

REGULAR ZOOM MEETING – June 3, 2020

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Wednesday evening June 3, 2020 at the hour of 5:30 p.m., local time, hosted by “Zoom” and streamed live on “My Michigan City” Facebook Page.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Fitzpatrick.

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER None (0).

ALSO, PRESENT: James Meyer – Council Attorney, Gale Neulieb City Clerk and Dawn Debald Deputy Clerk

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Fitzpatrick inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular “Zoom” Meeting of April 7, 2020, the Special “Zoom” meeting from April 13, 2020 – and the Special “Zoom” meeting on May 12, 2020.

President Fitzpatrick asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from April 7, 2020, the Special “Zoom” meeting on April 13, 2020 and the Special “Zoom” meeting on May 12, 2020; with a motion from Councilman D. Przybylinski and second by Councilman Simmons. The minutes were approved as printed 9-0.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman presented the Finance Committee meeting minutes for June 3, 2020; they are as follows:

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Chairman Dabney to review claims filed since the last meeting. Committee members Tillman and Paul Przybylinski were present as well as Council members Fitzpatrick, Mack, Zygus, Simmons, and Don Przybylinski. City Controller Yvonne Hoffmaster was in attendance as well as City Attorney Jim Meyers. Claims reviewed totaled \$1312.34 from the Riverboat Fund, \$209.55 of that being EFT payments, and \$0 from the Boyd Development Fund for a total docket of \$1,521.89. There was further discussion regarding purchase orders and the Riverboat available balance worksheet. Councilwoman Tillman moved to recommend approval of the docket, and with a second by Councilman Dabney, the motion was approved unanimously. On a motion made by Councilman Paul Przybylinski a second by Councilwoman Tillman, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The summary of claims are as follows:

From the Riverboat Fund:

Enterprise Rent -a-car - \$1,189.84
Michigan City Animal Hospital - \$122.50

Riverboat EFT payments:

Comcast - \$209.55

TOTAL from Riverboat Fund: \$1,521.89**From Boyd Development:****TOTAL from Boyd Development: \$0.00****TOTAL CLAIMS DOCKET - \$1,521.89****CLAIM DOCKETS**

President Fitzpatrick read the claims dockets as follows:

June 3, 2020	<i>Riverboat/Boyd Development – Purchase Orders</i>		
	<i>Riverboat - \$63,237.00 (MCPD)</i>		
	<i>Boyd – none</i>		
June 3, 2020	Fund #2042 – Riverboat Claims	\$	1,312.34
	Riverboat EFT	\$	209.55
	Fund #2031 – Boyd Development	\$	none

President Fitzpatrick asked if there was a motion to approve the claims from June 3, 2020; Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the claims; second by P. Przybylinski.

President Fitzpatrick asked all in favor to pay the claims signify by saying “AYE” all responded “AYES” those opposed; there was no response. Claims were approved (9-0).

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any other reports of Special or Select Committees; there was no response.

REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

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

RESOLUTION

City Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed resolution in its entirety,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL**RESOLUTION NO. [4781](#)**

MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS REGARDING NIPSCO’S REMOVAL OF COAL ASH FROM ITS MICHIGAN CITY FACILITY TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ABILITY TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, EXPRESS CONCERNS, AND PROVIDE INPUT TO ADDRESS THEM

WHEREAS, under its proposed plan provided to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) is planning to dig up to *170,600 cubic yards coal ash* from basins at its Michigan City (City) facility and transport it to a landfill at their Schafer plant in Jasper County (Project); and

WHEREAS, coal ash contains many possible toxins including arsenic, radium, mercury and lead which can cause serious health problems from cancers to blood, heart, lung, neurological and skin diseases to chronic breathing sicknesses; and

WHEREAS, particulate matter is a dangerous air pollutant linked to adverse respiratory and cardiovascular health effects and to a higher risk of mortality from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, NIPSCO's Project may put Michigan City, Jasper County, and the communities along the transportation route at a health risk due to the air-borne particulate matter generated during the implementation of the Project and Northwest Indiana (NWI), a region adversely impacted by a legacy of environmental pollution, should not have to endure any additional exposure to air-borne pollutants; and

WHEREAS, although NIPSCO has advised that it intends to implement the Project so as to maximize the safety and protection of the public, including by minimizing the creation of any air-borne particulate matter and preventing any public exposure to it, the Common Council believes that it is necessary for the City to monitor, express concerns, and provide input on the implementation of the Project so as to be able to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL, as a means to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan City citizens and visitors, resolves as follows:

1. Once the closure of the Michigan City coal ash ponds begins, we request that:
 - a. NIPSCO work with an independent Community Review Committee to assess the cleanup and closure process, provide the Committee regular updates, and fund a technical expert who can monitor the Project and provide instruction, information, and advice to the Committee.
 - b. IDEM publish an online web-page so public comments/concerns can be readily collected during the Project.
 - c. IDEM establish and enforce procedures that ensure the safe excavation, loading, transportation, and disposal of the coal ash with substantial penalties for non-compliance, to ensure that coal ash dust does not endanger clean-up workers or the public.
 - d. Hire an experienced, neutral third-party to be paid for by NIPSCO to monitor the air for particulate matter near the Michigan City plant and Schafer landfill sites during excavation, transportation, and disposal of the coal ash and make real-time data from the monitoring available to the public to protect the health and safety of the workers and the public.
 - e. IDEM inspect both sites regularly during the Project, monitoring for and minimizing airborne dust.
 - f. NIPSCO transport the coal ash in "sift proof" vehicles and encapsulated to prevent ash from escaping during transportation.
 - g. NIPSCO permanently and properly secure and contain the coal ash and its residue at its Michigan City facility to prevent the possibility of future spills into Lake Michigan and Trail Creek and submit to IDEM a supplemental closure plan that includes addressing and providing alternatives for replacing the deteriorating sheet pile walls.
 - h. IDEM immediately test fish, aquatic life, and sediments in Trail Creek and Lake Michigan for arsenic and other toxic and bio-accumulative coal ash contaminants with testing data made readily available to the public. If the tests reveal that fish consumption is found threatening to public health due to hazardous pollutants, IDEM should take necessary measures to alert the community.
 - i. NIPSCO extend water quality monitoring to encompass off-site migration into Trail Creek and Lake Michigan.
 - j. NIPSCO establish appropriate background wells that aren't affected by coal ash to compare to the groundwater monitoring wells to indicate accurate pollution in the groundwater.

2. In addition to the third party monitor referenced in d above, that the Mayor create a group of City representatives, including at least two (2) Council members and employees and residents of the City who have knowledge of and expertise in the design and implementation of projects similar to the Project to maximize public safety and eliminate the risk of pollutants becoming air-borne and a risk to the health of the workers implementing the Project and the public. This group to review and comment on NIPSCO's proposed plan for implementing the Project, to monitor NIPSCO's implementation of the Project, to comment to NIPSCO, IDEM, and the public about, and provide input on, any concerns it has about the implementation of the Project.

This Resolution to be effective upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

SPONSORED BY: /s/ Dalia Zygas, Member

CO-SPONSOR: /s/ Michael Mack, Member

CO-SPONSOR: /s/ Don Przybylinski, Member

President Fitzpatrick asked if any of the Authors had anything to add to the proposed resolution.

Councilwoman Zygas read the proposed Resolution in its entirety; advising there will be no cost to the City; stating that NIPSCO and IDEM are working on plans to do this safely; explaining they just want this project to be transparent; further advising the game fish in Lake Michigan and Trail Creek can't be put at risk and neither can our drinking water.

Councilman D. Przybylinski commented that this is a proactive move by the Michigan City Common Council; stating the Council needs to get out in front of this project to ensure there will not be any environmental or public safety issues as the coal ash is being dug, removed and transported to a landfill; advising they are working with some environmental groups; explaining that IDEM put the stops to the comments period and they wouldn't extend it; further advising with help from a state representative and a state senator they were able to speak with IDEM and get the comment period extended another 30 days.

Councilman Mack thanked Nancy Moldenauer, Ashley Williams and Nikki Troutman for keeping him in the loop; and also thanked the Sustainability Committee.

Councilman Simmons stated that he wholeheartedly supports this proposed resolution.

Councilwoman Deutch stated there is more information on the NIPSCO.com/CCR webpage; advising she filed a conflict of interest form; explaining that she works for NiSource which is the parent company of NIPSCO and she wanted to disclose that; advising public health and safety is very important and she supports the proposed resolution.

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked if the remark by Councilwoman Deutch, was a disclaimer or if she was abstaining from the vote.

Councilwoman Deutch advised she is abstaining from the vote.

Councilman D. Przybylinski further commenting that he stands behind the resolution and that NIPSCO and IDEM will both give 100% to make sure this project is done correctly, and they are committed to protecting the environment and public health.

President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any further Council comments regarding the proposed resolution; there was no response.

President Fitzpatrick commended Councilwoman Zygus for putting the proposed resolution together; advising this is a great piece of legislation to protect us going forward to make sure NIPSCO understands where we stand as far as what we expect of them during this process.

Councilman Dabney made the motion to approve the proposed resolution; second by Councilman P. Przybylinski.

President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Council and hearing none the proposed resolution was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick and Mack (8) **NAYS:** None (0). **ABSTAIN:** Council member Deutch (1).

ORDINANCE

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on 1st Reading by title only,

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

CREATING SECTION 94-79 IN DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING PROVISIONS REGARDING TRAFFIC WARNING SIGNS FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING OR VISION IMPAIRMENT OR A DISABILITY

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that, in the interest in increasing the safety of the children of Michigan City with vision or hearing impairment or diagnosed with a disability, the need exists for traffic control signs to be installed warning of the presence of such children; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety should determine where such children safety signs should be installed in the City upon appropriate written requests of parents or caretakers of such children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Michigan City Common Council that Section 94-79 be added to Division 3 of Chapter 94 of the Michigan City Municipal Code to read as follows:

Sec. 94-79. Warning Signs For Impaired Children.

The Board of Public Works and Safety is authorized to have traffic control signs warning of the presence of children with vision or hearing impairments or children diagnosed with a disability. Such signs may be installed where, in the Board's opinion, there is a particular danger to such children if a written application to the Board for such a sign at the location meets the following criteria:

- 1.) The sign and the usage of the sign complies with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUCTD).
- 2.) A fully and properly completed application to the Board that includes a certification signed by a qualified licensed medical professional certifying the child is vision or hearing impaired or is physically disabled.
- 3.) The child is between the age of two (2) and fifteen (15) years of age at the time of the request.
- 4.) The child resides within the corporate limits of Michigan City and lives on a residential street with a post speed limit of at least 25 mph.
- 5.) Applicant provides proof of residency (copy of driver's license, property tax notice, utility billing or other documentation).

- 6.) Applicant agrees to provide proof of residency prior to January 1st of each subsequent year of the application, and if such proof is not provided, the sign will be removed.
- 7.) Applicant agrees that sign will be removed upon the child’s fifteenth (15th) birthday or when the child no longer lives at the subject address, whichever is earlier.

The Board of Public Works and Safety may adopt any additional rules and regulations to effectuate this Section but cannot require more proof of impairment than that stated in subsection 2, above. The Application form attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be used by the applicant.

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: _____
 Tracie Tillman, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

CO-SPONSOR _____
 Gene Simmons, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

Paul A. Przybylinski, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

Bryant Dabney, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

Angie Nelson Deutch, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

Don Przybylinski, Member
 Michigan City Common Council

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

Councilwoman Tillman explained why she came up with the proposed ordinance; advising this is an oversight, residents go out and purchase unapproved/unauthorized signs themselves; explaining there is a need for those who have hearing and vision impairments and disabilities; stating with COVID and the warmer temperatures, parents want to get their child or children out for fresh air; further advising we have a problem in Michigan City with drivers not adhering to the speed limits; asking for approval.

President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any comments from co-sponsors regarding the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Simmons advised this is the right thing to do; stating anything we can do to help those that are impaired or have disabilities.

Councilman Dabney congratulated Councilwoman Tillman for the proposed ordinance; also giving credit to Councilwoman Zygus for her resolution.

Council Attorney Meyer advised that upon Councilwoman Tillman’s request, he prepared an amended version of the proposed ordinance; stating there was language that was deleted, and he added an application form; explaining that Councilwoman Tillman was going to make a motion to amend the ordinance by substitution.

Councilwoman Tillman made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance by substitution; and amend and add the application as exhibit “A”; second by Councilman Dabney and Councilwoman Deutch.

President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any other comments from the Council regarding the amendment by substitution to the proposed ordinance; hearing none; the amendments by substitution was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygus, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack and Deutch (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

ORDINANCE

President Fitzpatrick stated this was tabled at the special meeting on April 12, 2020 pending a Council workshop.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on 2nd Reading by title only;

(Note: This was tabled at the Special meeting held on April 12, 2020)

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AMENDING SECTION 38-33 AND SECTION 38-34 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS TO CITY BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that some of Michigan City's small businesses are in dire financial straits and unable to pay wages and other operating expenses due to the loss of revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes it is the responsibility of the City to provide assistance to those businesses, to the extent it can, to help them make the payments necessary to be able to pay their employees and remain in business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Michigan City Common Council that Section 38-33 and Section 38-34 in Chapter 38, Article III of the Michigan City Municipal Code be amended as follows:

1. Section 3 8(4)-*Eligible Uses* is amended to now read as follows:

(4) Eligible uses.

(a) New investments in capital assets and operating capital:

- (1.) Purchase of machinery and equipment.
- (2.) Purchase of buildings and land for business operations.
- (3.) Construction, repair, and renovation of buildings.
- (4.) Operating capital including inventory and work in progress.
- (5.) Quantifiable employee training when state and federal grants have been investigated and exhausted.

Priority is given to fixed asset financing (land, building, or equipment).

(b) Fund may be used for payment of legal expenses incurred by City directly related to loan transaction involving the Fund.

(c) Emergency forgivable loan up to \$5000 to small businesses in Michigan City found by the Loan Committee upon review of the businesses Fighting Chance Fund Application, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be facing serious financial problems because of a substantial loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 emergency shutdown and which failed to receive any PPP or EIDL government funding. This fund will be established with \$200,000 in funds. Those businesses shall include:

1. Independently owned restaurants, but not national or regional chains.
2. Bars & Taverns.
3. Retail stores, not national or regional chains.
4. Personal Services, not national or regional chains, including:
 - a. Hair, beauty, and other personal services, such as salons, barbers, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, spas, etc.

- b. Personal care services, such as child, elderly, and disabled care; funeral homes; etc.
- c. Laundry and clothing repair services, such as dry cleaners, laundromats, garment repairs and alterations, etc.
- d. Residential cleaning services.
- e. Pet care services.
- f. Personal and household goods repairs and maintenance.
- g. Fitness centers and gyms.
- h. Event and banquet spaces & services.

2. Subsection 3 8(5)(f)-*Terms* is amended to read as follows:

f. Minimum loan is \$25,000.00; except for loans described in subsection 4(c) for which the minimum loan shall be \$1,000 and the maximum \$5,000.

3. Section 38-34 is amended to add the following wording to the end of the section:

Donations and contributions may be solicited and accepted for the purpose of helping to fund this program.

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: _____
Angie Nelson Deutch, Member
Michigan City Common Council

CO-SPONSOR: _____
Sean Fitzpatrick, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Discussion ensued between President Fitzpatrick and Attorney Meyer regarding if someone has to move to take the proposed resolution off of the table or does it automatically go back on being there was a Council workshop. Attorney Meyer stated it will automatically go back on being there was a workshop.

Councilwoman Deutch moved to table the proposed ordinance indefinitely; second by Councilman Simmons.

President Fitzpatrick stated the proposed ordinance will be tabled indefinitely by the following vote: **AYES:** Council Members Simmons, Zygas, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch and D. Przybylinski (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Fitzpatrick stated there was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

FYI: The Council has one (1) appointment to the Michigan City Revolving Loan Committee due – Ms. Karri Krumnow resigning from her position. (term begins immediately and expires on 10/18/20)

President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any nominations.

Councilwoman Deutch stated there was an application received in the Clerk’s office on April 28, 2020 from Pia Parrott, Centier Bank.

Councilwoman Deutch nominated Pia Parrott to the Revolving Loan Committee, second by Councilman Dabney.

President Fitzpatrick stated there is a motion and a second; are there any other comments; there being none Ms. Parrott was appointed to the Revolving Loan Committee by the following vote: **AYES:** Zygus, P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski and Simmons (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

President Fitzpatrick congratulated Ms. Parrott.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

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

Councilman Simmons stated that Governor Holcomb has approved thirty million dollar federal funding and it is available through the Cares Act; advising there has been talk about small businesses and he wanted to get this out to everyone.

Councilman Dabney stated it has been busy for months in Michigan City in regard to the Covid-19 and the other issues, marches and protests, etc. that have been going on in the Country; explaining we need to look at things in terms of what can be done; possibly a citizens review board.

Councilman P. Przybylinski advised he is appalled by what happened in Minneapolis to Mr. Floyd; stating it is very heart wrenching to see what is going on in the Country; explaining he agrees with Councilman Dabney that something needs to be done; further advising we need to look at the Police Civil Service Commission and possibly expand it from three (3) member to five (5) members; further stating this will put more transparency into the whole procedure in reviewing problems.

Councilwoman Deutch stated the LaPorte County Commissioners had some recommendations from President Obama's outcome from the 2015 – 21st Century Policing task force that were supported by Chief Dion Campbell and by Sherriff John Boyd; pointing out a few items from the executive summary of the report; advising the report speaks of different pillars and she believes the Michigan City Police Department and Chief Campbell demonstrated these this past week; explaining Michigan City had some peaceful protest and the organizers did a great job moving that forward; further stating the County adopted a resolution at County level and it will be important for us to do the same especially since Chief Campbell supports it; further advising the applications are available for small businesses (thirty million dollars-federal funding); these are the same small businesses that did not get SBA money, EIDL or the PPP monies; further explaining they can go to "back on track Indiana" and apply and there will also be webinars on facebook live; stating EDC is working on a virtual job fair and the tentative date is June 25, 2020; advising that tax abatement compliance is underway and will be brought in front of the City Council in the next sixty (60) days.

Discussion ensued between Councilwoman Zygus, President Fitzpatrick, Attorney Meyer and Mayor Parry regarding when the Commissions will be able to meet again. President Fitzpatrick responded per the Governor's order we are only supposed to be conducting essential business during this time; advising he does not know the timetable of when things can start back up; asking if Mayor Parry or Attorney Meyer has any information in regard to this matter. Attorney Meyer stated there are no laws or rules, but the Board and Commissions need to follow the requirements for Covid-19 as far as social distancing, how many people can attend, etc. Mayor Parry advised he has no issues with the Boards and Commissions meeting, but the meetings must be conducted virtually at this time; explaining the only problem is that public comment is difficult during the virtual meetings; stating that accommodations would have to be made for questions

and comments from the public; such as emails and text messages being sent in advance so the Boards would have their input.

Councilwoman Zygus also commended Chief Dion Campbell for his skillful handling of several volatile situations this week; commenting on the escalating violence towards people of color; hoping to work with her fellow Council members to work on steps to improve the situation.

Councilman Mack stated how proud he is of how things were handled over the weekend; giving kudos to Chief Dion Campbell; commenting on the “put down the guns rally” at Oak Hills Park; advising it was great to work with the kids, they are very talented with intelligent ideas; explaining there was so much potential in the park; further stating that he is looking forward to working with the youngsters and getting some of their ideas introduced; further advising that change comes from the young people.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated he is going to talk to the Mayor about putting the “Back on Track Indiana” program that the Governor just came out with (thirty million dollars of federal funding for small businesses” on our City website; explaining the eligibility requirements for the program; advising he has spoken to Sherry Wilson in regard to the funding grant from HUD under the Covid-19 program and she is putting an amendment together and getting it to the Mayor; further stating his concerns and objections to the program; further advising he still has concerns with the City finances; further explaining we got the tax draw but it is 44% compared to 51% a year ago at this time; stating there is only \$93,000.00 in the Riverboat fund; commenting on the situation in Minneapolis with Mr. Floyd and the demonstration that happened in Michigan City; also reading a statement about the events that took place and how changes can be made within the City.

President Fitzpatrick added that Sherry Wilson was invited to the workshop but she did not weigh in on anything; advising if she had been on the call she could have addressed some of the issues that Councilman D. Przybylinski had spoken with her about had she been able to communicate.

Councilman Dabney further commenting on Saturday’s “put down the guns” rally and different events that took place; advising his concern is when these types of events happen in the evening after dark; stating that for safety sake if someone wants to have a march, rally, etc. they should have it during day light hours; explaining their message will still be heard.

Councilman P. Przybylinski thanked the Michigan City Police Department, Chief Campbell and the outlying police officers for their professionalism during the demonstration; stating Chief Campbell practiced a lot of self-control.

Councilman D. Przybylinski further commenting in regard to the City’s finances; stating he spoke to the Mayor and the City Council, City Planner and the Mayor needs to wrap their arms around the double track project and what the associated costs are going to be for the project moving forward; advising there will be costs to the City for the parking garage, turnabouts, etc.

Mayor Parry stated that in reference to what happened last weekend, it was asked on social media, where was the Mayor?; advising it was decided by several organizers that it was not in his best interest to attend the demonstration; explaining he was at the Michigan City Police Station during the event; further stating the assembly was about Police Action and Law and Order; further explaining he supports the Police Department, he recognizes the right for the public to assemble, and he understands their reason to assemble; further advising he salutes the Police Department and Chief Dion Campbell, they all did a great job; stating he had executive orders ready every half hour.

President Fitzpatrick commented on the incident in Minnesota; explaining we need to move forward from issues like this; stating he appreciated everyone coming out to protest peacefully; advising that Chief Dion Campbell did an exemplary job of maintaining order at the protest; commenting on the spirit that Chief Campbell has and how he walked into the crowd by himself and engage with people, listen to their issues and neutralize the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Councilwoman Deutch, supported by Councilman P. Przybylinski and there being no further business to transact, President Fitzpatrick declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 6:42 p.m.)

Gale A. Neulieb