



# City of South Bend Common Council

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**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
**FROM:** SOUTH BEND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMISSION  
**DATE:** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026  
**RE:** ANIMAL WELFARE COMMISSION HEARINGS AND MEETING NOTICE

## NOTICE

The South Bend Animal Welfare Commission will meet on **Thursday, February 12, 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> floor** of **City Hall, 215 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, South Bend, IN 46601**. The meeting will be live-streamed at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026AWCHybrid>

### Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Minutes
4. Hearing to Determine Whether an Individual Shall Be Labeled a Habitual Animal Offender (Case 2026-02: S. Astefan)
5. Receive Monthly Shelter Reports and Other Updates from Animal Resource Manager
6. Counsel Report
7. Privilege of the Floor
8. Adjournment

cc: Mayor James Mueller  
Animal Welfare Commission Meeting List  
Adam E. Taylor, Assistant City Attorney  
Tom Panowicz, Assistant City Attorney  
Media Contacts

**NOTICE FOR HEARING AND SIGHT-IMPAIRED PERSONS**  
**Auxiliary Aid or Other Services may be Available upon Request at No Charge.**  
**Please give a Reasonable Advance Request when Possible**

Dr. Mariah Covey  
Council: 12/31/2021

Christina Gerken  
Mayor: 8/5/2022

Rebecca Kaiser  
Mayor: 3/20/2023

Karl Hopkins  
Council: 4/14/2025

Date of appointment and appointing authority noted above.

Expiration: Commissioners serve an initial three-year appointment date until removal, or a successor is named.

