



Regular Session Minutes

August 26, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, met in the Common Council Chambers Room 035, Garden Level, Citizens Square on Tuesday August 26, 2025 at 5:30 PM in Regular Session.

President Russ Jehl in the chair, Council Attorney Joseph G. Bonahoom, Lana Keesling, City Clerk, at the desk, present in-person the following members seven viz:

BENDER	BOOKER	
ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	HARTMAN
JEHL		PADDOCK

No members were present virtually via Zoom.

Two members were absent in attendance.

		CHAMBERS
	MYERS	

The Following Ordinances and Resolutions were voted by the Common Council at the Regular Session.

This meeting was live streamed at: <https://acpl.viebit.com/?folder=ALL>

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at:
<https://www.cityoffortwayne.in.gov/1518/Council-Documents>

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

August 26, 2025

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Rohli Booker, Chair

Martin Bender, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-25-08-31

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Downtown Railroad Elevation Beautification - Work Order #0831P – between Kissinger Electric, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total sum unit price of \$66,485.00 with a not-to-exceed \$650,000.00 total cost

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

Public Works Committee Continued
Action

S-25-08-32

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – 2025 Row Miscellaneous Package B - Work Order #1002S – between Key Concrete, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total sum unit price of \$90,989.00 with a not-to-exceed \$2,500,000.00 total cost

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

S-25-08-33

An Ordinance approving Service Agreement – 2025 Tree Removal Package B – WO# 1003P - between Worx Companies and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost not to exceed \$250,000.00

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Paul Ensley, Chair

Scott Myers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-25-08-01

An Ordinance approving Change Order #1 for Construction Contract – Tract 9 Water Main Replacement between Fox Contractors Corp. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving Change Order #1 cost of \$1,831,250.00

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

S-25-08-03

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Feighner Road Lift Station Improvements – between Bercot Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$398,647.00

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nathan Hartman, Chair

Geoff Paddock, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

A-25-08-05

An Ordinance appropriating money into certain accounts for the 2025 Budgets of various funds and departments of the City of Fort Wayne, reducing the unappropriated and unobligated balance of the fund involved as required to meet obligations for the remainder of 2025

Total appropriations of \$8,644,566.00

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-04 As Amended

A Resolution approving projects and funding from interest earned from the Fort Wayne American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) approved plan funding

Youth Violence Prevention Program - \$125,000.00

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-07

A Confirming Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 4321 Goshen Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 - First Gear, Inc.

6 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-09

A Confirming Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 7255 Chalafant Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818 - Alconex Specialty Products, Inc./McBane, LLC

6 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

Finance Committee Continued
Action

R-25-08-11

A Confirming Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 4108 West Ferguson Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809 - Ellison Bakery LLC

6 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-12

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for 2677 Persistence Dr Investors, LLC for property at 2677 Persistence Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 under Confirming Resolution R-14-18 with an “Economic Revitalization Area” approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-13

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for ElringKlinger Manufacturing of Indiana, Inc. for property at 2677 Persistence Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 under Confirming Resolution R-15-18 with an “Economic Revitalization Area” approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-14

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for Accugear, Inc. for property at 6710 Innovation Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 under Confirming Resolution R-10-19 with an “Economic Revitalization Area” approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

Finance Committee Continued
Action

R-25-08-15

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for All America City Investors, LLC for property at 7310 Innovation Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 under Confirming Resolution R-117-18 with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-16

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for Getz Road Apartments GP, LLC/Walnut Hills Development, LLC for property at 2014 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 under Confirming Resolution R-14-18 with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-17

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for Home Reserve, LLC for property at 3015 Cannongate Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 under Confirming Resolution R-96-18 with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

6 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
1 Nay - Ensley
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-18

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for Indiana Oxygen Company, Inc. /Fort Brant Limited Partnership for property at 3806 Option Pass, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 under Confirming Resolution R49-16 with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

Finance Committee Continued

Action

R-25-08-19

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for Sipe Steel Rule Die, Inc. for property at 2703 Corrinado Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46808 under Confirming Resolution R-26-22 with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-20

A Resolution determining Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2025 for TWE Nonwovens US, Inc. for property at 9403 Avionics Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 under Confirming Resolution R-35-18 with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-21

A Resolution Considering a Waiver of Non-Compliance for Late-Filed Application for Deduction from Assessed Valuation of Structures in Economic Revitalization Areas (ERA) (Form 322/RE) and Determination of Substantial Compliance or Non-Compliance with Statement of Benefits Approved under R-18-24 for 2020 McKinnie Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 (HI Clinic VP, LLC/House Investments)

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

S-25-08-02

An Ordinance approving a Professional Services Agreement for development of a PreReviewed / Permit Ready Housing Design Catalog between the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division and Flintlock LAB

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Freistroffer, Chair

Michelle Chambers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

G-25-08-22

An Ordinance amending Chapter 153 of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana Code of Ordinances: "Planning and Development"

7 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-23

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, terminating Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA DA 0200017) commonly referred to the Electric Works DORA

6 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers

R-25-08-24 As Amended

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, amending Special Ordinance S-168-23 which designated DORA DA 0200012 as "Downtown DORA" pursuant to Fort Wayne City Code Chapter 122

6 Ayes – Booker, Bender, Freistroffer, Hartman, Jehl, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Myers
