



Regular Session Minutes

February 24, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, met in the Common Council Chambers Room 035, Garden Level, Citizens Square on Tuesday February 24, 2026 at 5:30 PM in Regular Session.

President Martin Bender in the chair, Council Attorney Joseph G. Bonahoom, John McGauley, City Clerk, at the desk, present in-person the following members eight viz:

BENDER	BOOKER	CHAMBERS
ENSLEY	FREISTROFFER	HARTMAN
	MYERS	PADDOCK

No members were present virtually via Zoom.

One member was absent in attendance.

JEHL		

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

This meeting was live streamed at: <https://vimeo.com/event/5613691>

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at:
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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY
COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR**

February 24, 2026

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Michelle Chambers, Chair

Paul Ensley, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

No Ordinance or Resolution for Passage

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Russ Jehl, Chair

Thomas Freistoffer, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

S-26-02-08

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

**8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistoffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl**

S-26-02-09

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

**8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistoffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl**

S-26-02-10

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

**8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistoffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent - Jehl**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Geoff Paddock, Chair

Nathan Hartman, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

R-26-02-17

A Declaratory Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6- 1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 1661 South Phoenix Parkway Fort Wayne, Indiana 46806 (F&D Hospitality Group, LLC)

7 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

1 Absent - Jehl

R-26-02-19

A Declaratory Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6- 1.1-12.1 for property commonly known 407 and 431 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne Indiana 46802 (Sweet Real Estate – City Theater LLC)

7 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

1 Absent - Jehl

R-26-02-21

A Declaratory Resolution designating an “Economic Revitalization Area” under I.C. 6- 1.1-12.1 for property commonly known as 3610 Independence Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 (Systems Engineering & Sales Co. LLC)

7 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

1 Absent – Jehl

S-26-02-01

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

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock

1 Absent – Jehl

Finance Committee Continued
Action

S-26-02-02

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

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl

S-26-02-07

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

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent - Jehl

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

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl

Regulations Committee Continued
Action

G-26-01-08

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

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

G-26-02-03

An Ordinance substantially amending Chapter 74: Bicycles; Toy Vehicles of the Fort Wayne Municipal Code of Ordinances

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl

G-26-02-04

An Ordinance amending Chapter 97: Parks and Recreation (Operation of Vehicles) of the Fort Wayne Municipal Code of Ordinances

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl

G-26-02-05

An Ordinance amending Chapter 39: Ordinance Violations Bureau (39.03 Schedule of Penalties) of the Fort Wayne Municipal Code of Ordinances

8 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Ensley, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Absent – Jehl

S-26-02-06

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

7 Ayes - Bender, Booker, Chambers, Freistroffer, Hartman, Myers, Paddock
1 Abstain - Ensley
1 Absent – Jehl
