

# REGULAR MEETING – November 2, 2021

The Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, met in Regular session on Tuesday evening, November 2, 2021 at the hour of 6:30 p.m., Hosted by “Hybrid/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, Paul Przybylinski, Gene Simmons, Dalia Zygus, Tracie Tillman and Don Przybylinski (9).

**ABSENT:** None (0).

## **A QUORUM WAS NOTED PRESENT**

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Attorney Meyer, Gale Neulieb City Clerk and Dawn Debold Deputy Clerk

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Mack inquired whether there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Council “Hybrid/Zoom” Meeting of October 19, 2021; there was no response.

President Mack asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council “Zoom/Hybrid” meeting minutes of October 19, 2021 with a motion made by Councilman D. Przybylinski, second by Councilman P. Przybylinski and 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).

## **REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES**

President Mack asked if there were any reports of standing committees.

Councilman D. Przybylinski reported on the labor relations committees/executive sessions that were held with the Fire and Police Department; and negotiations called by the Board of Works and Safety, the Council’s labor relations committee and the administration, advising that they are almost done with negotiations.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

President Mack asked if there was a finance committee meeting held.

Councilman Fitzpatrick stated that there wasn’t a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021 due to not having a quorum.

## **CLAIMS DOCKET**

President Mack read the following claims for the record.

**October 19, 2021 Riverboat/Boyd Claim Docket**

<b>Fund #2042 – Riverboat – Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,592.27</b>
<b>EFT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Fund #2031 – Boyd – Claims-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,592.27</b>

A motion was made to approve the Riverboat/Boyd claims from October 19, 2021 by Councilwoman Deutch, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski.

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

**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**

Janet Beutner, Michigan City Scholarship Director, addressed the Council regarding the 2022 current Senior Class residency, Fall 2021 breakdown of tuition payments, Promise Scholarship students who attended middle school and Michigan City High School, information on proof of residency and information regarding home schooled students.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Beutner and Council members Dabney, Deutch, D. Przybylinski regarding the two (2) proposed ordinances coming up on the agenda.

Councilman D. Przybylinski asked Ms. Beutner to contact Marquette High School before the next meeting requesting how many of their students would be eligible in 2022 and report back to the Council.

Councilman Dabney introduced Lee Hoss, Weatherization, Manager of North Central Community Action Agency with Mr. Hoss doing a presentation for the Council explaining energy assistance to their weatherization process, the weatherization process itself, common reasons why a client is put on the deferral list and advising the overall deferral rates and cost to resolve, reduce the deferrals and improve the client's home.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Hoss and Council members Dabney, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, P. Przybylinski, Zygas and Mack regarding what was being proposed in the upcoming Resolution and MOU and that it is a nonprofit organization, questions if supplies were available, and how long before contractors would be able to start these jobs if the Council approves the Resolution and the \$300,000 additional appropriation; along with questions about where the where funding should be coming from instead of the Riverboat fund.

President Mack asked if there were any other reports of other city officers and departments, there was no response.

NOTE: Kaleb Goodwin, IT asked to have a five-minute break due to technical difficulties with the recording equipment.

NOTE: the meeting was resumed with still having technical difficulties with the recording equipment and being able to connect to Hybrid/Zoom.

**PETITIONS**

President Mack asked if there were any petitions.

Clerk Neulieb advised that there were no petitions this evening.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Neulieb read the following correspondence that was received.

Correspondence was received in the Clerk's Office on October 14, 2021 from Guy S. DiMartino, PC regarding a torn claim

**RESOLUTIONS**

The Clerk read the following proposed resolution by title only, **SUPPORTING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES, INC. TO FUND THE "WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM" TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS IN MICHIGAN CITY**

**Introduced by:** Bryant Dabney  
Dalia Zygas  
Michael Mack

**(Note: This was "TABLED" at the August 17, 2021 meeting until the Council meeting on November 2, 2021)**

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

Councilman Dabney stated this resolution is supporting the execution of the MOU between the City of Michigan City and North Central Community Action Agency; advising that we as a Council support that agreement.

President Mack asked if any of the other authors had anything to add, there was no response.

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

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

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that he has no issues with the resolution or the program but has concerns regarding this agency is a non-for-profit organization and he feels the monies to support this program should be coming from the ARP fund not the Riverboat fund; advising that he feels more non-for-profit organization will be coming to the Council for monies if we move forward and support this organization; stating there should be stringent rules, regulation on how the money is being spent if approved.

Councilman Dabney stated that we have talked about this before saying that all of us have said that Riverboat funds should be used in our neighborhoods for improvements, which this program would be doing; this Council has the opportunity tonight to move forward and get repairs/improvements started before winter by approving this resolution and the upcoming additional appropriation for \$300,000 from the Riverboat fund to fund this program.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that we have explained that we are not against this program, but don't support these monies coming out of the Riverboat fund, that we should use the ARP funds and agrees with Councilman D. Przybylinski that if this Council supports the additional monies coming from the Riverboat fund there will be

more non-for-profit organization knocking on our door for their fair share and that there are non-profit-organization in Michigan City that would possibly want to do a program similar to what is being proposed; asking to slow down and look at all the possibilities in our community and be ready in the spring to get to work.

President Mack stated that he has been through every step of this proposed program and that he is in 100% in support of the entire \$300,000 coming directly from the Riverboat fund immediately and still maintain the ability for non-profit organizations to come before the council at any time, but urgently begin this task and move forward.

Councilman Dabney made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution, second by Councilwoman Zygas.

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

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only,  
**CREATING SEC. 2-412 IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE A CDBG FUND TO RECEIPT FUNDING AWARDED TO THE CITY FROM HUD THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT**

**Introduced by:** Angie Nelson Deutch  
 Sean Fitzpatrick  
 Gene Simmons

President Mack asked if any authors had any thing to add this evening.

Councilwoman Deutch this is to create a mechanism for our community development block grant program to see that these monies are in a separate fund, that State Board of Accounts recommended this council to do this; with this following their recommendation.

Councilman P. Przybylinski asked to be added to the proposed ordinance.

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

President Mack asked if there were any comments from the Council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be on second reading at the November 16, 2021 Council meeting.

Clerk Neulieb reading the following ordinance on first reading by title only, **APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE MC TRANSIT OF THE GENERAL FUND TO FUND REMAINING EXPENSES FOR 2021**

(DECREASE General Fund # 1001 Unappropriated balance \$379,757.00 INCREASE ACCOUNT # 1001.113.411.013. \$115,000.00. Salaries & Wages Regular Salary and Wages INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.411.016. \$20,000.00 Salaries & Wages Overtime INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.413.001.\$12,600.00 Employee Benefits Employers Share of FICA INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.413.003.\$23,500.00 Employee Benefits Employers Share of INPRS INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.413.005.\$116,335.00 Employee Benefits Employers Share Health Insurance INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.413.007. \$5,950.00 Employee Benefits Clothing Allowance INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.413.015.\$8,261.00 Employee Benefits Sick Buy Back INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.413.016 \$18,450.00 Employee Benefits Longevity INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.421.005. \$300.00 Office Supplies Other Office Supplies INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.422.021.\$1,600.00 Operating Supplies Gasoline INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.422.023. \$6,000.00 Operating Supplies Tires and Tubes INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.422.026. \$15,000.00 Operating Supplies Diesel Fuel INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.422.031.\$600.00 Operating Supplies Household Supplies INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.423.021. \$7,500.00 Repair & Maintenance - Supplies Repair Parts INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.423.031. \$500.00 Repair & Maintenance - Supplies Small tools and Minor Equipment INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.432.040. \$700.00 Communication & Transportation Telephone INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.433.010. \$1,000.00 Printing & Advertising Printing – Contractual INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.434.020. \$1,452.00 Insurance Liability INCREASE

ACCOUNT #1001.113.434.040. \$4,659.00 Insurance Auto INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.435.010. \$4,000.00 Utilities Electric INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.435.040. \$150.00 Utilities Water INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.435.050. \$200.00 Utilities Sewage INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.436.020 \$11,000.00 Repairs & Maintenance Equipment INCREASE ACCOUNT #1001.113.439.090. \$5,000.00 Other Services & Charges Other Contractual Services)

**Introduced by:** Angie Nelson Deutch  
Sean Fitzpatrick  
Gene Simmons

President Mack asked if the authors had anything to add.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that this additional appropriation is a request to cover the remaining expenses they have this year.

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

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

Councilwoman Zygask asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Councilwoman Tillman also asked to be a co-sponsor.

Councilwoman Deutch stated that she would be requesting to have second and third reading at the November 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating that the proposed ordinance will be on second reading at the November 16, 2021 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on first reading by title only,  
**AMENDING SECTION 38-40 AND SECTION 38-41 OF THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND MICHIGAN CITY AREA SCHOOLS & CREATING SECTION 38-42 IN THE MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE TWO TIERS OF FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**Introduced by:** Sean Fitzpatrick

**(NOTE: This was "TABLED" on 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the September 9, 2021 meeting until the Council meeting on November 2, 2021)**

President Mack asked if the author had anything to add.

Councilman Fitzpatrick advised that he brought this ordinance to expand who will be qualified for scholarship as well as adding people that rent in our city.

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

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street, stated this has been a long time coming to expand and also add students that their parent rent within our 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 anything to add at this time.

Discussion ensued between Councilman D. Przybylinski and Councilman Fitzpatrick regarding the amount of the funds students would receive regarding if their parent own a home or rent.

Councilwoman Tillman asked to be added as a sponsor to the proposed ordinance.

Councilman D. Przybylinski also asked to be added to the proposed ordinance as a sponsor.

Councilwoman Deutch advised there are two proposed ordinances on the agenda this evening; stating that this one does have a two-tier system that differentiates between a renter and being a homeowner which she is not in support of as far as the amount of money that they will receive; and that the next ordinance is one she is most focused on where renters and homeowner applicants will receive the same amount of money; stating that she just wanted to make that clear.

Councilman D. Przybylinski asked not to put him on this proposed ordinance as a co-sponsor at this time.

Councilman Simmons agrees that people that rent and people that are homeowners should receive the same amount of money.

Councilwoman Zygas commented on the two tiers being proposed to the applicants applying in regard to being a homeowner or renter and what they will receive at the end of the process.

President Mack addressed the council regarding these scholarships, the number of students that attend the Michigan City area schools and how teachers are given their raises from the state; that it is important any child living within the city limits should attend our public schools, not have the opportunity to attend a school in LaPorte, Westville or private schools; stating that he would probably abstain from voting on either of these ordinances.

President Mack asked if there were any other comments from the Council, there was no response; stating that this ordinance will be on second reading at the November 16, 2021 Council meeting.

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only,  
**AMENDING SECTION 38-40 AND SECTION 38-41 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP TO ALL MICHIGAN CITY RESIDENTS**

**(Note: This was “TABLED” on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the September 9, 2021 meeting until the Council meeting on November 2, 2021)**

**Introduced by:** Paul Przybylinski  
**Co-Sponsored by:** Don Przybylinski  
Gene Simmons  
Tracie Tillman  
Angie Nelson Deutch

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

Councilwoman Deutch made a motion to TABLE the proposed ordinance until the next Council meeting on November 16, 2021 to make amendments to exhibit “A” and make sure it includes a two tier along with all renters that have continuous residency and homeowners that live within the city receive the same amount money for their scholarship; that she was going to present an amendment this evening but decided to wait and review what Ms. Beutner presented as well as having both attorney take a look at the amendments she is proposing.

Councilman P. Przybylinski seconded the motion; with the proposed ordinance being TABLED on second reading until November 16, 2021 by the following vote: **AYES:**

Council members P. Przybylinski, Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons and Zygus (9). **NAYS:** None (0).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on second reading by title only,  
**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO ENHANCE THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES, INC. TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS OF MICHIGAN CITY WITH REPAIRS**

**Introduced by:** Bryant Dabney  
 Dalia Zygus  
 Michael Mack  
 Don Przybylinski

DECREASE Riverboat Fund 2042 Unappropriated balance \$300,000.00 INCREASE  
 ACCOUNT#2042 000.439.090 \$300,000.00 Other Services & Charges – Contractual Services

**(Note: This was “TABLED” on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the September 9, 2021 meeting until the Council meeting on November 2, 2021)**

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

Councilman Dabney commented on the resolution that was proposed this evening and voted down and seriously not knowing why it was, that he is going to let this additional appropriation for \$300,000 go until the next meeting which will be on third reading for the final vote; stating that this is very interesting to him.

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

Nancy Moldenhauer, Michigan City reiterated what she had stated at the last Council meeting, that North Central Community Action Agency did not come to this council asking for these funding's but one of the councilman actually going out in our community looking for opportunities that could be matched with the riverboat funding, stating several concerns regarding why we're not moving forward to help our low-income residents.

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

Brian Gross, 830 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that he feels the city would get a lot more bang for your buck if we would move forward starting with the easiest projects with them being smaller projects, we would more likely get contractors to them quickly so they will at least make money to cover their annual contractor's license.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street, stated that there is another organization that non-profit organization that does grants each applying to for money but couldn't remember the name of it; Councilwoman Deutch advised that would be the “Enrichment Corporation” and that they will be taking applications until the end of November.

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

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

Councilwoman Deutch thought if she heard it correctly that North Central Community Action just started their fall projects on October 1<sup>st</sup>; advising that Mr. Hoss said their spring projects started in April; advising that we still have time to fund and start the Michigan City projects in April.

President Mack stated what he heard is that it depends on how big the project is to start the program; that this is not asking Michigan City for anything that this is a Federal government program with procedures and you must apply for this program to even speak to someone at North Central Community Action Agency. Stating several reasons

he believes in this program; stating lets adopt it and start helping people in our community

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

President Mack stated that there will be a formal public hearing this evening, repeating three times “is there anyone from the public that wished to speak at time”; there being no responses the formal public hearing was closed.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that he isn't against the program that is being proposed, that his concern is the funding mechanism by which is wanting to be done, that we have received 16 million dollars from the federal government; asking why can't we take the \$300,000 from the ARP to get this program started and leave the Riverboat fund where it is.

Councilman Dabney asked Councilman D. Przybylinski if he would come back at the next meeting if he changes the line item from the Riverboat fund to an ARP fund; asking “you would go for it”.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated that he would give great thought to adopting it; with Councilman Dabney asking him “so can you commit to voting for it”, no response with Councilman Dabney stating so it isn't really about the funding source.

Discussion ensued regarding Councilman P. Przybylinski calling a “Point of Order” regarding Councilman Dabney's comments with President Mack stating that there will be order in this meeting.

Councilwoman Deutch stated she would vote for these funds to come thru ARP funds with a plan and a process in place, not just the line item; suggesting that just the cities that have started the implementation of ARP funding; there is an application process in place and also a grant committee in place.

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that he agrees with everything Councilwoman Deutch stated and it feels it was very presumptuous for Councilman Dabney to question Councilman D. Przybylinski if he would vote on something.

Councilman Dabney commented on Councilman D. Przybylinski's answer regarding the proposed ordinance; asking the Controller's office if monies have already been spent out of the ARP account.

Councilwoman Deutch answered Councilman Dabney's question regarding monies being spent out of the ARP account; advising money has been spent and it was a one time deal to get employees their essential worker bonuses; advising they had a workshop stating they need a comprehensive plan; making it clear that they were hesitant to do this, but knew that bonuses needed to be paid and equipment had to be ordered; explaining they do not want to nickel and dime the fund; they need a plan.

Discussion ensued between Councilwoman Zygas and Attorney Meyer regarding the ARP program and how items will be paid.

President Mack commented on the North Central Community Action Agency funding; stating the Council is not giving them money to assist them with the program; stating the Federal Government has given us eight (8) million dollars; it is sitting in an account; explaining he is looking forward to doing what is necessary to help our City residents.

Councilman P. Przybylinski made a motion to have 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading tonight; second by Councilman Fitzpatrick.

The motion was approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Tillman, Dabney, Fitzpatrick, Mack, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, Zygas and P. Przybylinski (9). **NAYS:** (0).

The Clerk read the following proposed ordinance on third reading by title only,  
**APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO ENHANCE THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES, INC. TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS OF MICHIGAN CITY WITH REPAIRS**

**Introduced by:** Bryant Dabney  
 Dalia Zygas  
 Michael Mack

DECREASE Riverboat Fund 2042 Unappropriated balance \$300,000.00 INCREASE  
 ACCOUNT#2042 000.439.090 \$300,000.00 Other Services & Charges – Contractual Services

President Mack asked if the authors had anything to add at this time; there was no response.

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

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

Councilman Dabney made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance; second by Councilwoman Zygas.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman P. Przybylinski made a motion to override the Mayor's "VETO" in regard to Ordinance No. 4600; the City Clerk's salary; second by Councilman Fitzpatrick.

There was a motion and second with the Mayor's "VETO" being overwritten by the following vote: **AYES:** Council members Fitzpatrick, Deutch, D. Przybylinski, Simmons, P. Przybylinski and Tillman (6). **NAYS:** Council members Mack, Zygas and Dabney (3).

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Mack stated that the Council has one appointment to the Youth Leadership Commission representing "Marquette High School" (term expired 06-01-2021)  
 Incumbent: Mr. Trayvon Moore.

Ms. Neulieb stated that the Clerk's office didn't receive any correspondence from Marquette High School regarding their appointment to the Youth Leadership Commission.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

President Mack asked if there is anyone from the public who wished to speak.

Donna Kavanaugh, 2104 Avondale Drive addressed the Council regarding her issues and concerns at Swan Lake Cemetery; stating she is appalled by what it looks like; asking for help from the Mayor and Council to restore Swan Lake; advising she was told

by Laporte County Council if there is a World War I Veteran at the Cemetery, there may be grant money available.

Rodney McCormick, 617 Union Street addressed the Council regarding statements that Ron Miller made at the last Council meeting; stating the ordinance regarding licensed contractors needs to stay in place; commenting there are bad landlords that have renters living in horrible conditions.

Ernie Hollihan, 302 Gladys Street addressed the Council stating he disagrees with Mr. McCormick regarding licensed contractors; advising he owns rental property and is totally against the ordinance; explaining the ordinance needs tuned up a little bit, some of the language is too strict on rental properties; continuing to comment on the Michigan City Promise Scholarship ordinances that are being proposed; explaining the kids deserve to be able to get grants for school.

Brian Gross, 830 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street addressed the Council regarding the City code requiring a person to be licensed in a specific trade and registered in the City to do work on any property; stating there is no code in the City that states that property owners need to be a contractor to be able to obtain a permit.

Michael Vinson, 2402 Greenwood Avenue addressed the Council weighing in on the debate going on in regard to bad landlords and Code Enforcement.

President Mack asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak; there was no response.

President Mack asked if there were any online comments; there was no response.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL**

President Mack asked if there were any Council comments.

Councilwoman Zygus stated she learned that the Statewide Housing Stability Partnership launched in Indiana and there are applications available in all counties; advising this is a new program to avoid eviction; it is a cooperative process between the landlord and tenant; the website is [indianahousingnow.org](http://indianahousingnow.org); or you can also visit her webpage at [daliazygas.com](http://daliazygas.com).

Councilman P. Przybylinski stated that statements he made at the last Council meeting are true and accurate; commenting on Ordinance No. 4589 that was passed this summer in regard to amending the zoning map to rezone properties from office space to residential; further commenting on a statement made by the Mayor on WEFM to the residents of Michigan City; explaining he did not write the ordinance to help a friend; someone from his ward reached out to him after he tried to refinance his home; advising there were over 120 properties that were rezoned incorrectly and property owners could not refinance their homes because they were zoned as office space instead of residential; further stating the Mayor needs to include the Council in City matters and they need to have a meeting to discuss the ordinance and the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Councilman D. Przybylinski stated he also heard the broadcast on WEFM; stating the Mayor is taking credit for the rezoning that happened around St. Anthony's Hospital; stating a resident that resides in Councilman P. Przybylinski's ward came to him because he could not refinance his home because it was zoned as office space and not residential; advising if it had not been for Councilman P. Przybylinski and himself (he assisted) it would not have gotten done in the matter it did; explaining he is also getting calls from residents that the Mayor is bashing the Council on Ron Miller's Saturday morning radio show; stating you do not conduct business like this; advising that communication is the key to success.

Councilman Fitzpatrick stated he is also receiving calls from residents regarding the WEFM radio show; advising as of Tuesday, November 2, 2021 he still has no confidence in Mayor Parry.

Councilwoman Tillman explained the ward maps are changed every ten (10) years; stating she noticed as she was looking at the emichigancity.com webpage the boundaries have changed; recommending the Councilmembers go out to the webpage and look at the ward maps.

Councilman Simmons thanked Shong Smith and his team for taking care of cutting trees and branches back on Karwick and Martin Luther King Drive; stating the telephone pole that was snapped in half for months has been also been fixed.

President Mack stated the WEFM radio show must have been something because he also received a phone call about it; advising he loves saving trees, so please email him, he doesn't need paper copies; commenting on the Michigan City Promise Scholarship; stating he is a huge fan of the Michigan City Area Schools where both of his kids attended; explaining we have an outstanding school system.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Councilwoman Deutch, second by Councilman D. Przybylinski and there being no further business to transact, President Mack declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** (approximately 8:53 p.m.)

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Gale A. Neulieb