

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NEW MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2026 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
Ben Hall	3-Year Term
Judi Wire	3-Year Term
Dane Leitch	3-Year Term
Amanda Muldoon	3-Year Term
Pete Henry	3-Year Term
Zach Barrett	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.

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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Malak Heiny, City Attorney



January 22, 2026

The Honorable Martin Bender, 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 2026

Dear President Bender:

Each year the Downtown Improvement District, an economic improvement district organized under IC 36-7-22 and Special Ordinance S-25-08-34, and Reauthorized by City Council on September 23, 2025 has a membership subject to appointment by City Council (IC 36-7-22-11) and is required to make an annual report prior to February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 2026 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.  
Ben Hall of Don Hall's Old Gashouse Restaurant (property owner) for a three-year term.  
Judi Wire of Great Panes Glass (property owner) for a three-year term.  
Dane Leitch of Aaron's Fine Rug Gallery (property owner) for a three-year term.  
Amanda Muldoon of Hanning & Bean Enterprises (property owner rep) for a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term.  
Pete Henry of Midwest Pipe and Steel (property owner rep) for a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term.  
Zach Barrett of Barrett & Stokely (property owner rep) for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 "Frank Howard".

Frank Howard  
Chief Operating Officer