

REGULAR MEETING – May 4, 2021

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, May 4, 2021 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 Michael Mack.

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

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

ABSENT: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

ALSO, PRESENT: Jim Meyer – Council Attorney and Gale Neulieb City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Mack inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular “Zoom” Meeting of April 20, 2021; there was no response.

President Mack asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council “Zoom” meeting minutes from April 20, 2021; with a motion from Councilman Fitzpatrick and second by Councilman P. Przybylinski. The minutes were approved as printed 9 -0.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES

President Mack asked if there were any reports of Standing Committees; there was no response.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Chair advised the April 29, 2021 Finance Committee meeting was canceled to not having any claims from the Riverboat/Boyd Development Funds

CLAIMS DOCKET

President Mack advised that there were “0” zero claims for May 4, 2021 asking; all in favor to pay the claims as amended signify by saying “AYE”, all responded “AYE”; those opposed; there was no response. Claims were approved (9-0).

May 4, 2021 2021 Riverboat/Boyd Claim Docket

Fund #2042 – Riverboat – Claims-	\$	00.00
EFT	\$	0.00
Fund #2031 – Boyd – Claims-	\$	0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	00.00

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

President Mack asked if there were any reports of Special or Select Committees.

Councilwoman Zygus reported on the Workshop held on April 26, 2021 regarding short term rental proposed ordinance.

Workshop Notes: Monday April 26th, 2021 5 pm via Zoom

THE ORDINANCE-CREATING ARTICLE V IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS & CREATING SEC. 50-167 IN CHAPTER 50 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE A PERMIT FEE AND FINE

Meeting called to order 5:02 pm, Present: Dalia Zygus, Bryant Dabney, Michael Mac, Angie Nelson-Deutch, Don Przybylinski, Sea Fitzpatrick, Gene Simmons, Tracie Tillman, Chief Dion Campbell, Skyler York, several members of the public.

Additional information was shared with the participants:

How Many STR properties are in Michigan City?

- #3 Airbnb rentals in the state of Indiana
- An online search lists approximately 345 Airbnb properties and 270 listed with VRBO-some may be listed in both
- Average nightly stay in Michigan City costs \$297 (as per Airbnb)
- The maps on the site indicate that the great majority of the properties are currently in the 1st and 6th ward
- Several neighboring communities have severely curtailed or eliminated short term rentals. This ordinance is in favor of short-term rentals; visitors are welcome in Michigan City. Our small businesses, restaurants and bars appreciate and encourage visitors.

We need to proactively make sure the short-term rental properties are good neighbors to our city residents

- **LONG BEACH** No Rentals under 30 days; firm hired to investigate
- **BEVERLY SHORES** No rentals under 30 days; lease required w/restrictions
- **MICHIANA SHORES** Permit needed: non-owner occupies properties must be granted a zoning variance
 - The permit fee (150) is a one-time expense. Permits are able to be renewed yearly for free. The only requirement is to keep the information on the permit updated. There is no inspection associated with this permit. All local ordinances (such as noise) are enforced the same way as in the rest of the city.
 - The permit is a way for the city to keep track of nuisance short-term rental properties which have repeated tickets for ordinance violations.
 - This permit allows the Planning Department to keep track of the ordinance violations/tickets issued to the same address. The sticker with the permit number is to assist the police with proper documentation.

Council members' thoughts:

The sticker would identify possible empty properties which could become crime targets

Concerns about the fee, discouragement of entrepreneurship

Public:

Concern about too much regulation, concerns that the ordinance is targeting short term rentals, comments not relevant to the ordinance regarding drugs and landlord/tenant issues

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Councilman Fitzpatrick asked Councilwoman Zygas if she would please forward her report to the Clerk's Office for the record and forward to each Council member.

REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

President Mack asked if there were any reports of other City Officers or Departments; there was no response.

PETITIONS

President Mack asked if there were any petitions; Clerk Neulieb advised the following petition was received in the Clerk's Office, **A petition of JINCO, Inc. to vacate a portion of a public street in the City of Michigan City located between U.S. 12 and the abandoned Railroad right of way at 1501 East 2nd Street**

President Mack advised that there would be a formal public hearing this evening, opening the hearing (repeating three times) "are there anyone from the public that wished to speak at this time".

Attorney Hesser representing JINCO, Inc. addressed the Council explaining what their plans are and why they needed this land to be vacated was to be able to move on with their project.

Skyler York, City Planner stated that this petition came into his department for a permit and that he has no objection to it that they are making improvements to their property which is a good thing for this area.

Rodney McCormick, 716 Union Street wanted to make sure that this wasn't the path that he and his neighbors use for exercising and going back and forth to 2nd Street; with Mr. York advising what is being asked to vacate isn't that path.

President Mack asked "If there were any other comments from the public this evening" (repeating three times); there was no response and the public hearing was closed.

President Mack asked if there were any other petitions.

Clerk Neulieb stated the following petition was received in the Clerk Office; A Petition P-101-21 for Rezoning OS to R1D 201 Hoyt Street, Michigan City, Indiana

CORRESPONDENCE

President Mack asked the Clerk if there was any correspondence this evening.

City Clerk Neulieb read the following correspondence that was received in the Clerk's office since April 20, 2021.

Correspondence was received on April 14, 2021 from Controller Hoffmaster regarding establishing deadlines for the preparation and submission of drafts of the proposed annual budget

Correspondence was received on April 15, 2021 from Attorney Meyer advising the local road and street distribution from the "Auditor of the State"

Correspondence was received on April 16, 2021 that was sent to Mayor Parry from John LC Carr, LaPorte, Starke, and Pulaski Building and Construction, President regarding Mayor Parry's comments and the request asking him to resign

Correspondence was received on April 19, 2021 from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers that was sent to Mayor Parry addressing the comments Mayor Parry made and the request for him to resign as Mayor

Correspondence was received on April 19, 2021 from Michelle Moorman representing NiSource regarding notification of street closures during the NICTD Double Track project

Correspondence was received on April 23, 2021 from the Michigan City Firefighters Association Local 475 requesting to begin negotiations between the Michigan City Firefighters and the City of Michigan City.

Correspondence was received on April 21, 2021 from Michigan City Police Chief Dion Campbell regarding the comparative crime reports for 2020 and 2019

Correspondence was received on April 26, 2021 from Ms. Mary Beth regarding short term rentals

Correspondence was received on April 26, 2021 from Mr. Jack Higgins regarding short term rentals

Correspondence was received on April 26, 2021 from Mr. Rodney McCormick regarding his concerns about the Social Status of African American Males Board

Correspondence was received on April 28, 2021 from Controller Hoffmaster reporting about the City owned property at 1119 E. Michigan Blvd. (city's decorative light) that was damaged (Per Ordinance No. 4538

Correspondence was received from Jack Arnett, Director of LP County Visitors Bureau today regarding short term rentals

RESOLUTION

The Clerk read the following proposed resolution by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 4807

REQUESTING, PURSUANT TO IC 36-7-4-602(c) and 608, THAT THE MICHIGAN CITY PLAN COMMISSION TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE CURRENT ZONING BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR AN AREA IN MICHIGAN CITY FROM OS BACK TO RID AND TO CERTIFY ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING THAT AMENDMENT TO THE MICHIGAN CITY ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Common Council that the zoning for the area of the City bounded by Williams Street on the North, Elston Street on the West,

Barker Avenue on the South, and Wabash Avenue on the East (Area) was changed from R1D (Single Family Residential) to OS (Office Space); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that zoning change has caused all of the numerous single family homes in the Area to be grandfathered in as legal nonconforming structures which has caused the homeowners problems in trying to refinance or finance their property, obtaining appropriate property insurance, and not being able to rebuild in the event of a catastrophic destruction of their home; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the detriment caused by the aforementioned zoning change for the Area from R1D to OS far outweighs any benefit that the City of Michigan City and its citizens derive from that zoning change; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is authorized by IC 36-7-4-602(c) and 608 to require the Plan Commission to prepare a proposal for the above requested zoning change for the Area from OS to R1D consistent with the requirements of IC 36-7-4-601 and 603.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Michigan City requests, pursuant to the applicable requirements of IC 36-7-4-600, et seq., that the Michigan City Plan Commission promptly take appropriate action and conduct appropriate proceedings, including a public hearing, as required by Indiana law in order to be able to properly certify to the Common Council the Plan Commission's recommendation regarding the passage of a proposed Ordinance amending the zoning map in the Michigan City Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Change the zoning for the area of the City bounded by Williams Street on the North, Elston Street on the West, Barker Avenue on the South, and Wabash Avenue on the East (Area) from OS (Office Space) R1D (Single Family Residential).

Introduced by: /s/ Paul Przybylinski. Member

/s/ Don Przybylinski, Member

President Mack asked if there were any comments from the authors this evening.

Councilman D. Przybylinski asked to be added as a sponsor to this ordinance.

Councilman P. Przybylinski addressed the Council regarding the history of how this property became zoned as OS; advising this was amended nine years ago when the city adopted the Joint Zoning Ordinance; taking an area around St. Anthony's Hospital Encompassing residents on Wabash Street, Barker Avenue, Ripley Street, Elston Street, Manhattan Street, and Buffalo Street and zoned them to an OS; that there are more than 50 houses that were effected; that the Planning Department did advertise in our local newspaper when and where there would be a formal public hearing but not notifying any of the residents this would be effecting; this ordinance was passed and their zoning was changed; asking his colleagues to support this resolution so that we can get the plan commission moving forward and address the issue at hand: reading Sec. 30.01(a) **Rezoning**. Proposals for zoning map amendments may be initiated by either the plan commission or legislative body, or through an application signed by property owners of at least 50 percent of the land involved (per IC 36-7-4-602(c)(1)(B)).

(1) **Plan Commission/Legislative Body Initiation**. The enforcement official shall prepare the application for zoning map amendment on behalf of the plan commission if either the commission or the legislative body has initiated the application. The enforcement official shall serve as the representative of the applicant for such proposals.

(2) **Property Owner Initiation**. Any property owners requesting a zoning map amendment shall be the applicants and assume responsibility for preparing application materials.

President Mack asked if the public had questions or comments regarding the proposed resolution.

Dean Mazzoni, CEO Franciscan Health, addressed Council P. Przybylinski's comments voicing his concerns regarding the proposed resolution and the rezoning; requesting to be included in all meetings regarding this issue.

Skyler York Planning Director stated that he is alright with the resolution being proposed this evening; addressing the Council stating how he feels the Plan Commission should address the matter that is at hand and what plan should be taken.

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

Councilwoman Deutch questioned if this resolution could have the boundaries for the existing residential property owners; stating that the way it is written now it includes everyone within those boundaries.

Attorney Meyer advised that the proposed resolution just starts the Plan Commission to start looking into everything, which they have the right to do, especially with all the parcels that were mentioned this evening; and will come back to the Council with a recommendation to be done with the zoning map in this area.

Discussion ensued between Councilwoman Deutch and Mr. York about the Commission's plans; advising that they need to get the input from the residents this zoning effected.

Councilman Dabney commented with his concerns regarding putting all the residents this effected back to R1D or R2D; advising that he feels it is going to take time to reach out to each of these residents to address the zoning of each property.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated he feels all council members see what we are trying to do to correct something that was done wrong and make it right for all the residents that this effected; asking for the Council's support to move forward.

Attorney Myer stated regardless what is in this resolution the Plan Commission does have the responsibility to study this area and come up with their own recommendation to address this matter; other than what is stated in this resolution if adopted, that it is a vehicle to get the Plan Commission to act.

Councilwoman Zygus stated that she feels that there should be some time taken to be able to contact each resident to discuss with them what is for their best interest.

Mr. York advised Councilwoman Zygus that there is an ordinance on this evening agenda to be approved so Mr. and Mrs. Moore can move forward to refinance their home; and the Plan Commission voted unanimously to change their zoning to R1D.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that he doesn't believe that we need to open a can of worms; that he feels the Plan Commission should put the residents that were effected by the adoption of the Joint Zoning Ordinance in 2011 should go back to what they were originally zoned for prior to the joint zoning ordinance being adopted; that if they want to change their zoning from what that was; they need to follow the procedures to change it from what it was prior to this ordinance being adopted.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, a motion to adopt was made by Councilman D. Przybylinski, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski and the resolution was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members P. Przybylinski, Fitzpatrick, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, and Simmons (5). **NAYS:** Tillman, Dabney, Mack, and Zygus (4).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only,
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE MICHIGAN

CITY POLICE MERIT COMMISSION IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Introduced by: Gene Simmons

(DECREASE General Fund 1001 Unappropriated balance \$30,000.00. INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001 204.439.090 \$30,000.00 Other Services and Charges – Other Contractual Services)

President Mack asked if the author had anything to add this evening.

Councilman Simmons stated that the Police Merit Commission doesn't have enough funds appropriated in this line item to be able to do their promotional testing or to move forward with new hires on the department; advising that Asst. Chief Cooney is present to answer any questions the Council may have.

Asst. Cooney stated that the appropriation is to be able to do the departments promotional testing and other claims that were from 2020 that weren't paid due to not having the funds.

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

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

Councilman P. Przybylinski questioned if there were claims incurred and why the Police Merit Commission is asking for the proposed appropriation for \$30,000.00; Asst. Cooney advising that he didn't have that information.

Councilman Dabney advised that this line item was cut out of the 2021 budget with the Police Merit sending in claims to paid with no monies in that line item to do so; stating that is why they are \$9,000 behind from 2020 and when this appropriation is adopted will leave the commission with a balance of \$20,000.00 to move forward to do new hires and promotional testing.

Lila Simmons, Police Merit Commission member addressed the council advising the \$9,100.00 are invoices from 2020 and were sent to the Controller to be paid at the beginning of January 2021 which that line item had no funds in and is why we are here today for the additional appropriation.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that if the Police Commission needs these funds we will appropriate the money; questioning that if we owed almost \$9,100.00 why did it take five months to address by the Controller's or the MCPD administration; questioning during the budget hearings this line item wasn't addressed.

Discussion ensued between Councilman P. Przybylinski and Ms. Simmons regarding invoices that are from 2020 and in the Controller's Office.

Councilman Fitzpatrick commented on the budget process and these invoices that were incurred in 2020.

Councilman Tillman asked everyone to keep in mind that we are approaching our budget for 2022 to make sure that both the Fire and Police Commission have representation to address their needs and wants and bring a representative of each of the departments administration to make sure everything is addressed to the Finance Committee; advising that she went back through her notes and before this line item was cut they asked these questions to this commission.

Councilman Dabney advised that he just spoke with Controller Hoffmaster and that she is advised that during the 2021 budget hearings there wasn't anyone on the Police Commission due to resignation of all the previous members; with the Finance Committee still cutting that entire line item.

Councilwoman Tillman agreed with Councilman Dabney; stating that even though there weren't any members on the Police Commission at that time there should have been representation from the MCPD administration moving this commission forward; stating that these funds need to be appropriated to keep in good standing with our vendors.

Ms. Simmons advised Councilman P. Przybylinski that these claims that are outstanding are from December of 2020 and that the Board of Public Works approves the claims; stating that if there would have been funds in this line item the 2020 claims would have been paid at the first BOW meeting in 2021.

Councilman P Przybylinski commented on the timeframe of these claims taking almost five months to be brought to this Council for an appropriation to pay claims from 2020; questioning why our City Controller is present this evening or one of her assistants and agrees with Councilman Fitzpatrick about the City's Internal Control Policy and if it is being followed correctly; stating that there was one member on the Police Commission when the 2021 budget occurred.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council; there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be held over on second reading at our May18, 2021 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following ordinance on first reading by title only **AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA TO REZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY COLEMAN MOORE JR. AND ELISSA D. MOORE FROM OS TO R1D**

Introduced by: Paul Przybylinski

Councilman D. Przybylinski asked to be added as Co-Sponsor to this ordinance.

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

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that the Plan Commission voted in favor of this property to be rezoned from OS to R1D voting 7 – 0 to forward this to the City Council; asking for the support from the Council; asking if there is no objection to have all three readings this evening.

Attorney Meyer advised that since this a rezoning ordinance and that the Council rules states there has to be three readings before being adopted; stating that if there is no objection by the Council you can have all three readings this evening.

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked if there is no objection to have second and third reading this evening.

Councilman Fitzpatrick made a motion to suspend the rules to have all three readings this evening, second by Councilwoman Deutch.

President Mack asking, all in favor signify by say "AYE" all responded "AYE" those opposed; there was no response; stating that we will have all three reading this evening.

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

Coleman Moore Jr. 201 Hoyt Street commented on the rezoning of his home being done years ago from R1D to OS and is a major issue that needs to be corrected; explaining what he has gone through trying to refinance his home, in regards to insurance, financing and what your property is considered when being zoned OS.

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

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

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that to understand the problem of this being rezoned to OS and not knowing you would have to go through that experience and is why brought the resolution that was adopted this evening so the Plan Commission will address the issues these residents are facing; asking the Plan Commission to schedule a "Special" meeting.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response, asking the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance on second reading by title only.

The Clerk read the following ordinance on second reading by title only **AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA TO EZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY COLEMAN MOORE JR. AND ELISSA D. MOORE FROM OS TO R1D**

Introduced by: Paul Przybylinski
Co-sponsor: Don Przybylinski

President Mack asked if the author had anything to add, there was no response.

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

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street thanked Councilmen Don Przybylinski, Paul Przybylinski and Mr. Coleman for bringing this to the City's attention; and should be automatically put back to what they were zoned to prior to the "Joint Rezoning Ordinance" was adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4580

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA TO REZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY COLEMAN MOORE, JR. AND ELISSA D. MOORE FROM OS TO RID.

WHEREAS, Coleman Moore, Jr. as Petitioner and Coleman Moore, Jr. and Elissa D. Moore as owners filed a Petition with the Michigan City Plan Commission ("Commission") asking that certain property within the boundaries of Michigan City, Indiana be re-zoned from OS to RID, said property being referred to herein as the "Property" and commonly known as 201 Hoyt Street, Michigan City, Indiana, and more particularly described as follows: Lot 12 in Block 9 in Romels Addition to the City of Michigan City, Indiana, also known as TAX Parcel No. 46-01-32-262-007.000-022 ; and,

WHEREAS, following the filling of the Petition the Commission scheduled a public hearing on the Petition for April 27, 2021 ; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission gave the necessary notice of the filling of the Petition and of the date and time of the public hearing thereon by publication in the manner prescribed by I.C. 5-3-1-1 et seq; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission found that the Petitioner properly gave the appropriate notice with the date and time of the hearing thereon to the persons who own real estate that about the

Property which the Petitioner requested to be re-zoned and who needed to be given notice of the filing of the Petition; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted the public hearing on the Petition to re-zone the Property as advertised and noticed, on April 27, 2021 and following said hearing determined that the Property should be re-zoned from OS to RID, all as permitted by Joint Zoning Ordinance and Indiana law, and on April 27, 2021, the Commission certified the Commission's findings and determinations, including those required by I.C. 36-7-4-603, and has sent the same with this proposed Ordinance to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation for passage; and,

WHEREAS, the City Clerk, on behalf of the Common Council, provided the necessary notice of the Council's intention to consider the proposed change in the zoning map as required by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has paid reasonable regard, consideration, and attention to the recommendation of the Commission, to the documentation and other evidence presented to the Council regarding the proposed zoning change, and to the legal requirements applicable to the Council's decision, including, as required by I.C. 36-7-4-603 : the City's comprehensive plan; the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district; the most desirable uses for which the land in each district is adapted; the conservation of property values throughout the City; and responsible development and growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Michigan City Common Council, pursuant to the applicable laws, including I.C. 36-7-4-608, that:

1. The Council finds, based on all of the evidence before in, that :
 - A. The requested change in zoning for the Property described herein from OS to RID is compatible with : the City's comprehensive plan; the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district; the most desirable uses for which the land in each district is adapted; the conservation of the property values throughout the City; and responsible development and growth; and,
 - B. The requested change in zoning will provide for the most reasonable use for which the Property is adapted and the proposed land use will not have an adverse effect on surrounding land; and,
 - C. The requested change in zoning will not be injurious or detrimental to the surrounding property values and will further the conservation of property values throughout the City; and,
 - D. The requested change in zoning will promote orderly and responsible community growth and development and will not adversely affect the community; and,
 - E. The topography, soil condition, and other physical features of the land involved are suitable for the proposed use and zoning change; and,
 - F. The change in zoning is not "spot zoning"; and,
 - G. The change in zoning will not disrupt or destroy any neighborhood plan; and,
 - H. The findings set forth in the Certification of the Commission concerning the Property are accurate and applicable and are hereby adopted.
2. The Council further finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Michigan City and its citizens that the Council accept and approve the recommendation of the Commission that the requested change in the City's zoning map be approved by the Council.

3. The zoning for the Property located in the City of Michigan City, LaPorte County, State of Indiana, described herein, commonly known as 201 Hoyt Street, Michigan City, Indiana, is hereby changed from OS to RID; and it is further ordained that the zoning map of Michigan City, Indiana shall be amended to reflect this change and the amended zoning map shall hereafter be available in the office of the Plan Commission and the City Clerk for review and copying by the public.
4. The Clerk of the Michigan City Common Council shall furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance to the LaPorte County Recorder in order that the same may be placed of record in the records of the Recorder's Office of LaPorte County, Indiana.

Introduced by: /s/Paul Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Exhibit "A" is attached to this ordinance in the Clerk's Office

President Mack asked if the authors had anything to add.

Councilman P. Przybylinski thanked Attorney Hale (attorney for the Plan Commission), and Attorney Meyer for putting this all together so quickly, asking for the Council's support and move forward for Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

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

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

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

President Mack stated there is a motion and a second with the ordinance being adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygas and P. Przybylinski (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

The Clerk read the following ordinance on second reading by title only, **AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET IN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY LOCATED BETWEEN U.S. 12 AND THE ABANDONED RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AT 1501 EAST 2ND STREET**

Introduced by: Bryant Dabney
Angie Nelson Deutch

President Mack asked if the authors had anything to add.

Councilwoman Deutch stated the reason for the proposed ordinance vacating a portion of the city's right of way is due to the similar reason of the proposed zoning change that happened this evening; giving this property owner the land to develop it in the near future.

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

Councilman Dabney asked if there was no objection to have third reading this evening.

President Mack asked if there was no objection to suspend the rules this evening and have third reading; there was no response.

President Mack asking, all in favor signify by say "AYE" all responded "AYE" those opposed; there was no response; stating that we will have third reading this evening.

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

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

Ordinance No. **4581**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET IN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY LOCATED BETWEEN U.S. 12 AND THE ABANDONED RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AT 1501 EAST 2ND STREET

WHEREAS, Jinco, Inc. (the "Petitioner") is the owner of certain real estate located within the City of Michigan City, Indiana, (the "Property"), more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" (consisting of 1 page) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, the Petitioner has petitioned the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana for the vacation of a portion of a public street bisecting the Property, more particularly shown and described as follows:

See Exhibit "B" (consisting of 2 pages) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, the Petitioner caused to be mailed via United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, notice of the consideration of its Petition before the Common Council of the City of Michigan City for the vacation to the following abutting property owners:

City of Michigan City
Attn: Gale Neulieb, Clerk
100 East Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, IN 46360
(#7021 0350 0001 0778 5750)

Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Avenue
IGCN 755
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(#7021 0350 0001 0778 5774)

WHEREAS, the Clerk for the City of Michigan City has caused notice of the consideration of the Petition before the Common Council of the City of Michigan City for the vacation to be published on the

9th day of April, 2021, in the Michigan City News-Dispatch, a newspaper of general circulation in LaPorte County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has conducted a public hearing on May 4, 2021, with regard to said Petition and determined and the Council now finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Michigan City and its citizens that the herein described portion of the public street should be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioner will grant appropriate utility easements acceptable to the City of Michigan City, for the use and benefit of the Michigan City Sanitary District and the Department of Water Works for the City of Michigan City, for any existing facilities located in the portion of the street that is to be vacated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Michigan City Common Council as follows:

1. The portion of the public street described herein is located generally between U.S. 12 and the abandoned railroad right-of-way now owned by the City of Michigan City. It is otherwise surrounded by Petitioner's property located at 1501 East Second Street, Michigan City, IN 46360.
2. Notwithstanding the vacation of said portion of the subject street, any public utility presently occupying or using all or any part of said street shall not be deprived of said use unless and until said utility waives said rights by filing its written consent to this vacation proceedings or by executing and recording its waiver of said use.
3. This Ordinance to be effective upon passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor, any necessary publication, any necessary recording, and any necessary approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.
4. The Clerk of the Michigan City Common Council shall furnish a certified copy of this Ordinance to the LaPorte County Recorder and the LaPorte County Auditor in order that same may be placed of record in the records of the Recorder's Office.

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

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

Note: EXHIBIT "A" IS ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

President Mack asked if the Author's had anything to add.

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

Councilman Dabney made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, second by Councilwoman Deutch.

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygas, P. Przybylinski and Tillman (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 GENERAL FUND FOR PRINTING, ADVERTISING, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR THE MICHIGAN CITY CLERK’S OFFICE**

Introduced by: Michael Mack
Tracie Tillman
Paul Przybylinski
Don Przybylinski
Sean Fitzpatrick
Angie Nelson Deutch
Gene Simmons

(DECREASE General Fund #1001 Unappropriated balance \$20,000.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT#1001 102.433.020 \$10,000.00 Clerk’s Office Printing and Advertising. INCREASE ACCOUNT#1001 102.439.090 \$10,000.00 Clerk’s Office Contractual Services)

President Mack asked if there were any comments from any of the authors this evening.

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

President Mack asking, all in favor signify by say “AYE” all responded “AYE” those opposed; there was no response; stating that we will have second and third reading this evening.

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

President Mack asked if there were any comments from the Council, there was no response.

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

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4582

APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR PRINTING, ADVERTISING, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR THE MICHIGAN CITY CLERK’S OFFICE

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 2021 Annual Budget to provide funding for printing, advertising, and contractual services for the Michigan City Clerk’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the City Controller has determined that sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund #1001 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 General Fund #1001 Unappropriated balance	\$20,000.00	
INCREASE ACCOUNT#1001 102.433.020 Clerk's Office Printing and Advertising		\$10,000.00
INCREASE ACCOUNT#1001 102.439.090 Clerk's Office Contractual Services		\$10,000.00
TOTAL FOR FUND	\$20,000.00	

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/ Michael Mack, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Tracie Tillman, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Paul Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

/s/ Don Przybylinski, Member
Michigan City Common Council
/s/ Sean Fitzpatrick, Member
Michigan City Common Council

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

/s/ Gene Simmons, Member
Michigan City Common Council

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

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on why the Clerk's Office need these funds, explaining about legal notices, municode, ordinances that need to be followed do to ordinances the Council adopt or amend accord to state and city statues.

President Mack stated that there is a formal public hearing this evening (repeating three times) " is there anyone from the public that wished to speak this evening regarding the proposed ordinance", there was no response and the public hearing was closed.

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

Councilwoman Deutch made a motion to adopt, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski. The ordinance was adopted by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus, P. Przybylinski, Tillman and Dabney (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only, **CREATING SEC. 2-326 IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE COUNCIL PRE-APPROVAL FOR ALL GRANTS HAVING A LOCAL MATCH & REQUIRING THE PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTATION AND DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRANT TO THE COUNCIL**

Introduced by: Angie Nelson Deutch
Paul Przybylinski

President Mack asked if the authors had anything to add at this time.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that this is to as a physical body advise us of any board, commission or the City is seeking a grant that requires a match from the City and requires them to submit it to use prior to submitting it.

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

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

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on what happened recently with a grant that was submitted by the City Engineer for the CCMC matching grant with the City adding Cleveland Avenue to be repaired without the Council's approval to submit this street; stating several of his concerns.

Councilwoman Deutch added that there is also a form that has to be completed, filed and forwarded to the Council for their review and recommendation prior to submitting the grant.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating this ordinance will be held over on third reading at the May 18, 2021 council meeting.

The Clerk read the following ordinance on second reading by title only, **CREATING ARTICLE V IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS & CREATING SEC. 50-167 IN CHAPTER 50 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE A PERMIT FEE AND FINE**

Introduced by: Dalia Zygas
Bryant Dabney
Gene Simmons
Don Przybylinski
Angie Nelson Deutch

President Mack advised that this ordinance was TABLED at the April 20, 2021 Council meeting until the Council had a workshop, which was held on April 26, 2021

President Mack asked if any of the authors had anything to add.

Councilman Simmons respectfully withdrew his support from this proposed ordinance; advising that he supported the registration but not the rest of the language, fees and fines being proposed.

Councilman Dabney addressed the Council regarding the workshop that was held; addressing a comment that was made about the Council telling a private owner what to do with their private property; that we do that already through code violations stating a few for examples and that Long Beach, Beverly Shores and New Buffalo have put in effect that rentals have to be for thirty or more days in their communities; stating several other reasons he would be supporting this ordinance.

Councilwoman Zygas added that they just want to know where these properties are and being registered and the MCPD are called the information needed to contact the owner who is renting will be on file; that giving a ticket to a person renting it will never get paid, this ordinance will make the owners of these properties more responsible to who they are renting to.

Councilman D. Przybylinski questioned how many occasions there were from last year regarding noise violations, public nuisance or a code violation that the MCPD had to respond to; that he requested that information from the Chief but hasn't heard back to date; advising that he has no proof of any problem at with time showing the fact of an issue; also questioning that our City is going to start putting badges on the front of people's homes.

Councilwoman Zygas advised Councilman D. Przybylinski concerns regarding the number of MCPD calls since last year; stating that there is no way to separate who is a rental property and who is non- rental property; if we have a registration that is required to be completed annually this will give facts and numbers to look at.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that she is against having any identifying markers on homes advising that you can go on the web page to see where air-bnb's are located in our city; and that there were several air-bnb owners at our workshop addressing concerns they have if this ordinance is adopted.

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

The following citizens addressed the Council regarding this proposed ordinance.

Greg Deutscher 103 Felton Street, Ashly Tolton 428 Washington Park Blvd., Tommy Kavoluk 1316 Ohio Street, Rodney McCormick 617 Union Street, Elle Hartman 230 Forgarty Street representing Canada Park Neighborhood Association, Larry Hartman 234 Greene Street and Ashley Tolton.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the public; there was no response.

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

Councilman Fitzpatrick addressed his concern regarding some of the statements that were made during public comment stating that there are two or three homes that they are having problems in their neighborhood; questioning that the entire city has to be target due a few people that our MCPD could be addressed; stating his concern that Beachwalk isn't included in this ordinance but it should impose it on the rest of the City to follow.

Councilman P. Przybylinski agreed with the comments made by Councilman Fitzpatrick; that we need to put the breaks and look at what is being proposed before moving forward.

President Mack addressed the Council advising this is a new era regarding Air-bnb and is new all over our entire country along with technology changing daily; stating that what is decided today isn't going to be done and over, that there will be so many changes in our ordinance within our and as well as Indiana codes.

Councilwoman Deutch made a motion to TABLE the proposed ordinance indefinitely; until we receive more information from the MCPD, addressing safety issues, along with amending some of the language, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski.

President Mack stated there is a motion and a second with this ordinance being TABLED indefinitely by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Mack, Deutch, D.

Przybylinski, P. Przybylinski, Tillman and Fitzpatrick (6). **NAYS:** Council members Zygas and Dabney (2).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only,
CREATING SEC. 2-325 IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFTS OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGETS AND TAX LEVIES TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

Introduced by: Sean Fitzpatrick
Co-Sponsored: Paul Przybylinski
 Angie Nelson Deutch
 Tracie Tillman

President Mack advised that is proposed ordinance was TABLED at the April 20, 2021 Council meeting until the May 4, 2021 Council meeting.

President Mack asked if any of the authors had anything to add this evening.

Councilman Fitzpatrick advised that he had more information he received regarding the proposed ordinance making a motion to TABLE the proposed ordinance until the May 18, 2021 Council meeting, second by Councilwoman Tillman.

The proposed ordinance was TABLED until the May 18, 2021 Council meeting by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Zygas, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick and Mack (8). **NAYS:** None (0).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only,
PROHIBITING THE USE OF MVH FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING STREETS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A CITY TIF DISTRICT

Introduced by: Paul Przybylinski
 Don Przybylinski
 Sean Fitzpatrick

President Mack advised that this ordinance was TABLED at the April 6, 2021 Council meeting until the May 4, 2021 Council meeting.

President Mack asked if there were any comments from any of the authors.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that he would like to move forward on this ordinance because of the proposed grant ordinance as well as the Community Crossing Projects being started, and the administration not be transparent or keeping the Council involved about what is happening.

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

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street, stated that he lives in the TIF District and his neighborhood hasn't received one cent of repairs or replacement of sidewalks or streets ever; that there has been thousands of dollars spent in the north TIF area with the Canada area not receiving any improvements.

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

Councilman Dabney advised if this ordinance is passed this will not allow monies coming from the state be able to be used for repairs of streets and sidewalk in any TIF area; with the total mileage of the entire City sent to the state for funding's we receive from them will cut that amount way down not receiving as much funds.

Councilwoman Deutch agrees with why the end results and what is trying to be done with this ordinance, but don't agree with the "how"; explaining why she is irritated with Cleveland Ave project and how it was addressed; but don't want to penalize residents for being in the certain areas that the MVH funds can't be used; advising that she is going to email the Council how the match monies for the Community Crossing match is being spent.

Councilwoman Zygus stated that she agrees with everything Councilwoman Deutch just stated; that this is going to hurt the people from no faults of their own, live in a TIF area and will reduce the MVH funds that the City can receive legally.

Councilman Fitzpatrick question Attorney Meyer asking if we can use Riverboat funds to pave road; with Attorney Meyer advising that the City can use Riverboat monies to pave streets.

President Mack is agreement with Councilman Dabney and Councilwoman Deutch in regards to how these funds are being divided up; that in the past concrete and paving was the top priority in the political world; with this changing government needs to look at a lot more priorities than the paving of streets and sidewalks and will not be in the future; that we need to put more development in our people.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated several reasons why he brought this ordinance to the Council when he did and why.

Councilman D. Przybylinski commented on the importance of the paving of Cleveland Avenue; stating that he feels this street is in the top three roads that needs to be repaired in our community; advising that the Council brought the repairs needed to our administration with them going to the City Engineer to go ahead what the council wanted and put Cleveland Avenue on the first of the first Community Crossing grant match to be repaired.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that when the Council had the workshop in January, the City Engineer submitted that grant within two days after the Council asked for more input from Mr. Wright and the City's administration; advising that there has been no money appropriated for the matching money for this grant and that we know we received the grant, the project has been put out for bid, but no monies have been appropriated for the matching funds.

Councilman Dabney asked if this Council is ready to use Riverboat funds with the funds being at lowest amount it has ever been.

Councilman P. Przybylinski that he spoke with most of the Council members regarding the funding of streets and sidewalks in our community; but all he can say is there has been no communication with the City's administration and this Council regarding any of the issues that has been brought up; that we need to do the best for the citizens of our City.

Councilman Simmons stated he would address this under Council comments.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating this ordinance will be held on third reading at the May 18, 2021 Council meeting.

City Clerk read the proposed ordinance on third reading by title only, **AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 4549 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "2021 SALARY ORDINANCE" TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS IN THE PARK DEPARTMENT**

Introduced by; Dalia Zygus
Michael Mack

Bryant Dabney

President Mack asked if there were any comments from the authors.

Councilwoman Deutch stated this is to bring the rate of pay up to what is being paid in other departments that have similar job description; advising if this is not approved the earliest a pay raise could be put in effect is January 2022.

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

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

Councilman Fitzpatrick stated that he believes this should be discussed during the 2022 budget hearings and is the pleasure of the Park Administration to increase this position, that this is the time to bring it up.

Councilman D. Przybylinski advised that he feels the same way that Councilman Fitzpatrick feels that this should be addressed during the 2022 Council Finance hearings; stating several reasons why he won't be supporting this ordinance.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that also agrees with the comments that have been made, that he would not be supporting this either.

Councilman Simmons also agreed with the previous comments; that he feels this would set a precedent; that if one department is able to do this why not the next or the next department; stating that the proper process is through the budget.

Councilwoman Deutch also agreed with these comments, that one of the things we talked about was making sure the Council receives the sheets each department turns into the administration to review and possibly recommend some of the wants and needs each department is requesting and possibly make suggestions to the administration.

President Mack advised that the process was why we didn't see the Park Administration proposing a pay increase to these two positions and is why we are asking for the documents from each department is received prior to the administration making any changes to their proposed budgets; commenting that people need to fair wages being more than \$15.00 an hour.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council; there was no other responses; asking if there was a motion.

Councilman D. Przybylinski made a motion to approve, second by Councilwoman Zygas.

President Mack stated the proposed ordinance failed by the following vote; **AYES:** Council members Zygas, Dabney and Mack (3). **NAYS:** Council members D. Przybylinski, Simmons, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Fitzpatrick and Deutch (6).

NEW BUSINESS

President Mack stated that Mayor Parry is requesting the advice and consent of the members of the Michigan City Common Council regarding his appointment of Mr. Anthony Holt as a member of the Michigan City Historic Review Board to take over the expired term of Gigi McCabe-Miele. (term will begin immediately and expire March 15, 2024).

President Mack asked if there was no objection that he would like to take the vote this evening, there was no response

President Mack asking, all in favor signify by say "AYE" all responded "AYE" those opposed; there was no response and Mr. Anthony Holt is appointed to the Michigan City Historic Review Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Mack stated that the Council has one (1) appointment to the Youth Leadership Commission representing "Marquette High School" (term expires 06-01-21) Incumbent Travon Moore.

Clerk Neulieb advised that she had received any correspondence from Marquette High School to date.

President Mack advised the Council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Exception Committee term expiring 05-01-2021; asking if there is no objection to take the vote this evening, we will take the vote; there was no response. Incumbent: Mr. Ryan Labis

President Mack asking, all in favor signify by say "AYE" all responded "AYE" those opposed; there was no response and Mr. Ryan Labis is appointed to the Michigan City Exception Committee.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Dave Cooney introduced Ryan Elswick representing "Flock Safety" who did a presentation regarding camera's they sell to police departments over the United States; helping solve crimes and capture evidence on tape.

Joan Chumley, 832 Pine Street questioned when the joint workshop is going to be scheduled for the local community to give their input on how the monies received from the federal government should be spent; stating a few of her ideas; and thanking the council for their hard work in our community.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street, commented on the presentation that was done, stating several concerns he has when using these camara's and commenting on the traffic stop and how it was handled with his daughter and son recently.

Mr. McCormick also stated several concerns regarding how the Riverboat funds are being spent on daily operations and not on what the people need in their neighborhoods.

President Mack asked if there were any other public comments, there was no response and public comments were closed.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

President Mack asked if there were any comments from the Council this evening.

Councilman Fitzpatrick thanked the citizens that wrote the resent letters to Duane Parry regarding the support of no confidence in this man being Mayor; commenting on the Tort Claim the Council received because of Mr. Parry and that today May 4th stating he still has no confidence in Mr. Parry being the Mayor.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that he is requesting from Controller Hoffmaster to email each Council member an explanation on why the \$9,100.00 claims were not brought to the Council prior to them asking for the proposed appropriation.

Councilman D. Przybylinski feels that the citizens in Michigan City should receive the following information reading Chief Campbell report:

Here are the comparative crime reports for 2020 and 2019. For quick reference, Lt. Westphal listed the seven UCR categories below and listed a percentage of increase or decrease:

	2019	2020	
Homicide:	4	8	100% Increase
Rape:	10	21	110% Increase
Robbery:	41	34	24.39% Decrease
Assault:	493	629	27.59% Increase
Burglary	151	148	1.99% Decrease
Theft	915	1047	14.43% Increase
MV Theft:	90	111	23.33% Increase

Here are FAST Statistics for 2020 compiled by Cpl. Nick Krause.

2020 Arrests:	515
Total Charges:	1177
FIDS	276

(charges able to be adopted by the US Marshal Service)

Significant Categories

Murder/Attempted Murder arrests:	37
Robbery/Armed Robbery arrests:	20
Sex Offense Arrests:	43

FAST Statistics Continued...

FAST 4 year totals (2016-2020)

Arrests: 2510
Charges: 5472
FIDS: 1143

FAST yearly averages 2016-2020

Arrests: 627.5
Charges: 1368
FIDS: 285.75

Here are the LaPorte County Drug Task Force Statistics for 2020 from Lt. Richardson

- 297 total cases worked
- 95 controlled narcotics purchases
- 129 individuals were arrested
- 12 search warrants were executed
- 62 firearms were seized/purchased through various investigations
- 19 investigations were conducted assisting the partnering agencies detective bureaus

As a result of these investigations, The La Porte County Drug Task Force has purchased and I or seized the following amounts of narcotics from the streets of La Porte County:

- Cocaine: 597.80 grams
 - Heroin: 170.20 grams
 - Methamphetamine: 822.90 grams ● Marijuana: 26,597.29 grams
- Firearm Seizures 2020 (Lt. Kevin Urbanczyk)

Officers of the Michigan City Police Department worked proactively in 2020 to investigate firearm violations to decrease firearm related crimes and violence within the City of Michigan City.

- 387 "shots fired" calls for service during 2020. ● seized 151 handguns, ● seized 27 rifles and ● seized 13 shotguns
- 191 total firearms during 2020.
- 64 arrests (adults/juveniles) were made in 2020 for a variety of different felony and misdemeanor firearm related offenses.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on things he feels the ARD monies should be spent on and also asked to schedule an executive meeting with the Council, Planning and the Administration regarding the status of the Blocksom Property; thanking everyone that helped support Mr. Moore this evening changing the zoning of his property.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that she had a conversation with Attorney Meyer about going back to having public meetings and ratifying items that were passed since the last public meeting; advising there may be some rulings from the state in the next few weeks that will lesson some of those rules; asking President Mack if the state doesn't lesson them to schedule some "Special Meetings" outside our Regular Council meetings to pass what we voted on during all the "zoom" meetings.

Councilwoman Tillman congratulated Robin Tillman Michigan City Transit Director and Skyler York for getting bus shelters built throughout our community at no cost to the City and will be maintained by the vendor building them.

Councilwoman Tillman commented about the "Town Hall Meeting" that the Social Status of African American Males scheduled for May 13th from 6 pm to 8 pm addressing Gun Control in our community and is open to the public.

President Mack stated that government is working together and moving forward; thanking the entire Council for all the hard work they do and appreciates everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilwoman Deutch, supported by Councilman Fitzpatrick; there being no further business to transact, President Mack declared the meeting

ADJOURNED (approximately 8:52 p.m.)

Gale A. Neulieb