



COMMITTEE SESSION

AGENDA

Fort Wayne Common Council February 24, 2026

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

Presiding over the Standing Committee
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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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Michelle Chambers, Chair

Paul Ensley, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

No Ordinance or Resolution for Discussion

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Geoff Paddock, Chair

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Action

R-26-02-17

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REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott Myers, Chair

Rohli Booker, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

G-26-01-07

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

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The following three bills are contingent upon one another and must be read together for discussion

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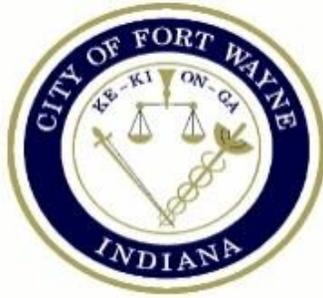
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Regulations Committee Continued
Action

G-26-02-05

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Michelle Chambers, Chair

Paul Ensley, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-26-02-15

An Ordinance approving Airport Expressway Grade Separation Grant Agreement between the Federal Railroad Administration and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a grant of \$23,000,000.00 funded by Federal Railroad Administration; and \$5,800,000.00 funded by the City of Fort Wayne

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

S-26-02-16

An Ordinance approving Construction Contract – Reed Rd. and Vance Ave. Signal Improvements - Work Order #0973T – between Shambaugh & Son, LP and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a total cost of \$250,137.00

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

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Russ Jehl, Chair

Thomas Freistroffer, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-26-02-14

An Ordinance approving Change Order #1 for Construction Contract – Carbon Dioxide System Tanks 4 & 5 – W.O. #67348 between Ottenweller Contracting and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Change Order #1 cost of \$84,055.29, total new contract price of \$233,055.29.00

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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All Council Members

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Finance Committee Continued
Action

R-26-02-18

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A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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R-26-02-20

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Finance Committee Continued
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REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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Rohli Booker, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

Z-26-02-11

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. DD23 (Sec. 28 of Aboite Township)

To rezone 2.99 acres from AR/Low Intensity Residential to C1/Professional Office and Personal Services at 5902 Homestead Road

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BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

Regulations Committee Continued
Action

Z-26-02-12

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. G02 (Sec. 08 of Wayne Township)

To rezone 1.886 acres from RP/Planned Residential to C1/Professional Office and Personal Services at 4331 W Jefferson Blvd

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

Z-26-02-13

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. BB07 (Sec. 15 of Aboite Township)

To rezone 2.01 acres from AR/Low Intensity Residential to R1/Single-Family Residential at the block of 9700 Covington Road

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Action

No Ordinance or Resolution for Passage

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Russ Jehl, Chair

Thomas Freistroffer, Co-Chair

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Action

S-26-02-08 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement – Facilities Electrical Master Planning 2025 – Work Order #77589 – between Donohue & Associates, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a not-to-exceed cost of \$235,610.00

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HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

City Utilities Committee Continued
Action

S-26-02-09 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement – Facilities Electrical Master Planning 2025 - Work Order #77589 – between Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a not-to-exceed cost of \$457,236.00

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BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS	ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	Total N -
HARTMAN	JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK		Total A -

S-26-02-10 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving Professional Services Agreement – Facilities Electrical Master Planning 2025 - Work Order #77589 – between Valdes Engineering Company and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works

Involving a not-to-exceed cost of \$255,122.00

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S-26-02-01 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving the awarding of ITB #8381812 - Neighborhood Code Compliance Weed Program - between Pierre Kerlegrand and Yard Jobs Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Purchasing Department

Involving a total cost of \$200,000.00

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Finance Committee Continued
Action

S-26-02-02 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving the 2026 Extension of ITB #4092 – Building Security at Citizens Square and Public Safety Academy – between ISI Services Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Department of Purchasing, for the Property Management Department

Involving an estimated annual cost of \$413,292.00

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S-26-02-07 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving the increase of the ITB #8294491 – Snow Removal Contract - between Mulchworx LLC Inc. and the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, by and through its Department of Purchasing for the Property Management Department

Involving a total cost not to exceed \$180,000.00

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S-26-02-06 Do Pass

An Ordinance approving new members to the Downtown Improvement District 2026 Board of Directors

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