



## COMMITTEE SESSION

### AGENDA

## Fort Wayne Common Council January 13, 2026

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

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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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***All Council Members***

Action

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## **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

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**Housing and Neighborhood Development Services  
(H.A.N.D.S.) – 1 year term**

# ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

*Michelle Chambers, Chair*

*Paul Ensley, Co-Chair*

*All Council Members*

Action

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No Ordinance or Resolution for Discussion

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## REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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***Regulations Committee Continued***  
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## REGULAR SESSION

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# ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

*Michelle Chambers, Chair*

*Paul Ensley, Co-Chair*

*All Council Members*

### Action

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#### **R-26-01-14**

A Resolution approving the acquisition of Right of Way for the Poka-Bache Connector: Lower Huntington Rd to Ferguson Rd Project – for the City Of Fort Wayne, by and through its Division of Public Works, Resolution #0765N

*McIntosh Energy Company, Inc. is donating said parcel, valued at \$80,000.00*

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

#### **S-26-01-04**

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – East Lewis Street Lighting Improvements - Harmar Street to South Anthony Blvd - Work Order #1030L – between Upper Cumberland Utility Solutions LLC and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

*Involving a total cost of \$233,190.44*

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

***Public Works Committee Continued***  
**Action**

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**S-26-01-13**

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement – Paser Study Asphalt - Work Order #0913P – between PaveX, LLC and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

*Involving a lump sum fee of \$159,000.00*

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**CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

***Russ Jehl, Chair***

***Thomas Freistroffer, Co-Chair***

***All Council Members***

**Action**

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**S-26-01-01**

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Upstream Bullerman Wetland Detention (Ashbrook Dr) – WO #83770 – between Crosby Excavating and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

*Involving a total amount of \$2,977,911.65*

Councilmembers' Votes					<b>Total Y -</b>
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## ***City Utilities Committee Continued***

### **Action**

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#### **S-26-01-02**

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – St. Joe Center Road Lift Station – WO #76923 – between Fleming Excavating, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

*Involving a total cost of \$454,390.94*

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#### **S-26-01-03**

An Ordinance approving WPCP Aeration Basin Diffuser Improvements Phase II Procurement - Work Order Number 77482 – between Environmental Dynamics International and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a Special Procurement under I.C. 5-22-10 by and through its Department of City Utilities

*Involving a total cost of \$404,700.00*

Councilmembers' Votes					<b>Total Y -</b>
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#### **S-26-01-15**

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement for GIS Implementation Support Services – ESRI Water Utility Network Implementation Support – WO #92123 - between Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

*Involving a total cost of \$295,000.00*

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***Nathan Hartman, Co-Chair***

***All Council Members***

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### **R-26-01-16**

A Resolution approving a Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of Real Property located at 614 Wagner St, Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (Approved and Executed by the Board of Public Works on December 16, 2025).

*Purchase price of \$154,900.00*

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## REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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***All Council Members***

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### **G-26-01-07**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the City of Fort Wayne Municipal Code

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### **G-26-01-08**

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## ***Regulations Committee Continued***

### **Action**

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#### **G-26-01-09**

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

*To vacate the 12-foot alley (0.067 acres) running north and south between lots 61 through 67 in Northside Addition*

*A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM*

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#### **G-26-01-10**

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

To vacate a portion (0.511 acres) of the right of way of Cass Street located between lots 56 & 58, and 60-62 in Northside Addition, and parts of lot 7 in Wells Reserve Subdivision

*A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM*

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#### **G-26-01-11**

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

*To vacate a portion (0.313 acres) of the right of way of Wells Street located north of the St. Mary's River within Wells Reserve Lot 7*

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## ***Regulations Committee Continued***

### **Action**

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#### **G-26-01-12**

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

*To vacate two portions (0.327 acres) of the right of way of 1st Street located west of Cass Street between lots 47 & 49, and east of Cass Street between lots 69-71 and 66/68 in Northside Addition*

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#### **R-26-01-17**

A Resolution approving the Municipal Riverfront Development Downtown Dining District Liquor License

*Paula's on Main*

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#### **R-26-01-18**

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*The Philharmonic Center*

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#### **Z-26-01-05**

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. A11 (Sec. 14 of Aboite Township)

*To rezone 11.440 acres from AR/Low Intensity Residential and R3/Multiple Family Residential to R3/Multiple Family Residential at 8600 Blk Aboite Center Rd*

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**Z-26-01-06**

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. A11 (Sec. 14 of Aboite Township)

*To rezone 5.536 acres from AR/Low Intensity Residential to I2/General Industrial at 8600 Blk Aboite Center Rd*

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