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TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FROM: SOUTH BEND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMISSION
DATE: JUNE 30, 2026
RE: ANIMAL WELFARE COMMISSION HEARINGS AND MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE

The South Bend Animal Welfare Commission will meet on **Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Public Meeting Room** on the **3rd floor** of **City Hall, 215 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, South Bend, IN 46601**. The meeting will be streamed at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026AWCHybrid>

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Hearing to Determine Whether an Individual Shall Be Labeled a Habitual Animal Offender (Case 2026-04: Ja'Quelyn Maefield)
4. Approve Minutes
5. Chapter 5 Ordinance Update & Review
6. Receive Monthly Shelter Reports and Other Updates from Animal Resource Manager
7. Counsel Report
8. Privilege of the Floor
9. Adjournment

cc: Mayor James Mueller
Animal Welfare Commission Meeting List
John Dorbin, 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

Karl Hopkins
Council: 4/14/2025

Jessica Slisher
Council: 2/11/2026

Erica Rarick
Mayor: 6/11/2026

Date of appointment and appointing authority noted above.

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

