



COMMITTEE SESSION

AGENDA

Fort Wayne Common Council September 23, 2025

COMMITTEE SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
ROOM 035 – COUNCIL CHAMBERS COURTROOM
GARDEN LEVEL – CITIZENS SQUARE

Presiding over the Standing Committee
of the Common Council

Russ Jehl
Council President

Secretary of the Committee Session of the
Common Council

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Fort Wayne Common Council Members Elected to a 4-year term: 1/1/24 – 12/31/27					
Martin Bender		Rohli Booker		Michelle Chambers	
Paul Ensley		Thomas Freistroffer		Nathan Hartman	
Russ Jehl		Scott Myers		Geoff Paddock	

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PUBLIC HEARING

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nathan Hartman, Chair

Geoff Paddock, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

A-25-09-06

An Ordinance appropriating monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Fort Wayne Public Transportation, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, including all outstanding claims and obligations and fixing a time when the same shall take effect

A-25-09-07

An Ordinance appropriating monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Allen County Public Library, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, including all outstanding claims and obligations and fixing a time when the same shall take effect

R-25-09-11

A Confirming Resolution designating an "Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 2730 East Coliseum Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805 (Filter Sciences LLC/Kenai Associates LLC)

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Freistroffer, Chair

Michelle Chambers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

G-25-09-03

An Ordinance amending the Thoroughfare Plan of the City Comprehensive ("Master") Plan by vacating public right-of-way

To vacate the 14-foot wide east-west alley between Fairfield and Ewing and between West Wayne and West Berry Streets to allow for loading dock improvements to the Scottish Rite Theatre

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Rohli Booker, Chair

Martin Bender, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

No Ordinance or Resolution for Discussion

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Paul Ensley, Chair

Scott Myers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

No Ordinance or Resolution for Discussion

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Finance Committee Continued
Action

R-25-09-21

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This will require a Suspension of the Rules in order to be Introduced, Discussed and voted for Passage in the same evening

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R-25-09-23

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REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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All Council Members

Action

No Ordinance or Resolution for Discussion



REGULAR SESSION

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Rohli Booker, Chair

Martin Bender, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-25-09-16

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – New Haven Ave – Rea Magnet Signal Improvements - Work Order #0967T – between Shambaugh & Son, LP and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$303,734.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Paul Ensley, Chair

Scott Myers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-25-09-17

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement – Construction Contract Management and Resident Project Representative Services Agreement for WPCP Renewable Natural Gas Facilities – Work Order #77202 - between Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a cost not to exceed \$349,800.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-18

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Pierson Drain (Lakeside) Riparian Mitigation – between Heartland Restoration Services, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$195,830.90

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nathan Hartman, Chair

Geoff Paddock, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

A-25-09-25

An Ordinance appropriating monies for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the several departments of the City Government of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, including all outstanding claims and obligations and fixing a time when the same shall take effect

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

R-25-09-19

A Resolution approving a purchase agreement for the acquisition of real property located at 2112 W Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, Indiana for the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (Approved and Executed by the Board of Public Works on September 16, 2025)

Purchase price is \$25,000.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

R-25-09-20

A Resolution approving a purchase agreement for the acquisition of real property west of 1928 W Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (Approved and Executed by the Board of Public Works on September 16, 2025)

Purchase price is \$64,000.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

Finance Committee Continued Action

R-25-09-21

A Declaratory Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 8211 Smith Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809 (Clounie Landscaping, Inc./WK Indiana Equity LLC)

This was introduced in the preceding Committee Session

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BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
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R-25-09-22

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A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

R-25-09-23

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R-25-09-24

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HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

Finance Committee Continued

Action

R-25-09-29

A Resolution approving the 2026 Budget for the Consolidated Communications Partnership of Allen County, Indiana and the City of Fort Wayne (CCP)

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-14

An Ordinance approving the awarding of ITB #9833965 - Service Agreement – McMillen Pool Liners Replacement - between Natare Corporation and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for the Parks and Recreation Department, by and through its Board of Park Commissioners

Involving a total cost of \$149,493.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-15

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Resolution #112-8-5-25-2 Avenue of Autos Generators Upgrades for– between Woodruff Contracting & Sales LLC and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost not to exceed \$271,583.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-26

An Ordinance fixing the salaries of each and every appointed officer, employee, deputy assistant, departmental and institutional head of the Civil City and City Utilities of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for the year 2026

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

Finance Committee Continued
Action

S-25-09-27

An Ordinance fixing the salaries of all members of the Division of Public Safety of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for the year 2026

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-28

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of elected officials for the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the year 2026

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Freistroffer, Chair

Michelle Chambers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

Z-25-09-12

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. M03 (Sec 11 of Wayne Township)

To rezone 0.12 acres from C3/General Commercial to R1/Single Family Residential at 2208 S Lafayette St

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

Regulations Committee Continued
Action

Z-25-09-13

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. G11 (Sec 17 of Wayne Township)

To rezone 0.36 acres from R1/Single Family Residential to R2/Two Family Residential at 4036 Westbury Dr (Section 17 of Wayne Township)

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Rohli Booker, Chair

Martin Bender, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

R-25-09-09 Do Pass

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, approving Warranty Deeds for the Conveyance of Property to the City of Fort Wayne for Fee Simple Right-of-Way located along North Calhoun Street

Involving a total cost of \$0.00

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CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Paul Ensley, Chair

Scott Myers, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-25-09-01 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement – TRFP Modernized Addressing Implementation – Work Order #67562 - between Phoenix Consulting, LLC and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a cost not to exceed \$147,310.00 (funded by Water Revenue)

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-02 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Zulu Septic Elimination – between Krafft Water Solutions, LLC and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$1,133,484.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-25-09-04 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – WPCP Renewable Natural Gas Facilities - between Thieneman Construction, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$7,043,000.00

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
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HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

City Utilities Committee Continued
Action

S-25-09-05 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Facilities Interconnection Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company, LLC (“NIPSCO”) and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$5,178,506.43

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
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S-25-09-08 Do Pass

An Ordinance amending the not-to-exceed amount of RFP #8572473 for Oxford Street Streetscape by the City of Fort Wayne by and through its Department of Purchasing and Jones Petrie Rafinski for the City of Fort Wayne Division of Community Development

A third change order of \$68,750.00, amending not-to-exceed contract amount to \$456,102.00

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REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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All Council Members

Action

S-25-08-34 Do Pass

An Ordinance Approving the Establishment (Continuation) of an Economic Improvement District for the Downtown Area of the City of Fort Wayne and an Economic Improvement District Board

Councilmembers' Votes					Total Y -
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HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -
