the Farmer's Market agreement between the City of Michigan City and the Farmer's Market Manager, Chantelle Bagley adding that she will be starting in April

Terry Gretham, Events Director addressed the Board apologizing that this matter was an oversight on his part not realizing how the Farmer's Market Manager process works and how much time Ms. Bagley would have to put into this event prior to the opening of the actual Farmer's Market; further explaining why he is making this request.

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

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the board, there was no response

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve the amendment to the Farmer's Market agreement between the City of Michigan City and the Farmer's Market Manager, Chantelle Bagley adding that she will be starting in April; Mayor Parry seconded the motion by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

FARMER'S MARKET AGREEMENT- Terry Gretham, Special Event Director is requesting approval of the 2022 Farmer's Market agreement between the City of Michigan City, Indiana and Stamper Cheese Company, INC.

Terry Gretham, Events Director addressed the Board stating that Stamper Cheese is a returning vendor and have attended the Farmer's Market for many years.

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

President Keating asked if there were any board comments, there was no response.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve the 2022 Farmer's Market agreement between the City of Michigan City, Indiana and Stamper Cheese Company, INC. Mayor Parry seconded the motion by the following vote: The request was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

CONTRACT APPROVAL- Terry Greetham, Special Event Director is requesting approval of the Agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and City Lanes for bar services at the Singing Sands Festival June 3rd thru June 5th, 2022, Contractor will pay the City \$1,000.00

Terry Greetham, Events Director addressed the Board stating that this is the same vendor used for the 2021 Festival of Lights Celebration further explaining that once the contract is approved the vendor will produce the certificate of insurance.

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

President Keating asked if there were any board comments, there was no response.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve the agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and City Lanes for bar services at the Singing Sands Festival June 3rd thru June 5th, 2022, Contractor will pay the City \$1,000.00 contingent upon the certificate of insurance.; seconded by Vice President Vinson. The request was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

CONTRACT APPROVAL-Terry Greetham, Special Event Director is requesting approval of the Agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and City Lanes for bar services at the Michigan City Oktoberfest September 2nd thru September 5th, 2022, Contractor will pay the City \$2,000.

Terry Greetham, Events Director addressed the board stating that this is the same vendor, City Lanes INC. further explaining that once the contract is approved the vendor will produce the Certificate of Insurance.

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

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the board, there was no response.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve the agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and City Lanes for bar services at the Michigan City Oktoberfest September 2nd thru September 5th, 2022, contingent upon vendor producing an updated Certificate of Insurance, Contractor will pay the City \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vinson. The request was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

REQUEST TO PURCHASE CITY OWNED PROPERTY- Donovan Garletts, 207 Fogarty Street is requesting to purchase city owned property between Fogarty and Blaine adjacent to Lake Avenue Parcel # 46-01-21-361-005.000-022.

Donovan Garletts, 207 Fogarty Street addressed the Board requesting permission to purchase parcel # **46-01-21-361-005.000-022** further explaining that it is located three (3) parcels down from his home and owned by the city. He stated that he is interested in continuing the city's goal of redevelopment and is hoping to put several single-family homes on this land.

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink asked that this matter be referred to her department and the Planning Department for further investigation and review, further explaining that she did speak with Skylar York, Planning Director and would like to dig a little deeper before a recommendation to the board is made.

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

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the board, there was no response.

Skylar York, Director of Planning and Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, agreed that a decision should be brought to the Board by the next Board of Works Meeting April 18, 2022.

Mayor Parry made a motion to TABLE this matter for further review from both Legal and Planning Departments by the next Board of Works Meeting, April 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vinson by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Keating, Vice-President Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** NONE (0). **Motion Carries.**

LICENSE APPLICATION REQUEST- Manual Rebecchi, Cirque Entertainment II, LLC. is requesting approval for a four (4) day temporary acrobatic event under a big top tent at the Michigan City Lighthouse Mall on April 28- May 1, 2022.

President Keating asked if there was any one present to address this matter, there was no response.

President Keating asked Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink if she had an opportunity to look everything over, she responded that she had, and everything appears to be in order.

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

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the board, there was no response.

Vice-President made a motion to approve four (4) day temporary acrobatic event under a big top tent at the Michigan City Lighthouse Mall on April 28- May 1, 2022, the motion was seconded by Mayor Parry. The request was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Keating, Vice-President Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** NONE (0). **Motion Carries.**

ACQUISITION REQUEST OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY-Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is requesting to purchase City property for the purposes of the Double Track NWI Project (10th Street Parcel ID 46-01-31-238-032.000-022 and Parcel ID 46-01-31-238-044.000-022 for \$5,500.00.

Nicole Barker, Northern Indiana Commuter Train District (NICTD), stated that Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink had the information necessary for this item to address this matter.

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink commented that several meetings ago the Redevelopment Commission transferred the subject properties to the City. NICTD revised their uniform property acquisition offer to include both of those parcels. NICTD submitted a fair market value appraisal. Based on this, both Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink and Skyler York, Director of Planning have no objections.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the public.

Steve Stanford, Operations Manager Sanitary District commented that the Sanitary District supports the sale, further explaining that there are storm water drains either touching or adjacent to at least one of the parcels and would like to confirm the locations so NICTD could provide an easement.

Mayor Parry asked if there was an idea of how long it would take to confirm the location of the drains.

Steve Stanford, Operations Manager Sanitary District responded that it could easily be done by the next board of works meeting in two weeks, if not sooner.

Mayor Parry made a motion to TABLE the request from the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) to purchase City property for the purposes of the Double Track NWI Project (10th Street Parcel ID 46-01-31-238-032.000-022 and Parcel ID 46-01-31-238-044.000-022 for \$5,500.00 till the next board of works meeting; it was seconded by Vice-President Vinson. The request was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Keating, Vice-President Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** NONE (0). **Motion Carries.**

CONTRACT APPROVAL- An Agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for services starting May 01, 2022 thru October 31, 2022; (not to exceed \$26,220.40).

President Keating asked if there was any one present to address the matter.

Shong Smith, Director M.C. Central Services addressed the board stating this is a standard contract with Clarke, it is a treatment of four (4) controlled mosquito sprays and catch basins throughout the year.

President Keating asked if they were the provider last year.

Shong Smith, Director M.C. Central Services, responded that yes, they were the provider last year.

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

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve the agreement between the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety and Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for services starting May 01, 2022, thru October 31, 2022; (not to exceed \$26,220.40). The motion was seconded by Vice President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members, Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

REQUEST TO RETIRE LIGHTS/SIGNALS- Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers, Ltd. is requesting on behalf of Walsh-Herzog to retire six (6) lights/signals for the Double Track Project.

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers addressed the board stating this is like the last request at the last board of works meeting, and this is for a new batch of lights and signals for the NICTD project so that they may go forward.

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

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the board.

Mayor Parry asked if this is a permanent retirement, or just through the project.

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers stated that this would be permanent retirement.

Vice-President Vinson made a motion to approve the request from Brad Minnick on behalf of Walsh-Herzog to retire six (6) lights/signals for the Double Track Project; the motion was seconded by Mayor Parry. **The motion was approved by the following votes: AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

TEMPORARY REQUEST TO REDESIGN ONE-WAY STREETS- Nicole Barker representing NICTD is requesting that Buffalo, Manhattan and Elston (one-way) Streets be temporarily redesigned to be two-way streets, between 10th and 11th Street and between 11th Street and William Street for Manhattan and Buffalo Street; and between 11th and Green Street for Elston Street starting 7:00 a.m. April 6, 2022 thru November 15, 2022.

Nicole Barker, Northern Indiana Commuter Train District (NICTD) stated that this request is the final work to temporarily convert small segments of the roadways listed here from one -way to two -way; in these locations there are residents who are having to drive down a one-way street to get in and out of their houses. The roads have been kept open to prevent this issue, but it is getting to the point where these roads need closed to complete construction.

Kevin Kegebein, Walsh Construction commented that things are getting prepped for a permanent configuration there.

Mayor Parry requested for additional information before it is approved; further discussion ensued about the size and parking configuration of these roads.

Kevin Kegebein, Walsh Construction responded that on the northside from 10th to 11th streets you are going to have both directions open; and from Elston both directions opened up to Green Street, and also on Buffalo Street and Manhattan Street will be opened up to Williams Street as two-ways.

Mayor Parry asked about the parking situation on these roads.

Kevin Kegebein responded that all the signs that say one-way will be covered, and then it will be signed to show two-way traffic, for parking you will have to turn around and park in the opposite direction on the two-way.

Mayor Parry asked if the streets are wide enough to park on both sides.

Kevin Kegebein, Walsh Construction responded that Buffalo and Manhattan streets are wide enough, but Elston Street may not be.

Vice President Vinson stated that just because a road is two-way does not mean that two cars can pass, it just means someone will not get a ticket for going the wrong way on a one-way.

Further discussion ensued between Vice-President Vinson and Skylar York regarding the streets mentioned being wide enough for two-way traffic, and the history of these roads.

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers stated a closer look will be given to these roads and would have a recommendation by the next board of works meeting.

Mayor Parry asked what two more weeks would do to the schedule of NICTD.

Kevin Kegebein commented that if documentation could be sent that would be preferable.

Nicole Barker asked would it helpful to have Buffalo and Manhattan Streets approved, while Elston Street is getting looked at.

Kevin Kegebein agreed that would be helpful.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve a temporary request to redesign one-way streets – for Buffalo Street and Manhattan (one-way) Streets be temporarily redesigned to be two-way streets, between 10th and 11th Street and between 11th Street and William Street for Manhattan and Buffalo Street; starting 7:00 a.m. April 6, 2022, thru November 15, 2022 with Elston Street contingent upon an evaluation being completed.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street stated that he believes the streets are not wide enough, and before any of this is done what the people in the community have to say needs to be taken into consideration and he believes this is a safety issue.

President Keating asked if it would be necessary to possibly lower the speed limit on these streets, during these changes.

Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers commented that he would be happy to look at the speed postings and see if it would be prudent to lower the speed limit.

President Keating asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no comment.

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve the request for temporary designs of one-way streets; Buffalo and Manhattan Streets pending Michigan City's involvement through Brad Minnick, Primera Engineers, and the Michigan City Police Department with Elston Street placed on the pending items list for April 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES**

: Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST- Bruce Young, 529 Northbrook is requesting a street closure in front of his property at 529 Northbrook for installation of a sanitary tap and sewer line to his property starting April 18th thru April 19th, 2022 (Parkman excavating is doing the project).

Bruce Young, Bruce Built Construction, the General Contractor of the project also representing Parkman Excavating stated that the entire road did not have to be closed, the hook-up for the sewer line is just a little north of the property where they must cut into the road, they will have a flagger and barricades for public safety.

Sergeant Steve Forker, M.C.P.D. stated the Captain Loniewski recommended approval, pending the flagger and proper signage was in place.

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink commented that the Certificate of Insurance for Parkman Excavating and Bruce Built Construction needs to be amended, to match the sample provided by the underwriter.

Bruce Young stated that an updated certificate of insurance would be provided prior to the work being done.

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

Mayor Parry made a motion to approve the street closure at 529 Northbrook for installation of a sanitary tap and sewer line starting April 18th thru April 19th, 2022 (Parkman excavating is doing the project); pending certificates of insurance and all the safety activities; like a flagger are in place to ensure the neighbors can access their properties safely. This motion was seconded by Vice-President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

PAYROLL DOCKET

March 25, 2022

City Payroll \$ 605,956.71

April 01, 2022

City Pension \$ 211,571.27

Vice President Vinson make a motion to approve the city payroll dockets for March 25, 2022 and the city pension for April 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mayor Parry. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

CLAIMS DOCKET

April 04, 2022

MUNICIPAL \$ 873,514.55

CDBG \$ 0.00

HEALTH & LIFE INS. FUND \$ 290,055.40

WORKERS COMP TRUST \$ 10,850.00

Total Claims - \$ 1,174,419.95

Vice President Vinson made a motion to approve the claims docket for April 04, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mayor Parry. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Keating stated the first item on the pending items/unfinished business list is Carrie McGinty, 225 Charles Street, request to purchase city owned property located behind their property at 932 W. 6th Street.

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink responded that she is attempting to get all the paperwork out to all the adjacent neighbors, and Sue Downs, City Inspector is helping to get the full legal description. The last deed from the county only had the parcel number, not the full legal description.

President Keating stated that this matter of the request to purchase city owned property will remain on the pending items list.

President Keating stated the next item on the pending items/unfinished business is Mason Reffett, Northwest Indiana Lawn Care, doing business as Weedman Lawncare and obtaining the proper certificate of insurance.

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink responded that she was just handed the paperwork when she arrived and did not have time to review it with the insurance company asking the Board to table this matter for further review.

President Keating stated that this matter will be tabled till the next board of work meeting.

President Keating stated the next item on the pending items/unfinished business is Ernie Hollihan, 302 Gladys Street regarding a traffic issue at Tall Timbers.

President Keating asked if these issues had been addressed.

Sergeant Steve Forker, M.C.P.D. stated that everything has been completed.

Mayor Parry made a motion to close this motion to remove this matter from the pending items list; seconded by Vice President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

President Keating stated the next item up on the pending items/ unfinished business was Councilman Don Przybylinski's concern regarding the traffic islands by Blue Chip Casino.

President Keating stated that Jeff Wright, former City Engineer was to contact INDOT regarding this matter to find out when they were going to achieve this; is there anyone present that can address this matter.

Mayor Parry stated it should stay on pending items.

President Keating stated the next item up on the pending items/unfinished business was Councilman Don Przybylinski's concerning traffic on Franklin Street in the Arts District going the wrong way.

Shong Smith, Director M.C. Central Services, responded that all signage has been completed as far as they are able to go following manual and trafficking control devices.

Mayor Parry made a motion to remove this from the pending items list, seconded by Vice President Vinson. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

President Keating stated the next item up on the pending items/unfinished business was Aurturo Pozos, Michigan City Mainstreet Association requesting approval for First Friday Art Walk Summer Series requesting to use RDC's (Redevelopment Commission) lot located on the northeast corner of 7th and Franklin Streets.

President Keating asked if the updated Certificate of Insurance has been received.

Gale Neulieb, City Clerk stated that it was not received, but would be coming in this week.

Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink, Corporate Counsel responded that if the Redevelopment Commission has approved the use of the lot, then she was okay with the Board approving the motion, subject to receipt of the certificate of insurance.

Skyler York, Director of Planning commented that he would check and see at the meeting on April 11, 2022 and if it is approved the Redevelopment Commission will ask for the Certificate of Insurance.

Vice President Vinson made a motion to keep the request on the pending items list, until verification from the Redevelopment Commission and the certificate of insurance has been received, this was seconded by Mayor Parry. The motion was approved by the following votes: **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members; Parry, Vinson, and Keating (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

President Keating stated the next item up on the pending items/unfinished business was Brealon Harvey, Social Que BBQ and Catering mobile food truck location at 621 Franklin Street request conditioned on the Board receiving the dates and hour of operation at 621 Franklin Street and upon removal of the truck at the close of each business day.

Mayor Parry commented that he believes Brealon Harvey, Social Que BBQ and Catering has changed his direction because of the food truck is not set up at that location.

Corporate Counsel, Amber Lapaich-Stalbrink stated the board could ask what Brealon Harvey's intentions are and if he is still going to keep this location, and if so to please update the dates and hours.

President Keating stated this matter will be kept on the pending items list.

President Keating stated that this concluding the pending items/unfinished business list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street thanked Mayor Parry for coming out into his neighborhood to 608 Emily Street. Discussion ensued regarding recent damage and vandalism to that neighborhood; and finding a long-term solution. He thanked Shong Smith, Michigan City Street Director and Mayor Parry for coming to the Michigan City Housing Authorities aid with situations that have come up. He asked the City Inspectors Department to be sent out to Lakeland Estates for condition issues out at this location. Further discussion ensued regarding communications from HUD.

President Keating suggested regarding the vandalism, that perhaps a meeting with Mayor Parry and the police department would be beneficial.

Further discussion ensued between President Keating and Rodney McCormick regarding the issue of vandalism and damage in that neighborhood.

Mayor Parry stated that now that video has been submitted, he will follow up with the detective department and see where they are at with this matter.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street stated that there is a graffiti ordinance on the books, about 20 years ago.

President Keating asked if there were any public comments, there was no response.

BOARD COMMENT

Mayor Parry addressed Rodney McCormick stating that there was no need for an apology, further commenting on the current issues with HUD, and that the only authority he has is to appoint board members. Mayor Parry stated that one disturbing issue he was made aware of was, the first material and equipment inventory he saw had a report of \$280,000 of missing equipment, (4) four vehicles and when Mayor Parry asked if a police report had been filed, he was told no. Mayor Parry stated he did request an investigation to be done by the office of the Inspector General.

President Keating asked if there were any further board comments, there was no response.

ADJOURNMENT

The presiding officer inquired whether there was anything else to be considered by the Board at this time and, there being none, asked for a motion to **ADJOURN** the meeting at approximately 9:34 a.m. Mayor Parry made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Vinson. **AYES:** Board of Public Works and Safety members Keating, Vinson, and Parry (3). **NAYS:** None (0). **Motion Carries.**

Gale A. Neulieb, City Clerk