

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND:

THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAS INSPECTED THE MINUTES OF THE

DATE: 02-24-2025

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND FOUND THEM TO BE CORRECT.

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THE SAME BE APPROVED:



TROY WARNER



SHERRY BOLDEN-SIMPSON

APPROVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON: 03-10-2025

ATTEST:



BIANCA L. TIRADO, CITY CLERK

Be it remembered that the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, met in person on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council President Canneth Lee called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Rabbi Michael Friedland of Sinai Synagogue and Pledge to the Flag was given.

City Clerk Bianca L. Tirado announced: Good Evening, members of the public. For audio quality, we will be muting everyone not speaking by default to maintain good audio quality for the Council and yourselves. If you would like to speak during the meeting on a specific agenda item, please submit your request in the chat - directions to do so are in the chat. We ask that you provide your [FULL NAME] and [ADDRESS], as those are required for all speakers at in-person Council meetings.

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<http://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=391909>

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ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Canneth Lee	1 st District, President
Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers	2 nd District
Troy Warner	4 th District, Committee of the Whole
Sherry Bolden-Simpson*	5 th District
Sheila Niezgodski	6 th District
Karen L. White	At-Large
Dr. Oliver Davis	At-Large
Rachel Tomas Morgan	At-Large, Vice President

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon L. McBride	3 rd District
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OTHERS PRESENT

Bianca L. Tirado	City Clerk
Elivet Quijada-Navarro	Chief Deputy City Clerk
Matthew Neal	Deputy Director of Policy
Tierra Whitley	Clerk’s Office Intern
Bob Palmer	Council Attorney

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are in virtual attendance.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:

January 27, 2025

Council President Lee requested reports from the Sub-Committee on Minutes.

Clerk Tirado stated that the Sub-Committee on Minutes inspected the February 10, 2025 Common Council meeting minutes and recommend they be approved.

Councilmember Troy Warner moved to approve the February 10, 2025 Common Council meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

Charles King III, Director of the Citizen Police Review Board (CPRB), 202 South Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601, provided an overview of the CPRB's 2024 Annual Report. The CPRB implemented an online portal to streamline feedback and ensure timely responses; the board has received a total of sixteen (16) resident complaints regarding the South Bend Police Department (SBPD). The CPRB board members, in total, have completed over two hundred (200) hours of training. In 2024 the CPRB held three (3) public meetings with residents, launched multilingual outreach campaigns, and engaged with media to amplify public awareness. Director King stated that the CPRB has laid the initial groundwork for analyzing police practices. In 2025 the CPRB plans to establish case review mechanisms, implement operational bylaws, strengthen public engagement, deliver policy recommendations, foster collaboration with academic and civic organizations, and measure and report on the board's impact through data-driven metrics and community surveys. The CPRB will commence its review processes following the completion of mandatory training in early 2025. The focus of policy recommendations will be to mitigate bias, ensure proportionality, enhance neighborhood engagement, and build trust.

Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis requested information regarding the Board of Public Safety and asked if there had been contact with review boards from other cities.

Director King stated that the information gathered by the CPRB should be shared with the Board of Public Safety. Director King stated that he has spent time with the review board in Kalamazoo learning about their processes and how to better organize and operate South Bend's CPRB.

Councilmember Dr. Davis requested information regarding Kalamazoo's review board.

Director King confirmed that Kalamazoo's review board covers complaints regarding the police department and the fire department.

Councilmember Karen White asked regarding the status of the sixteen (16) filed complaints.

Director King stated that the cases are still pending, and the board will be investigating them soon. The CPRB plans to have a maximum forty-five to fifty (45-50) day process for investigating complaints and making recommendations to SBPD.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers asked regarding the amount of required training.

Director King stated that board members must go through the Citizen's Police Academy to qualify for the police ride-alongs.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers asked if the CPRB would be willing and able to hold events at the Dream Center to boost community outreach.

Director King answered yes.

Councilmember Warner stated that as the CPRB moves forward, it would be beneficial for Director King to provide Council with recommendations should there need to be any changes to the requirements laid out in the CPRB ordinance.

Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan thanked the members of the CPRB for their commitment and effort.

Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski requested information regarding the time commitment of board members.

Director King stated that handling the backlog of sixteen (16) cases will increase the time commitment of board members and stated that the cases will be reviewed three (3) at a time. The ordinance requires the CPRB to meet quarterly, but they have chosen to increase their meeting frequency to monthly due to the high workload.

Council President Lee asked how the CPRB has helped to bridge the gap between SBPD and citizens.

Director King stated that the CPRB has eased some of his own misconceptions of SPBD. Director King stated that he does not seek to target SBPD with unnecessary investigations but will be the first (1st) person to stand up and speak out regarding any wrongdoing.

RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved to resolve into the Committee of the Whole, which was seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BILL NO.

07-25

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 5, TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its second (2nd) reading.

After the second (2nd) reading, Councilmember Warner requested the committee report.

Councilmember Niezgodski stated that Bill No. 07-25 went before the Public Works and Property Vacation Committee and comes with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Warner requested that the petitioner(s) state their name and address and share key points before the council.

Chris Dressel, Senior Planner in the Department of Community Investment, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, presented Bill No. 07-25. Bill No. 07-25 seeks to help petitioners and improve efficiency regarding the alley vacation process. Bill No. 07-25 corrects a scrivener’s error, adds a fee to cover filing assistance, updates requirements for certified envelopes, and makes it so petitioners must receive signatures from fifty-one percent (51%) of adjacent property owners.

Council President Lee asked how much time will be saved with the updated ordinance.

Chris Dressel stated that the value will be in the personal contact between petitioners and City departments throughout the process, which will reduce confusion and increase efficiency.

Councilmember White recommended the creation of a flowchart showcasing the outline of the alley vacation process.

Chris Dressel stated that a flow-chart could be created.

Councilmember Niezgodski thanked everyone involved.

Councilmember Warner held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan thanked Councilmember Niezgodski, Chris Dressel, Jenna Throw, and City Clerk Bianca Tirado for their work.

Councilmember Niezgodski moved to send Bill No. 07-25 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
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Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

RISE AND REPORT

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved to rise from the Committee of the Whole and report back to the Full Council, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Council President Lee stated that the Full Council is now back in session. This portion of the meeting is where bills are given a third (3rd) reading and action is taken regarding bills that were heard during the Committee of the Whole.

BILLS ON THE THIRD READING

BILL NO.

07-25

THIRD READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 5, TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its third (3rd) reading.

After the third (3rd) reading, Council President Lee requested a committee report.

Councilmember Warner stated that Bill No. 07-25 was heard in the Committee of the Whole and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilmember Niezgodski moved for the passage of Bill No. 07-25, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

25-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 425 SOUTH MICHIGAN STREET, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46601 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A TWO-YEAR (2) VACANT BUILDING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PENNY HILL HOMES LLC

25-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 425 SOUTH MICHIGAN STREET, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46601 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A TEN-YEAR (10) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR PENNY HILL HOMES LLC

Council President Lee moved to hear Bill *Nos. 25-14* and *25-15* together, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

Clerk Tirado read the resolutions to the Council.

After the reading Council President Lee requested the committee reports.

Councilmember Warner stated Bill *Nos. 25-14* and *25-15* both were heard in the Community Investment Committee, and both come to the Full Council with favorable recommendations.

Council President Lee requested that the petitioner(s) state their name and address and share key points before the council.

Erik Glavich, Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill *No. 25-14* is a two-year (2) vacant building tax abatement for property located at 425 South Michigan Street, and Bill *No. 25-15* is a ten-year (10) real property tax abatement for property located at 425 South Michigan Street. The property is the former Inwoods building, which was purchased in 2022 by Penny Hill Homes LLC, a female-owned company based in South Bend. The building has been vacant since 1999, and the project will provide a mixture of creative and commercial spaces. Bill *No. 25-14* will allow the petitioner to invest in their project the majority of the annual six thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$6,764) they would pay in taxes. Bill *No. 25-15* abates new taxes generated by the project for the next ten (10) years while still accruing more tax revenue than would be accumulated without the renovation project and tax abatements. Sarah Hill, the petitioner, was also present for questions.

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan asked why it was decided to have such a high tax abatement percentage for the entirety of the ten (10) year abatement.

Erik Glavich stated that this project sought ReadI 2.0 funds, which require the City to match the petitioner’s commitment. The City looked at different ways of meeting the requirements for the petitioner to obtain the ReadI 2.0 funds and ultimately decided upon the two (2) tax abatements being presented.

Council President Lee reiterated that the current annual taxes for the property are six thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$6,764), and the annual taxes after the abatements will be thirty-five thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars (\$35,189).

Council President Lee opened the public hearing.

Jesse Davis, P.O. Box 10205, South Bend, IN, requested clarification regarding the property.

Erik Glavich stated that Penny Hill Homes LLC recently subdivided the parcel. The tax abatements do not apply to the Monroe Arts building or the Rocky Button building.

Jesse Davis asked if the property had been vacant.

Erik Glavich stated that the property has been vacant since 1999.

Council President Lee closed the public hearing.

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan moved for the adoption of Bill No. 25-14, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis, and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

Councilmember Warner moved for the adoption of Bill No. 25-15, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan, and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

25-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 25471 CLEVELAND ROAD, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46628 AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF A SEVEN-YEAR (7) REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR BLUEPRINT, LLC

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

After the reading Council President Lee requested a committee report.

Councilmember White stated Bill No. 25-16 was heard in the Community Investment Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Council President Lee requested that the petitioner(s) state their name and address and share key points before the council.

Erik Glavich, Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the 14th floor of the County-City Building, stated that Bill No. 25-16 is a seven-year (7) real property tax abatement for property located at 25471 Cleveland Road. The property will be the new headquarters for HRP Construction, allowing them to consolidate all operations within the region into one (1) location in South Bend. The project will allow HRP Construction to retain forty-eight (48) full-time jobs and create six (6) new full-time jobs. The property’s pre-project estimated annual taxes are six thousand one hundred and forty-two dollars (\$6,142), whereas after the project, the estimated annual taxes are one hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$132,375). The petitioner’s total investment in the project is seven million three hundred thousand dollars (\$7,300,000).

Nancy Knapik, petitioner, 5777 Cleveland Road, South Bend, IN 46628, was present for questions.

Jered Baker, petitioner, 5777 Cleveland Road, South Bend, IN 46628, stated that HRP Construction is a local company that has been in South Bend since 1980. This project is a great opportunity to consolidate HRP Construction’s operations.

Nancy Knapik stated that HRP Construction would like to remain based in South Bend.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked what has allowed HRP Construction to succeed.

Nancy Knapik stated that HRP Construction has grown naturally mainly through local public works projects.

Jered Baker stated that HRP Construction is in an industry with a large barrier to entry but has been able to grow a good reputation.

Council Vice President Tomas Morgan requested information regarding the geographic scope of HRP Construction’s work.

Jered Baker stated that most of HRP Construction’s work is done locally in South Bend but has worked on projects as far as Michigan City, Indiana and Rochester, Indiana.

Council President Lee thanked the petitioner for the increase in jobs and their investment in South Bend.

Council President Lee held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Councilmember Niezgodski thanked the petitioner for supporting the benefits of their employees and for investing in South Bend.

Nancy Knapik stated that HRP Construction prioritizes their employees’ well-being and safety.

Councilmember Warner moved for the adoption of Bill No. 25-16, which was seconded by Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers, and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

BILL NO.

08-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT REVENUE BONDS AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO IN CONNECTION WITH THE J.C. HART DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 08-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers moved to send Bill No. 08-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember White and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Absent</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

09-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH

BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11161-24 FIXING THE ANNUAL PAY AND MONETARY FRINGE BENEFITS OF SWORN MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE SALARY CLASSIFICATIONS AT SECTION II OF THIS ORDINANCES

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 09-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers moved to send Bill No. 09-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Davis and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes with two (2) councilmembers absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Absent</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

10-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11160-24, WHICH FIXES MAXIMUM SALARIES AND WAGES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS AND NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, TO MAKE POSITION CHANGES IN INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 10-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025.

Councilmember Dr. Davis moved to send Bill No. 10-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025, which was seconded by Council Vice President Tomas Morgan and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

11-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11155-24, WHICH FIXED MAXIMUM WAGES OF TEAMSTER EMPLOYEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, 2026, 2027, AND 2028, TO ADD A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE TO ONE (1) EXISTING POSITION

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 11-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025.

Councilmember White moved to send Bill No. 11-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

12-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2025

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 12-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025.

Councilmember Gooden-Rodgers moved to send Bill No. 12-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

13-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL AND CITY SERVICES OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025 OF \$1,464,798 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#101), \$535,028 FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (#201), \$5,000 FROM THE GIFT, DONATION, BEQUEST FUND (#217), \$655,000 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND (#220), \$54,198 FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND (#222), \$489,000 FROM THE IT/INNOVATION/311 CALL CENTER FUND (#279), \$350,000 FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL FUND (#287), \$9,425,000 FROM THE LOCAL INCOME TAX – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (#408), \$250,000 FROM THE SEWAGE WORKS OPERATIONS FUND (#641), AND \$82,500 FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND (#713)

Clerk Tirado read the bill to the Council for its first (1st) reading.

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 13-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025.

Councilmember Niezgodski moved to send Bill No. 13-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for a public hearing and third (3rd) reading on March 10, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember White and carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes with one (1) councilmember absent.

Council President Canneth Lee – <i>Aye</i>	Council Vice President Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sharon McBride– <i>Absent</i>
Councilmember Troy Warner – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Councilmember Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Lee stated that he hopes Councilmembers can come together to collaboratively and effectively move South Bend forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Niezgodski stated that St. Margaret’s House held their Winter Walk, and anyone wishing to support St. Margaret’s House can do so on their website, www.stmargarethouse.org.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Sue Kesim, 4022 Kennedy Drive, South Bend, IN 46614, spoke regarding decorum and the Council Rules Committee.

Jesse Davis, P.O. Box 10205, South Bend, IN, spoke regarding decorum and residency requirements.

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend, IN 46628, spoke regarding the Indiana Open Door Law.

Trina Robinson, 914 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, IN 46616, spoke regarding conflicts within Council.

Reverend Sylvester Williams, 702 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, IN 46616, spoke regarding a potential special resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Canneth Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.