



South Bend Common Council

Sherry Bolden-Simpson

5th District Council Member

To: South Bend Common Council
Office of the City Clerk
From: Council Member Sherry Bolden Simpson, Utilities Committee Chairperson
Date: December 16, 2025

2025 Annual Report of the Utilities Committee

Dear Council Members,

As Chairperson of the Utilities Committee, I am filing this report pursuant to § 2-10(i) of the South Bend Municipal Code. This report sets forth a summary of the key activities conducted by the Utilities Committee throughout the year.

Duties: As noted in the South Bend Municipal Code, the Utilities Committee is charged with the following duties:

“Oversees the various activities of all enterprise entities including, but not limited to the Bureau of Waterworks, Bureau of Sewers and all related entities.”

Members: There were six (6) Council Members serving on the Committee:

1. Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Chairperson
2. Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis, Vice-Chairperson
3. Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski, Member
4. Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Member
5. Mr. Joseph Mayer, Citizen Member
6. Ms. Firdia Johnson, Citizen Member

Meetings: Three (3) public meetings were held. All Committee minutes and notices have been posted and may be accessed on the Common Council’s website.

MEETING DATES

February 24th, hybrid

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

Organizational meeting

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April 3rd, hybrid

Joint Meeting with Zoning & Annexation Committee —
Presentation by Ms. Denise Abdul-Rahman (Blackburn)
BS, MBA, HCM, HIS, "Black Sun Light Sustainability
Solar Equity for All Project with respect to the City of
South Bend."

November 25th, hybrid

1. Update: Utilities Assistance Program, Eric Horvath & Cathleen Sutherland
2. Update: Water Quality, Eric Horvath
3. Update: "Forever" Chemicals, Eric Horvath

The Utilities committee oversees the activities of all enterprise entities including but not limited to the Bureau of Waterworks, Bureau of Sewers, and all related matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Councilmember 5th District
Utilities Committee, Chairperson
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