



Regular Session Minutes

January 27, 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 January 27, 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 seven viz:

BENDER	BOOKER	
ENSLEY		HARTMAN
JEHL	MYERS	PADDOCK

No members were present virtually via Zoom.

Two members were absent in attendance.

		CHAMBERS
	FREISTROFFER	

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/5613687>

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at:
<https://www.cityoffortwayne.in.gov/1518/Council-Documents>

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

January 27, 2026

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Michelle Chambers, Chair

Paul Ensley, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

Public Works Committee Continued
Action

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Russ Jehl, Chair

Thomas Freistoffer, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

City Utilities Committee Continued
Action

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

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

7 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Ensley, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock
2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Geoff Paddock, Chair

Nathan Hartman, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

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

5 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Hartman, Myers, Paddock

2 Nays – Ensley, Jehl

2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott Myers, Chair

Rohli Booker, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

R-26-01-17

A Resolution approving the Municipal Riverfront Development Downtown Dining District

Paula's on Main

6 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

R-26-01-18

A Resolution approving the Municipal Riverfront Development Downtown Dining District

The Philharmonic Center

6 Ayes – Bender, Booker, Hartman, Jehl, Myers, Paddock

1 Nay - Ensley

2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS NOT PASSED BY COUNCIL

January 13, 2026

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott Myers, Chair

Rohli Booker, Co-Chair

All Council Members

Action

Z-25-11-17

An Ordinance amending the City of Fort Wayne Zoning Map No. G02 (Sec. 8 of Wayne Township)

To rezone 0.275 acres from RP/Planned Residential to C1/Professional Office and Personal Services at 3919 W Jefferson Blvd (Section 8 of Wayne Township)

3 Ayes – Booker, Ensley, Hartman

4 Nays – Bender, Jehl, Myers, Paddock

2 Absent – Chambers, Freistroffer
