

REGULAR MEETING – July 6, 2021

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, July 6, 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 Zygus and Tracie Tillman (9).

ABSENT: None (0).

A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT

ALSO, PRESENT: Attorney Meyer, Gale Neulieb City Clerk and Dawn Debald Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Mack inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Council “Zoom/ Hybrid” Meeting of, June 1, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2021; there was no response.

President Mack asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council “Zoom/Hybrid” meeting minutes of June 1, 2021 and June 15, 2021 with a motion made by Councilman D. Przybylinski, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski and was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons and Zygus (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES

President Mack asked if there were any reports of Standing Committees.

Councilman D. Przybylinski advised that there was a Labor Relations Committee meeting with the Michigan City Firefighters Local 475 Labor Relations negotiating committee on June 18, 2021; and that they also had a Labor Relations Committee meeting on June 23, 2021 with the M.C.P.D. FOP for labor negotiations.

Councilwoman Deutch reported on the Council’s Health and Safety Committee meeting that was held on June 22, 2021

Topic: Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Start Time: June 22, 2021, 04:30 PM

Committee: Angie Nelson Deutch, Eugene Simmons, Shawn Fitzpatrick

Council Members present: President Michael Mack, Don Przybylinski, Tracie Tillman and Dalia Zygus

Also represent Police Chief Dion Campbell

In reference to amending Section 2-406 and Section 50-33 of Michigan City Municipal Code when producing law enforcement recordings. Introduction of amendment was introduced by an e-mail sent to Council Person Angie Nelson Deutch on behalf of Rodney McCormick, Stacy Benning, Kenny Fly, and others. They are Commissioners of The Social Status for African American Males.

Commissioner Nelson Deutch addressed the public about the ordinances or resolutions that are brought forward and the obligation and duties of council members of Michigan City. The importance of having committee meetings lets both sides be heard and have a dialogue where you can make decisions whether to move forward, table the amendment, or make amendments.

Changes that were proposed were regarding the pricing of receiving a video recording and also the timeline. The FOP was present at the last Council meeting and brought up several items that were already in the Indiana Code that were adopted by the Indiana legislature. House Bill 1019, passed in 2016, allowed citizens to be charged so citizens can see the footage. Michigan City enacted this bill. Allows for up to a maximum of \$150 charge for non-residents. Cities have adopted their ordinances based on the needs of their communities. Some cities use the maximum amount and some use less, but not many are less.

Section 1 with the number of days for the time allowed. FOP has something on the books regarding timeline concerns. A couple of things need to be amended:

- Make the public record request.
- Timeline (number of days) between request and response to request

Once the FOP has this information available, there will need to be an amendment made by the Council.

Police Chief Dion Campbell

Chief Campbell commented that he felt this ordinance is unnecessary and that it would place an undue burden on the police department, but also stated that the department is committed to providing public access to records in a manner consistent with the Indiana Public Records Act. The department is complying and has always been in compliance with what the State allows the department. There are reasons why this system is in place. Chief Campbell hopes this Council does not impose upon the police department “the sins of bigger cities, other departments, or past dealings but that the Council will trust that this administration is going to do the right thing.” He is shocked that this ordinance even came forth because the department has not had any complaints regarding non-compliance.

Chief Campbell would like to make a couple of points:

1. The Indiana law currently states that the Police Department has seven days to acknowledge a public record request. An acknowledgement does not mean the actual record will be provided, but it is a communication to whoever requests that we have received the inquiry. This proposed ordinance that is being put forth now would make it more restrictive than the State of Indiana and you are asking that it be changed from seven (7) days to three (3) days. This would put in undue burden on the department because we are already short officers. It would be necessary to hire a full-time officer just to keep up with requests that are coming forth.
2. Indiana law currently allows a response to a requestor within a reasonable time frame because the state of Indiana is taking into consideration multiple things. Reasonable is determined on a case-by-case basis given the facts presented. He gave an example about one officer with one body cam will be easier than a case with multiple body cams. He also explained about the redaction process and how it takes at least four hours to read 25 minutes of video. In a case where there are multiple officers and body cams, the redaction process will take many hours, putting undue burden on the department. Certain things that cannot be seen by the public are redacted (nudity, minors, if it is on a laptop, etc.) hence it becomes time consuming. The ordinance would change the reasonable time frame to receive records within 10 days, causing an undue burden to the department. That is why the state of Indiana gives us a reasonable time to get it done. Upon receipt of a written request from a member of the common council to review any recording of security footage for any city building, vehicle, or other city property, the police department shall provide the common council member the opportunity to review the

recording at the police station at no charge to the council member at mutually convenient date and a time no later than five (5) business days at the receipt of the member's request.

The council member still has to adhere to Indiana law regarding the release of the record. Requests have increased exponentially in the past few years. Last year in 2020 a total of 42 requests were obtained. This year in June, there have already been 33 requests obtained. Concern is that information would be given to the wrong hands, hinder investigations, and information put on social media. Willing to put a committee together and also remembering that a Police Commissioner is available to discuss problems and transparency. Chief Campbell believes that nothing needs to be changed and that there will be transparency and that they will continue to be compliant with the law of the State of Indiana.

Committee Member Comments/Questions

Councilman Simmons: What is fair reasonable time? Questioning 25 minutes for redaction, it seems like a lot of time.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Does not want undue burden on police department if it is unnecessary. Should cost be the same for a two (2) minute video versus an hour video. Income brackets should be considered with the cost of video.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Criminal cases, people just cannot request recording for ongoing criminal case, can they?

Chief Campbell (Response): Has to be determine on a case-by-case-basis. No fee during the discovery process between prosecuting attorney and defense.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Do we budget for body cameras or through a grant?

Councilman Dabney: They were put in the budget and purchased with Riverboat funds.

Chief Campbell: Body cams are part of the Police Department's annual budget.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Basically anyone, resident or non-resident can request a video.

Chief Campbell: That is correct and would open a Pandora's box with information that people could obtain. The cost can stop any frivolous activity from going on.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Public documents can be presented also. What is the criteria for body cams to get turned on or off?

Councilman Simmons: Inquired about the same question.

Chief Campbell: Cams are turned on upon onset of any interaction and turned off upon the completion of the interaction with any civilian. He will send policy to Council at a later date.

Councilman Don Przybylinski: Agrees with Chief Campbell regarding price.

President Mack: These records are available to a case or any incident?

Chief Campbell: If there is no case, its available to the public at \$125 fee.

President Mack: How are these increases from aggrieved customers?

Chief Campbell: Not sure, but the climate of the country, social media, etc.

President Mack: If someone is not involved in the case, why would they need a video?

Chief Campbell: These are the frivolous requests that causes issues that put burdens on policing.

President Mack: Will you be able to staff up during the next two years so that we are fully staffed?

Chief Campbell: There is a process and due to previous administration financial situation, we lost a year. The hiring process is extensive and also the training process to get street ready is a period of a 9 months to a year. Police Commissioner does the hiring.

Councilman Dabney: There were legal steps that have to be met in order to release the video. That is why he voted against the \$150 fee. And he still feels the same way now.

Councilperson Zygas: If it is serious, you will scrape together the \$150. Social media is a driver of these request.

Councilwoman Tillman: In support of reducing to no fees at all.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Have you had any complaint about access to receiving footage?

Chief Campbell: Again, we are in compliance with the law of the State of Indiana. People have complained but we are within the law of the State. No one has been denied access.

Councilman Don Przybylinski: Does a person need to be called in to process requests and does this require overtime?

Chief Campbell: The Division of Professional Standards would take away from their normal duties to process these requests. There is a cost that is manpower and hours that affect the department. Have Internal Affairs that will look into cases where someone may not be able to afford the cost and they would look into that once a complaint is filed.

Councilwoman Tillman: Has more information been redacted that should not have been redacted?

Councilman Fitzpatrick: A conversation in the chat there is a question. What would the restriction be for the public to use their own camera phones and could the police control or confiscate such information.

Public Comments

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Etiquette for is three (3) minute limit for comments, no personal attacks on anyone, need name and address as well.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street: Has a question. Do you have an IT question and did the police department purchase image altering software? State Law should be trained and be done by trained personnel. Put in request to Ms. Hoffmaster for where the money goes? Hoffmaster and Police Department have conflicted amounts on number of requests because the money is supposed to go in a fund. Have not provided information that he requested.

Jason Frasier, 119 Dale Road: He in agreement with Councilman Dabney and Rodney McCormick in regard to pricing.

Brent Kelly Sr, 330 N Calumet Avenue: Mostly people of color are requesting body cam at a 25% poverty rate. Does not want the police altering any video. There should be no charge. The cameras are already paid for.

Coleman Moore 201 W Fourth Street: Should be reduced for those minimum wage employees. People cannot afford \$150, and it should be reduced.

Kenny Fly, 211 E Fulton Street: Commissioner from The Social Status for African American Males. Reduce the cost. Holding people hostage with the \$150 cost. Be just and fair in the way you react.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Explain again why we have to redact.

Chief Campbell: Not to remove the incident, but to respect people's privacy. That is why it is redacted. Not trying to coverup or hide anything.

Stacy Benning, 385 Lexington Road: Consider what in the best interest of the citizens. She deals parents and children who are in economic distress.

Councilman Dabney: In your job, do you lower fees?

Stacy Benning: Yes, depending on the circumstances. They waive fees all the time.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Items Covered-Number of days by state statute, cost of fees, how do we want to move forward on this matter.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: recommend tabling until more information is available and more data acquired.

Councilman Simmons: agrees with tabling the ordinance.

Motion to table indefinitely by Councilman Fitzpatrick and second by Councilman Simmons.

Additional comments:

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Is there any data we can use to in regard to using a scale for those are economically disadvantage.

Chief Campbell: Will do his best to provide more data regarding the scaling due to economic hardship.

Action: Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: All in favor of tabling the ordinance indefinitely until more data is provided say Aye...

Approved unanimously by Committee members.

Thanks to all Participants.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:24

Councilmen Fitzpatrick and Simmons commented on few important items discussed during the meeting.

Councilwoman Deutch read the following Public Health and Safety Committee meeting held on June 24, 2021.

Topic: Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting-Recent Drowning/Beach Safety

Start Time: June 24, 2021, at 5:00 PM

Committee Members: Councilwoman Angie Nelson Deutch-Chair, Councilman Eugene Simmons, and Councilman Sean Fitzpatrick

Other council personnel present: Bryant Dabney, Tracie Tillman, Don Przybylinski, Dalia Zygas,

Others: Mayor Duane Parry, Members of Law Enforcement and Fire Department, Park Department Members, Emergency Rescue and many other officials and Commissioners

The meeting began with Chair Nelson Deutch having a moment of silence and prayer. The meeting will be about an hour and 15 minutes. She also gave the reason for the meeting. It is not to place blame on anyone, but to talk about resources forward in relationship to safety at the beach at Washington Park. Remarks and comments will be acknowledged for those who present solutions or resources that will move us forward. Prayers and thoughts go out to those impacted by the recent tragedies. This impacts everyone, residents from our community and those outside of the community. All of Lake Michigan is affected.

Recent Data Info

The Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project cites year-to-date, 14 people succumbed to drowning, three (3) people in critical condition, and of the 14, two (2) of the 14 occurred here at Washington Park.

Last year the Project cited there were 56 people who succumbed to drowning, four (4) with an unknown condition, and of the 56, one (1) occurred at Washington Park.

Our officials probably can supply more information.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: In the seven (7) day period, it is not just the deaths but the multiple rescues that have occurred. We want to focus on where we need to place resources and also talk a little about mental health.

The purpose again is to make sure resources are in place to prevent Michigan City from have a headline of a drowning on our beach front every week.

- 6/13/2021-Mr. Turner in an attempt to rescue his companion went under about 4:40 pm and drowned.
- 6/19/2021-emergency services called at 9:11 pm that a group was in trouble that included juveniles. Good Samaritans helped rescue some but the third juvenile, Fire Department recovered his body at 9:52 pm. Another juvenile airlifted to South Bend.

The people that visit our beach are not necessarily local and most likely not from a lakefront city.

Committee Members/Council Comments and Questions

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: When you enter our city there are huge signs that say, “No Lifeguards”. Every single news article indicates this information. This is a problem for many of the beaches in our area. Trying keep and hire lifeguards has been the biggest problem. Pay increases have been given but what can be done differently to obtain more lifeguards? Also mentioned, a group of female young adults, that are customer service representatives that have been providing aid in rescues that been exposed to stressful situations during a rescue (unconscious or deceased victims). They are deserving of accolades. Also deserve counseling as well.

Councilman Simmons: Agrees with Councilwoman Nelson Deutch and hope that we can move forward in fixing this problem. Collectively collaborate to fix the problem.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Cudos to Councilwoman Nelson Deutch for addressing this problem. He wants the public to know that the council is not taking these incidents lightly and public safety is a major concern. The council is willing to take a leadership stance to keep the public safe. He also stated that drowning is one of the more avoidable causes of death.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: What process do we have to recruit lifeguards? That is our first issue.

Superintendent of Park Board (Ed Shinn): In February 2021, advertising began to recruit lifeguards. Meetings were set up with the YMCA and Michigan City Area Schools. Twenty applications were received of these only four (4) have been certified. After receiving this information, research was done and found other beaches along the coastline were having the same problem.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: What does certified mean?

Superintendent: Certified means they have passed the test for lifesaving and open water lifeguarding. Having a shortage like that makes it difficult to maintain a team. A team usually consists of 14-17 lifeguards. It takes six (6) lifeguards to complete a rescue. The COVID-19 response team quickly turned into the beach safety team. The team consisted of the mayor, fire

chief, police chief, board president of park. Created the customer service team to be on the beach for land-based incidents. This is a national problem. Examples: Chicago beaches normally have 650 lifeguards: this year only 350. Whiting beaches normally have 18 lifeguards: this year only 13. Customer service team will assess and assist if necessary. Hired the Fire Department to assist on the shore. But the main problem to address is the education of the tourists that come to the beach. Options:

- Collaborating with the Piranhas to host a water safety event on July 22, 2021, at Washington Park in order to educate the community as well as the tourists.
- Passing out pamphlets to visitors who pay to get into Washington Park to instruct them that the waters are dangerous and there is a deadly rip current.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Are the pamphlets ready? Have you started that?

Superintendent: Yes, they are ready and stapled to the receipt, so they are not easily thrown away. Parking staff are instructed to warn the people to read the warning sign there are NO LIFEGUARDS and to urge them to stay out of water when the rip currents are deadly.

- Sending out hourly messages over loudspeaker to instruct people to stay out of the water and be aware of deadly rip current. This was brought to the Superintendent by Councilman Bryant Dabney.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Are the pamphlets multi-lingual or just in English?

Superintendent: They are Hispanic (Spanish) on the back.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: And far as the messaging over the loudspeaker?

Superintendent: That will have to be bilingual as well.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Please make sure that the loudspeaker message is bilingual because we if you look at the park, it is a diverse group of people. Make sure someone makes note of that.

- Increase the times they work the shoreline and communicate to the public.
- Air horns and megaphones donated to give warnings.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: It seems as though the drownings are happening near the same area. Why are we not we using the tower? Line of sight means something.

Superintendent: After finding out we only had four (4) certified lifeguards. Having someone in the tower would confuse the public that we have lifeguards.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: But we do have lifeguards.

Superintendent: No, we do not, because we do not have six (6). We have customer service.

Councilwoman Deutch: So, if you do not have six (6) people you do not have a team.

- In the process of researching the use of drones
- Researching watercraft, such as jet skis or inflatable steel haul craft. Watercraft is important to communicate with people who are out too far. Where the pier meets the boardwalk is where more current is created.

Councilman Simmons: What days and hour do customer service reps work?

Superintendent: Customer service Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5pm. Said something about two firemen, but could not hear the dialogue between the two men.

Councilman Simmons: Has the recruiting for additional lifeguards continuous? Did we just stop after the four (4) certified and are we still looking?

Superintendent: We did not, we are still looking. Just got an applicant in the last couple days and he will be screened and start adding to the program.

Councilman Simmons: Are we getting the word out to local colleges?

Superintendent: Yes, we have contacted Valpo Purdue NW, and Purdue Calumet

Councilman Simmons: What are we paying these people?

Superintendent: \$17.65/hour. That is with a \$5.00 raise, comparable to adjacent beaches.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Monday and Tuesday firemen there on overtime. What the costs and is it considerably more than customer service.

Superintendent: Will find the information out if it becomes a concern.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Who issues the test for certification and the cost associated with that?

Superintendent: The cost is \$400. Considering reimbursing the swimmer once they pass.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: They have to pay this out-of-pocket?

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: This is a roadblock. Tried to reach out to Mr. Jeremy Kienetz.

Thought someone was brought in to test for certification. See if you can reach out to the people (16) that were part of the 20. Was the reason for not certifying because of the fee?

Councilman Dabney: Verify if 16 dropped out because of fee or if they just did not pass the test. The second comment is regarding watercraft. Do we know of any other beaches that are utilizing watercraft? If there are, research out to those beaches for their plan.

Superintendent: He will research.

Councilman Dabney: Talked about renting life jackets. But there is a liability unless a waiver is signed by the customer. Referred to Shannon and this something that could be looked at later on.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: In Florida and Texas, you give your driver's license, and it is returned when you return the life jacket. Have we had discussion regarding purchase of jet skis and watercraft? What resources do you need for the Park Department? What is the liability?

Superintendent: Most important is educating people that come to the beach. Keeping the people out of the water. Watercraft may possibly be donated. Think he is okay with equipment and accessories. Possibly a drone also is needed. Again, the main impetus is information to those that are from out of town. Walk the shoreline.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Do we need additional signage out there?

Superintendent: Have all the signs that are needed, along with the megaphone and horns. He has instructed the customer service team to stroll the beach to have communication with people and let them know conditions.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: How many certified divers do we have and the folks that volunteer are they divers?

Fire Chief Legault: Not every single time. We have two (2) different types of divers. There is open water rescue diving. Introduced Lieutenant Christian Bietry is the head of the diving team. He will explain in more detail.

Lieutenant Bietry: Currently have 12 divers. There are two (2) systems that can be used. The conventional set-up is full face mask, dry suit takes longer to get into. Also have four (4) rapid rescue devices. Those can be put on instantly and a recommendation would be to obtain more of those. The cost is \$1200 each.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Rapid rescue—one size fits all?

Bietry: Yes

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Are these kept on site? At the beach?

Bietry: There is one (1) on the rescue truck, one (1) on Engine 1 and Engine 2, and the training officer has one (1) in his truck.

Councilwoman Deutch: They are on vehicles and trucks, but not necessarily at the beach?

Bietry: If there is a diver on the beach that day, he takes one. Only a certified diver can use it.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: If two of the firemen on the beach are not divers, what happens?

Bietry: Dive page get toned out to Station 1 and Station 2. Normally divers are at these stations, depending on vacation days or time off.

Councilwoman Deutch: Tell me where these stations are.

Bietry: Station 1 is on the Westside, 11th Street and Station 2 is on Highway 12 by Liberty Trail

Fire Chief: We also try to keep one diver on that beach rescue as much as possible.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Cameras is next topic that needs to be addressed.

Informed the public that they will allow some comments, but they must be brief.

Director Larry Butcher (Emergency Mgmt. Laporte County: He gave an alternative for drownings other than rip currents. These normally occur in the same area. In this area you have shallow water levels, then a sudden drop off in elevation. Is there something can that can be done to prohibit people from entering near that concession area?

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Had the same concern. Can we block off or put buoys in this area?

Dir. Butcher: There are floatable buoys in the area. But you must speak with DNR to obtain approval. For the boat races, it has been blocked off as a VIP area, so it should be possible to restricted from the public. Do a complete square.

Councilwoman Deutch: On the flipside would be enforcement because some just will not listen. Warnings? Tickets?

Fire Chief: Answering Dir. Butcher's question: He does not believe that we have jurisdiction from the water's edge outward. They can not order someone out of the water, but we can recommend. Firefighter went out and talked about the sand bar and the sudden drop off.

Councilman Dabney: Correction made. The area is where customer service is located, not concessions.

Fire Chief: Asked the firefighter did he feel an undertow from the water's edge out to the sandbar. His answer was not much. He had to go past the sandbar to retrieve the person and he stated that the undertow was tremendous. It is an issue past the sand bar.

Dir. Butcher: He does have contact with a person at DNR and those of some of the questions that I will be asking them and getting back with you. I think the mayor has jurisdiction for the land part of the beach. He will get info for the council.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: This will be helpful because we know that this is the area. If you want to include one of us from this committee when you meet, it will be fine.

Mayor Duane Parry: Mayor had an in-depth conversation with the harbormaster, Tim Frame, and asked him about re-establishing a buoy system. Bringing buoy system in closer for swimmers, but that we do not have the equipment to do it.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Did he talk about what equipment is needed or can we purchase equipment? Can someone else, do it? Can we follow up on that?

Mayor: Mayor will follow up on conversation regarding this issue. As far as water rescue, he and the harbormaster feels 90 seconds should be response time and both agreed that it should be personal watercraft and drone. Adding another electric sign that is under this sign with a short, brief message:

Dir. Butcher: The system that is out there is a system that uses canned messages. Programmed scrolling is capable of producing Spanish and English canned messages. Other capabilities of this system can: Messages can be played at specific times, lifeguards can push a button a button and say whatever, you can walk up to a box on the beach pick up a microphone or the lifeguards and the police have radios that are designed to work on a specific channel and a message can be announced over the entire beach. This that need to be brought to everyone's attention.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: This is training issue.

Dir. Butcher: Training issue and getting on board with county and city is crucial. Tools are at our disposal right away.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Has questions regarding cameras. Had Controller Hoffmaster pull the money was spent from the channel maintenance fund—all the money that was spent was primarily about the cameras over the last several years. Who is trained to monitor those cameras and who is monitoring them and if they are not being utilized, can we bring those cameras back to the Michigan City Fire Department? Utilize those cameras at different fire station outside of 1 and 2 so they can be monitor while they are on beach rescue.

Fire Chief: The cameras are located at 911 center, the police station, the fire administration, and Dir. Butcher's office. It would have to be monitored 24/7. 911 can take the call, but for the purpose of rescue, they would have to information about the exact last known location of the victim, and they would need it immediately.

Councilman Simmons: So, do we the capability of going back and pulling the footage of the drownings last week?

Fire Chief: Yes, if that camera what pointed at that position at that time.

Dir. Butcher: There is a camera pointed at that area or I can have it moved and point it in different areas. Can go back six (6) months and pull footage. You do not need 24/7 monitoring. We need it when there is a toner call because the cameras are on all the time. Then you can find the footage you need.

Councilman Fitzpatrick: With the technology available, is there some way to have that feed promote the access to different locations, like a tablet.

Dir. Butcher: You can do that, but you can only see; you will not be able to control anything.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: How often do are cameras adjusted?

Dir. Butcher: If you look at the cameras right now, you can see most of the front of the beach. We can not ask the 911 center to monitor the cameras.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Costing \$160,000 we need to utilize these cameras as much as possible, especially Saturdays and Sundays. Does everyone know how to use it?

Dir. Butcher: Takes about five (5) minutes to learn. Put pulling the footage would have to be done himself.

Randy Novak: Retired firefighter Michigan City Fire Department. The camera system originally when we had a Lakefront Safety Committee that involved the DNR, Larry Butcher, the EMA, the Coast Guard, everybody. At the time, Arcelor Mittal came over because one of their employees saved some people that were drowning. So, the camera system that Larry put together was primarily for the pier, going out to the Lighthouse to monitor people on there. If someone were walking along, it would set off an alert and it would track someone walking along there. The cameras worked great on the pier. When you are looking at those cameras on the water, all you are seeing is water and depending on where the sun is, it is really hard to monitor the cameras and see somebody swimming and to know if they are in trouble or not. It was not designed for that. The money was got from the channel maintenance fund, and it came to the fire department. That is how it was done with Larry. I think it was about \$200,000 is what was appropriated. Arcelor Mittal donated \$50,000 for the signage and they also donated \$13,000 for additional life rings put along the pier. That all came out of that committee. The Park Department has a subcommittee. The 911 center was able to stop a couple of drownings.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Good information to know and would like to request a committee be put in place.

Councilwoman Tillman: Are cameras similar to CCTV? And do they focus in the area where drownings normally occur?

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Yes, they are able to focus on particular area.

Councilman Don Przybylinski: Commented on pay given to lifeguards. What administration and council needs to look at is to get these people signed up as lifeguards instead of paying firefighters overtime and police department overtime to guard our beaches, we can take half the money we are paying in overtime and increase the pay, whether it is \$25-\$28. They are essential for those people in the water. Instead of having both firefighters riding around together, have one in the tower and one along the shoreline. Red flags at the gate and along the beach as a warning. We have money in the channel maintenance fund and riverboat funds available to get equipment to get buoys in place.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: To add about the pay, we should be paying for their certification as well.

Councilman D Przybylinski: Can all firefighters that work beach know how to swim? Last year there was an occasion where one (1) firefighter could swim, and his partner could not. Install life rings along the beach every 5 yards or so.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: When they are level eyesight, by that time, someone is already in distress. From tower you may can see someone entering into some dangerous waters and be more proactive in stopping the situation. At ground level, you are already at the point of struggling. Someone up in the tower can see someone starting to drift. At the ground level, you have crowds around and by then someone is already going under. It is the responsibility for us to have someone in the tower.

Councilwoman Zygas: Great ideas but more information needed about the surface areas of our lake and beach and as research about the deep areas. Try to map that out with buoys or even a mesh curtain hanging from buoys.

Mayor: The mayor views the cameras several times a day in 2020 when the beach was closed to see if any people were going down there. He never had the opportunity to look at the controls for these cameras and you have to be able to zoom in and out when seconds are so important.

Dir. Butcher: Cannot rely on cameras or 911 for constant monitoring. What the camera does have is the ability to rewind to get information about location or what victim is wearing. They are good for after incident investigations.

Fire Chief: Made a clarification of previous statement. He said cameras are monitored 24/7; what he meant was that someone can get to those cameras 24/7. To respond to Councilman Przybylinski comment, he doesn't split his teams up (one in tower and one shoreline). Non-swimmers' policy is that if you sign up for rescue you must swim and perform water rescue.

Public Comments

Linda Simmons: LaPorte County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. This exactly what the city needs for all of us to pull together and try to find solutions with issues we have been having. We want people to come here and spend dollars, so we want our beaches to be safe. Proud of our county and city and all of their assets.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Thanks go out to the Fire Department and customer service. A service should be provided as far as counseling for the customer service ladies It is needed. She also wants the customer service reimbursed for their certification.

Someone speaking no name and answer not audible.

Rodney McCormick: Thanks Nelson Deutch for leadership, Mr. Novak, and Mr. Butcher for addressing this issue. Get people with knowledge and know-how. Mic went out. **Audio out.**

Nicholas Fabone, 319 Tremont Street: The drop off changes, dependent on the storms and weather. The signs are great, but it will not save lives. Jet ski may help.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: There was a citizen that allowed rescue to use their jet ski and it did help.

Joe Haney, LaPorte County Commissioner: Thanks for putting this on tonight. Offering support at the County level.

Dave Benjamin: Water safety education and response. More than open to coming in and doing a Lake Michigan open water training, etc. Also does certification on-line and in person.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Please send an e-mail to one of council members to explain further. He offered to do so.

Tom Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street: Suggestion is a public community swimming pool. Take the splash pad out.

Dominic (Intern): Binoculars help with line of sight. Thinks tower is unnecessary. They take turns with the binoculars to avoid eyestrain from looking out on the water.

Commissioner Mattias: Thank you for bringing this committee. Our children our important. Love the idea for paying for certification during winter months so they are ready for the summer and offer bonuses.

Councilwoman Nelson Deutch: Next steps, notes for next council meeting in July, and follow-ups, re-establishing committee with Dir. Butcher, and to include herself. What resources and money that may be needed?

Councilman Simmons: A great meeting and grateful for the collaboration.

Councilwoman Deutch: Motion to adjourn

Councilman Fitzpatrick: Move to adjourn

Councilman Simmons: Second

In favor: Aye

Adjourned at approximately 6:50

President Mack asked if there were any other reports of standing committees; there was no response.

FINANCE REPORT

President Mack asked if there were there was a finance committee this evening.

Councilman Fitzpatrick advised that there were no Riverboat or Boyd Development Claims with the Finance Committee being cancelled.

CLAIMS DOCKET

President Mack read the following claims for the record.

June 15, 2021 Riverboat/Boyd Claim Docket

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL or SELECT COMMITTEES

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

REPORTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

President Mack asked if there were any reports of other City Officers or Departments.

Janet Beutner, Michigan City Scholarship Director updated the Council regarding the Michigan City Scholarship Program for 2021 and also what she is proposing for 2022 to try and reach out to more students to educate them about the City's program as well as the 21 Century Scholarship being offered.

Nora Ryska, representing the "Great Michigan City Green Clean" addressed the Council regarding her organization and what has been happening throughout our community and that they have accomplished having over seven hundred people that have joined and are out in our city picking up litter to help make our City more beautiful.

President Mack commented on the meeting he and Council members Zygas and Dabney had with the Code Enforcement Department; stating that it was very productive and are planning to schedule a public workshop to help educate our community about the City's code enforcement laws; that the tentative date for that workshop is July 15th.

President Mack asked if there were any other reports of other City Officers and Departments.

PETITIONS

President Mack asked if there were any petitions.

The Clerk advised that the following petition was received in the Clerk's Office on June 28, 2021:

PETITION P-102-21 CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY REZONING FROM OS TO R1D & B1 FORMER ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDED BY WILLIAM STREET ON THE NORTH, ELSTON STREET ON THE WEST, BARKER AVENUE ON THE SOUTH, AND WABASH STREET ON THE EAST, MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Neulieb read the following correspondence received.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on June 8th to the Mayor from Venetta Keefe, Rail Program Office Manager (INDOT) regarding the closure of Carrol Avenue for the NICTD Double Track Project

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on June 8, 2021 from Michael Noland President of the South Shore Line/NICTD regarding Resolution Objecting to Parts of INDOT May 26, 2021 Order

Correspondence was received on June 11, 2021 from Mr. Brian Colvin – Colvin Construction regarding City electrical and plumbing permits

Correspondence was received from the Michigan City Tree Board members regarding their concerns about the hiring of a new Forester for the City

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from the Mayor's Office advising them of a Hybrid meeting being held on June 13, 2021 regarding the Michigan City Transit Development District being release for public review

Correspondence was received from Controller Hoffmaster with respect to the proposed ordinance regarding budget submission deadlines

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from Attorney Meyer addressing Controller Hoffmaster's comments on the proposed amendments that Councilman Fitzpatrick made on his ordinance regarding the upcoming budget

Correspondence was received from MCPD Chief Dion Campbell regarding Policy Number 92

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from Mr. George Dobie regarding our Michigan City Lifeguards

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office from Yvonne Hoffmaster addressing Councilwoman Tillman request regarding events being paid with City funds

RESOLUTION

There were no resolutions

ORDINANCE

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only,
APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR JOB POSTING

Introduced by: Bryant Dabney
Dalia Zygas

(DECREASE General Fund 1001 Unappropriated balance \$3,000.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT#1001 107.433.020 \$3,000.00 Printing & Advertising –Publication of Legal Notices)

President Mack asked if the authors had anything to add.

Councilwoman Zygas stated that she feels this is self-explanatory that these funds are needed to advertise vacant jobs that are open and need to be filled.

Councilman D. Przybylinski asked to be a Co-sponsor.

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

President Mack asked if there were anyone from the Council that wished to speak.

Councilwoman Tillman questioned if these monies are for advertisement that were already advertised or for future advertising for jobs opening in the future; also if applications that are received for one job opening within the City are they safe and shared with other departments that have job opening.

Councilman Dabney stated that he would think Councilwoman Tillman would have to contact Ms. Smith in personnel to answer her questions; explaining why the monies are coming out of the general fund and not Riverboat funds.

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked if this appropriation is for jobs that have already been posted or additional monies for the future job vacancy.

Councilman Dabney advised Councilman P. Przybylinski that the proposed appropriation is to cover advertising for job openings for the rest of 2021.

Councilman D. Przybylinski explained that these funds are for various job vacancies in different departments; stating that especially at the Street Department with them hiring an individual they stay for a few weeks leave and this vacancy has to be re-advised again which is costly.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on the job vacancies in many of our City Departments are due to our low pay scales; stating he would like to see the administration ask for an appropriation to raise these pay scales, then advertise for each job vacancy.

Councilman Dabney stated that Councilman P. Przybylinski should bring forward an ordinance.

President Mack stated that there will be no more discussion on the proposed ordinance; with this ordinance being held over on second reading at the July 20, 2021 Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb 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 GENERALLY BOUNDED BY WILLIAMS STREET**

ON THE NORTH, ELSTON STREET ON THE WEST, BARKER AVENUE ON THE SOUTH AND WABASH STREET ON THE EAST FROM OS TO R1D OR B1

Introduced by: Paul A. Przybylinski
Don Przybylinski

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

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated at the present time he has additional questions regarding the language in the ordinance being proposed; asking if there were anyone from the public that live in this area that the zoning changed their resident to OS when the current ordinance was adopted 8 years ago present this evening; there was no response; adding that he would like to schedule a work shop to get the questions he has answered regarding the maps that were provided within.

Councilman Fitzpatrick called "Point of Order" that we are still under comments from the Author that Mr. York needs to wait to speak.

President Mack asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak at this time.

Skyler York, Planning Director of the City advised that the proposed ordinance was done by using our comprehensive plan for the city and is in our current zoning code; and what these maps show is what is in our current ordinance.

Discussion ensued between Mr. York and Council members P. Przybylinski and D. Przybylinski about wanting to call another workshop regarding zoning that is being proposed, the current comprehensive plan, outreach to St. Anthony's Hospitals property and addressing the residents that were zoned OS and should go back to their original zoning prior to this current ordinance; Councilman P. Przybylinski made a motion to TABLE the proposed ordinance on first reading until the July 20, 2021 Council meeting, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski.

The proposed ordinance was TABLED on first reading until the July 20, 2021 Council meeting by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Tillman, Fitzpatrick, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, P. Przybylinski (6). **NAYS:** Dabney, Mack, and Zygus (3).

President Mack stated the proposed ordinance is TABLED until the July 20, 2021 Council meeting.

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

AMENDING THE POLICY NUMBER 305 REGARDING THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY'S HOLIDAYS POLICY IN THE BENEFIT PROGRAMS SECTION OF THE CITY'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL TO ADD JUNE 19 AS THE JUNETEENTH CITY HOLIDAY

Introduced by: Tracie Tillman
Co-Sponsor: Sean Fitzpatrick
Gene Simmons
Angie Nelson Deutch
Bryant Dabney
Paul A. Przybylinski
Don Przybylinski
Dalia Zygus

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

Councilwoman Tillman thanked Councilman Fitzpatrick for introducing her ordinance at the last Council meeting due to her being absent; stating that same day at the Senate and House Juneteenth was made a National Holiday; advising that she watched it and that a question was brought up regarding the cost to cover this holiday; stating that this has been made a national holiday and the monies will be there, that she would like to move forward with this ordinance so it is adopted with Juneteenth being a City holiday.

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked to be added as a Co-sponsor.

Councilman D. Przybylinski also asked to be a Co-sponsor, along with Councilwoman Zygas requesting to be added as well.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on what Juneteenth celebrates explaining the history of this day.

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

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street addressed the Council regarding educating the community about black history; that the people need to come together, move on to a positive, friendly and carrying community and work together to make people want to come to Michigan City.

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.

President Mack spoke about the history of his family; that the older black citizens need to share the real truth of life's with their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews so they are educated about how things were when they were growing up.

Councilman Fitzpatrick wanted to thank Councilwoman Tillman for pioneering and bringing forth this proposed ordinance bringing the history to our community and in our nation about Juneteenth; thanking her letting him introduce this document

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating the proposed ordinance will be held over to third reading at the July 20, 2021 Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only.
AMENDING SECTIONS 2-406 AND 50-33 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PRODUCING LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDINGS

Introduced by: Angie Nelson Deutch

President Mack asked if the author had anything to add.

Councilwoman Deutch advised that there was Health and Safety Committee meeting held on June 22, 2021 in reference to amending Section 2-406 and Section 50-33 of the Michigan City Municipal Code when producing law enforcement records; making a motion to TABLE the proposed ordinance indefinitely, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski.

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

Clerk Neulieb read the following ordinance on second reading by title only, **AMENDING SEC. 70-103(a) AND SEC. 54-160 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE MAXIMUM AGE FOR APPLICANTS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SENATE ENROLLED ACT 396 AND ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE ENROLLED ACT 1033 REQUIRING THAT POLICE AND FIRE MEMBERS HAVE ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION INTO MICHIGAN CITY AND MAINTAIN TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SERVICE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS**

Introduced by: Gene Simmons
 Don Przybylinski
 Angie Nelson Deutch

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

Councilwoman Deutch stated that we spoke about this at the last council meeting; advising this is basically a provision based on what was passed by State Legislation and that we need to better figure out a better way to identify and recruit new officers with this being the first step towards that.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that he feels the proposed ordinance is self-explanatory but his concern is the language regarding an officer being hired and their limited requirements in regards to their transportation to and from work and that he knows the Council is going to adopt this ordinance, with the next step is the administration is going to have to look at this and determine what action they want to take when a new officer is hired and doesn't live at an adjoining county.

Councilman Simmons agreed with Councilman D. Przybylinski comments stating that when we implement this the administration needs to put some boundaries in effect as far as squad cars.

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

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street stated this Council is upset police vehicles and that he is upset about cameras being proposed to be placed in these vehicles; stating there has to be a happy medium, this council has the power to pass this ordinance stating "if you want to work for our City you have to live within the City limits".

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

President Mack asked if the Council had any comments.

Councilman P. Przybylinski agreed with what Councilman D. Przybylinski statements regarding the limited restrictions on police vehicles, agreeing with Mr. McCormick's comments as well; that this council needs to seriously look at what the next step we need to do regarding take home vehicles, advising that the city has over three (3) million dollars wrapped up in vehicles in the MCPD, that we haven't heard one word from the administration about addressing this matter and where an officer has to live.

Councilwoman Deutch advised that at the last Council meeting it was discussed about the "Take Home Car Policy" and that it states in this policy that you had to have adequate transportation to Michigan City to get to work; hoping the administration was still present to address some of the Council's questions; requesting that Chief Campbell send a copy of the "Take Home Car Policy" to the Council for their review.

Councilman Fitzpatrick commented on the wear and tear of our police vehicles, advising when talking to some members of the FOP advising that when police vehicles are totaled from an accident the insurance reimbursement monies are put back into the general fund, which means there are never any program where this money is placed into a fund to be reused to replace totaled cars in the future instead of waiting until we need ten or fifteens cars to purchase to bring the number of vehicles needed up to what they need.

Councilwoman Tillman agreed with Councilwoman Deutch and Councilman Fitzpatrick's comments regarding the MCPD take home vehicles and that she recalls years ago this was an issue with the MCPD and that she thought that it was limited and based on the mileage that was going to be put on their car by where they lived; that recently you will go shopping in Portage, Valparaiso, Crown Point and you see a MCPD vehicle parked at a mall or a restaurant; commenting on several concerns regarding the MCPD officer using their take home vehicles for personal use.

Councilwoman Deutch and President Mack have discussed what kind of incentives the City can offer to police and fire as well as all Michigan City departments including when it comes to residency and being able to have enough housing within the city limits; advising this will be discussed at our next Health and Safety Committee meeting in the near future.

President Mack stated that the housing within our city wouldn't be just for City employees but for city teachers, attorney, business owners, everyone wanting to live and work within our city.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on the housing stock in Michigan City, that he feels the comprehensive plan should renovate homes that are not in living condition let someone wanting to work for the City remodel it to live in giving them an incentive it would bring property tax revenue in our community and would make our city a better place where people will want to live and work; asking to schedule an executive session to discuss incentives to bring people to our community that not only want to live her but work for our government.

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 third reading at our July 20, 2021 Council meeting.

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

(Note: This ordinance was TABLED at the June 15, 2021 Council meeting until the July 6, 2021 Council meeting)

Councilman Fitzpatrick stated as Chair of the Finance Committee he brought this proposed ordinance to the Council; several amendments have been proposed but not adopted advising with that being said he wanted to pull his sponsorship and follow what is in our Michigan City Municode that we have been following in the past.

Councilwoman Deutch advised that we do have language that is codified that the Council can follow making sure the deadlines and that the Finance Chair receives any records from the administration of changes they want to make and be notified of them; pulling her sponsorship from this ordinance.

Councilwoman Tillman stated that if the deadlines are kept and any amendments the administration is wanting to make, letting the Finance Committee know of any before the August deadline, she is also pulling her sponsorship to this ordinance. Asking all department heads to come to the hearings being prepared for any all questions the committee may have; with Councilman P. Przybylinski also pulling his sponsorship.

President Mack asked if there were any other Council members that want to sponsor the proposed ordinance (repeating three times); there was no response, the ordinance died.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS: 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 the Clerk’s Office didn’t receive any nominations from Marquette High School to date.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

President Mack asked if Mayor Parry had any comments. Mayor Parry was not present.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Mack asked if there were any Public comments:

Ernie Hollihan, 302 Gladys Street, commented on doing a study about moving the Prison located on the Westside of our City; stating there are so many people that live in our City that are employed there for many years; Also addressing the issue of our MCPD and so many officers retiring and not being able to replace them.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street and member of the Social Status of African American Males Commission advised that he and several people from our community have been questions citizens throughout our City asking their opinion about our MCPD wearing body camera’s, wanting to make sure the citizens in Michigan City are safe and that our police officers are also safe; asking the Council not to table this ordinance too and schedule a workshop to move forward.

Randy Novak, County Council President, addressed the Council advising that at their last Council meeting they passed CED money for rental assistant affected by COVID and are still having problems; with them teaming up with the different Trustee offices, the United Way and the County Council dividing it three ways; asking this Council to consider join in with them to help the citizens in Michigan City; also commenting on the construction of the court house and the repairs to the bridge entering the park appropriating 1.5 million dollars.

Tommy Kulavik, 1316 Ohio Street addressed the Council commended Tim Richardson on his retirement and thanking him for his service; thanked the City for the great job on this year’s fireworks.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

President Mack asked if there were any Council comments.

Councilman Dabney stated that President Mack, Councilwoman Zygus and himself met with the Code Enforcement Officers this last week and plan to schedule a public information workshop to educate our citizens to know more about the City’s code violations that need to be followed in our community; that the City has hired more code enforcement officers with there being code violation tickets/red flag being handed out with the tentative date of Thursday July 15th.

Councilman Simmons congratulated Officer Tim Richardson on his retirement from the MCPD and his new position of being the new Chief of the City of Chesterton.

Councilwoman Deutch asked for everyone to remember when scheduling meetings to check and make sure there isn't any other meetings being held at the same time.

Councilwoman Deutch reminded everyone about the Zoological Society is having their annual Running Wild 5K run, inviting everyone to participate.

Councilwoman Deutch stated the regarding the Indiana State Prison this study is feasible study; advising that we don't know if it is even feasible to remove the prison from this property.

Councilwoman Deutch commented on the Public Health and Safety meetings advising that they have decided to have a monthly meeting to address different safety issues within our community.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that he would like to volunteer on the Monday clean-up at the beach with Nora's group.

Councilman D. Przybylinski addressed the Council about an issues his son saw happening on the pier with several young people jump from the lighthouse into the water; which is very dangerous, questioning if we could place cameras on that side of the cat walk as well.

Councilwoman Deutch requested a meeting with EMS Director and the County Commissioners regarding the 911 center watching these cameras that are placed at the lake from; stating that if they aren't looking at them it would be good to have them placed at the Coast Guard building.

Councilman D. Przybylinski also congratulated Officer Tim Richardson on his retirement and his new position as the Police Chief in Chesterton and congratulating Firefighter Tom Frontcakas on his retirement after 32 years of service.

Councilman D. Przybylinski commented on how bad our post office looks and when he was driving by saw a lady picking weeds in their planter; stopped and she was volunteering thanking Pam Bailey for her hard work and caring about our community.

Councilman D. Przybylinski thanked all the City employees that made our fourth of July weekend a success; that they did a fantastic job.

Councilman Fitzpatrick spoke about honor, respect, reminding the public that Mayor Parry was disrespectful to the City's Black Clergymen and shouldn't be forgotten about stating that he still has no confidence in Mr. Parry.

Councilman P. Przybylinski agreed with Councilman Fitzpatrick's comments.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that he spoke with one of the administrators at the MCPD asking if there was anyone certified to noise test to see if the ordinance is not being followed if wanting to give a citation; and was advised that they didn't know and wasn't sure if there was anyone certified to do that test; then asking if there was anyone qualified on the department to follow what the ordinance states; there was no response; Advising that there is an ordinance on the books and don't have the equipment or person to enforce this law.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on the death of Carl Trunk who was killed in his hot rod car at the intersection of Ohio Street and U.S. Highway 421; stating this intersection needs to have something done with so many accidents happening there and people driving and not paying attention.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on the joint zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan that was adopted nine years ago; stating that he feels it needs to be reviewed, especially have what has happened to the residents near St. Anthony's Hospital with their zoning changed then to OS and that this ordinance has been on the

books for nine years and now after all these years they start enforcing what was passed nine years ago enforcing it now, questioning why now.

President P. Przybylinski addressed the Council on what the lifeguards are doing at our lakefront regarding flags being put up when the waves are high and there is an undertoe that he doesn't want micromanage them but there should be rules and regulations made to follow for different weather conditions.

Councilman P. Przybylinski commented on him and Councilman D. Przybylinski always being impeached that he cannot initiate a spending ordinance, with the Mayor knowing what he would like happen; no funding the street department employees properly and that everyone has their own opinion.

Councilman Dabney stated "impeached" which obviously is intended for himself, commenting that he doesn't understand what that means and that everyone has an opinion and can comment on what they believe; it is ok disagree on someone's comments and apologized for anything he might of said to offend them.

President Mack stated he had a great Fourth of July weekend; thanking every City employee for their hard work and that he realizes there are so many departments that are understaffed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by President Mack, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski and there being no further business to transact, President Mack declared the meeting

ADJOURNED (approximately 9:33 p.m.)

Gale A. Neulieb