

MARION COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

PRESIDENT – BRIAN COWGILL VICE PRESIDENT – ERIKA DEVINE

Regular Meeting – Marion City Hall Council Chambers

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.



CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER: Nowell Hardin, Campus Pastor, The River Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilwoman Erika Devine

ROLL CALL

RECOGNITION-SPOTLIGHT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING May 6, 2026
- B. CONSIDERATION OF PRE-APPROVED CLAIMS
- C. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General Ordinance 03-2026- Approving Bond Series A&B for Boots Street Project-2ND reading public hearing

An ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, authorizing the issuance of the City of Marion, Indiana Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, series 2026A (Boots Street Project), the issuance of the City of Marion, Indiana Taxable Revenue Bonds series 2026B (Boots Street Project) and authorizing and approving other actions in respect thereto. Speaking: Joe Murphy, Economic Development Director; Chris Greisl, Barnes & Thornburg LLP; and Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

Executive summary: The City Council previously approved a Project Agreement with BW Development for the development and construction of a certain multi-family development on the Project Site. BW Development expects its investment in the Project to be \$17,500,000. As part of its obligations under the Project Agreement, City Bodies plan to issue certain taxable economic development revenue Bonds to support the Project.

Additional Appropriation 07-2026- Appropriation for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted- 2nd reading public hearing

An Additional Appropriation appropriating \$30,000 for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted. Speaking Dr. Jayda Monteiro

Executive summary: The opioid crisis continues to significantly impact our community through addiction and overdoses. This additional appropriation will allow us to maintain our contract with the consultant and continue the work necessary to effectively allocate settlement funds. These resources will be used for program support and community capacity building within the City of Marion.

Additional Appropriation 08-2026- Appropriation for Opioid Settlement Restricted- 2nd reading public hearing

An Additional Appropriation appropriating \$120,000 for Opioid Settlement Restricted. Speaking Dr. Jayda Monteiro.

Executive summary: The State of Indiana has awarded a matching grant to the City of Marion to support our programs and services dedicated to combating opioid addiction.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Appropriation 09-2026- Appropriation for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted- 1st reading

An Addition Appropriation appropriating \$150,000 for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted.

Executive summary: The City of Marion is requesting an additional appropriation to support the Public Safety Mental Health Initiative. This program is dedicated to addressing the mental health needs of the city's public safety teams. Speaking: City administration

Announcements

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – MAY 19, 2026 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in a regular session on TUESDAY, the 19TH day of May 2026, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

On the call of the roll the members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine

Absent: Reyes, Brunner, Cowgill

Prayer: Nowell Hardin, Campus Pastor, The River Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Erika Devine

SPOTLIGHT/RECOGNITION:

- None

CONSENT AGENDA FOR MAY 19, 2026 preapproved claims and claims for MAY 19, 2026.

Vice President Erika Devine moves for a motion to approve the consent agenda for May 19, 2026.

Motion to approve the consent agenda for May 19, 2026- Cain, second Cline Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Erika Devine provides updates from the utility board, including the completion of sewer connections, soil testing for the CSO project, and customer requests being moved to the Wastewater Committee.
- Erika Devine also mentions the approval of sponsorship requests, adjustments in positions due to retirements, and the new meters reducing illegal water usage.
- Erika Devine reports on the Board of Works meeting, including the swearing-in of five new Marion Police Department members and updates from Cardin Associates on the Ballard Field project.
- The officers sworn in were Treyston Johnson, Zechariah Padd, Carren Frankie, Nathan Jacobs and Damon Hasty.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 03-2026-Approving Bond Series A&B for Boots Street Project- 2nd reading public hearing

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- Dustin Meeks from Barnes and Thornburg explains the ordinance, detailing the issuance of two series of economic development revenue bonds.
- Meeks explains the financial backing by the developer, Hagman Capital, and the minimum taxpayer agreement.
- Meeks also explains the allocation areas for the bonds and the financial backing in case of insufficient TIF revenues.

Public hearing

- Ryan Howell questions the high cost of construction projects and suggests ways to make the industry more competitive.
- Bill Creech asks about the bonding capacity and the possibility of future bond requests.
- Greg Balsano from Baker Tilly explains the bonding capacity and the city's revenue limit.

Motion to suspend the rules for General Ordinance 03-2026 - Cain, second Cline. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion to pass General Ordinance 03-2026 - Cain, second Marshall. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation 07-2026- Appropriation for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted-2nd reading public hearing

An Additional Appropriation appropriating \$30,000 for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted.

- Dr. Jada Monteiro explains the renewal of her contract as the Opioid Settlement Coordinator and the progress made in the last year.

Public Hearing

None.

Motion to suspend the rules for Additional Appropriation 07-2026- Cain, second Fordyce. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carries.

Motion to pass Additional Appropriation 07-2026- Cain, second Cline. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation 08-2026- Appropriation for Opioid Settlement Restricted- 2nd reading public hearing

An Additional Appropriation appropriating \$120,000 for Opioid Settlement Restricted

- Dr. Jada Monteiro explains this is a match grant funded by the state.
- This will service grades 5-12 and workshops for families for over two years.

Motion to suspend the rules for Additional Appropriation 08-2026- Cain, second Whitton. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion to pass Additional Appropriation 08-2026- Cain, second Cline. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation 09-2026- Appropriation appropriating Opioid Settlement Unrestricted- 1st hearing

An Additional Appropriation appropriating \$150,000 for Opioid Settlement Unrestricted.

- Chief David Gilbert introduces the Public Safety Mental Health Initiative, emphasizing the importance of mental health for public safety professionals.

- Dr. Jada Monteiro explains the funding source from the opioid settlement fund and the request for proposals to ensure transparency.
- Tim Harris from Peak Brain Centers explains the neurofeedback technology and its success in treating emotional trauma and PTSD.
- Harris shares success stories and the process of the treatment, including the number of sessions and the cost per officer.
- Erika Devine thanks everyone for their participation and expresses personal support for the mental health initiative.

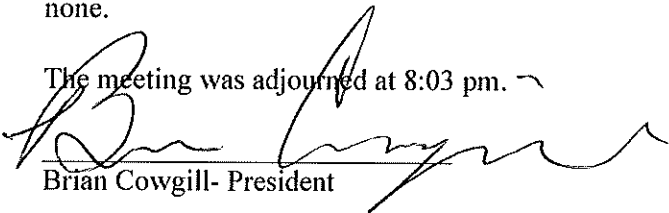
Motion to pass Additional Appropriation 09-2026 to second reading public hearing- Cain, second Cline. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike Cline announces gratitude for the Ward two cleanup
- Eric Marshall announces the recognition of Samuel Plato in the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame, and the Congressional Record statement in Maryland and the state General Assembly in Indiana will recognize Samuel Plato in 2027.

Motion to adjourn- Cain, seconded Cline. Aye: Cain, Fordyce, Cline, Marshall, Whitton, Devine. Nay: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


Brian Cowgill- President