

BILL NO. S-24-02-12

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. S-_____

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NEW MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, IC 36-7-22-11 establishes members of an Economic Improvement Board are to be appointed by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the newly elected Downtown Improvement District Board of Directors are:

Richard Beck	1-Year Term
Michelle Chambers	1-Year Term
Andrea Robinson	1-Year Term
Lorie Ailor	3-Year Term
Thomas Ludwiski	3-Year Term
Matt Reckman	3-Year Term
Theoplis Smith	3-Year Term
Tiffany Fries	3-Year Term
Brittany Kruse-Andrews	3-Year Term

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

SECTION 1. That the newly elected members of the Downtown Improvement District are hereby approved and ratified.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all approval by the Mayor.

Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Malak Heiny, City Attorney



January 24, 2024

The Honorable Thomas Freistroffer, President
Fort Wayne City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
200 East Berry Street, Suite 110
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

RE: Approval of New Board Members for 2024

Dear President Freistroffer:

Each year the Downtown Improvement District, an economic improvement district organized under IC 36-7-22 and Special Ordinance S-66-15, and authorized by City Council on July 28, 2015 has a membership subject to appointment by City Council (IC 36-7-22-11) and also is required to make an annual report prior to February 15th.

In accordance with its By-Laws, the Downtown Improvement District annually elects new board members for consideration and approval by City Council. The nominations for consideration of terms beginning February 2024 are:

Richard Beck appointed by the Allen County Commissioners for a one-year term.
Michelle Chambers appointed by the City Council of Fort Wayne for a one-year term.
Andrea Robinson appointed by the Mayor of Fort Wayne for a one-year term.
Lorie Ailor of Lutheran Health Network (property owner) for a second three-year term.
Thomas Ludwiski of Barrett McNagny (downtown advocate) for a second three-year term.
Matt Reckman of The Model Group (property owner) for a second three-year term.
Theoplis Smith, artist (downtown advocate) for a second three-year term.
Tiffany Fries of Surack Enterprises (property owner) for a three-year term.
Brittany Kruse-Andrews of AshCrest (property owner) for a three-year term.

The Board of the Downtown Improvement District also certifies, in accordance with IC 36-7-22-11, that a majority of its members, including those proposed for approval in this letter, represent property owners within the District.

Thank you for the attention of City Council to these appointments to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Improvement District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mi Galbraith".

Michael Galbraith
President/CEO

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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