

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: 06-09-2025

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: 06-23-2025

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, June 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Council President Canneth Lee called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Pastor Mary Stephens of South Side Church of God, 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.

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=396206>

Council meetings are also available at Michiana Access Channel on both their website and their Facebook page.

ROLL CALLCOUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Canneth Lee	1 st District, President
Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers	2 nd District
Sharon L. McBride	3 rd District
Sherry Bolden-Simpson	5 th District
Sheila Niezgodski	6 th District
Dr. Oliver Davis*	At-Large
Rachel Tomas Morgan	At-Large, Vice President

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Troy Warner	4 th District, Committee of the Whole
Karen L. White	At-Large

OTHERS PRESENT

Bianca L. Tirado	City Clerk
Matthew Neal	Deputy Director of Policy
Margaret Gotsch	Director of Special Projects
Bob Palmer	Council Attorney

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

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES:

May 12, 2025

Council President Canneth Lee stated that the minutes from May 28, 2025, will be requested for approval on June 23, 2025.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

BILLS ON THE THIRD READING

None

RESOLUTIONS

BILL NO.

25-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, APPOINTING AN AGENT/NEGOTIATOR AND AN ADVISORY COMMON COUNCIL NEGOTIATING TEAM TO REPRESENT THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE UPCOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

Councilmember Shiela Niezgodski stated Bill No. 25-32 was heard in the Personnel and Finance Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Canneth Lee, Council President, with offices on the fourth (4th) floor of the County-City Building, South Bend, IN 46601, stated that Bill No. 25-32 is a resolution appointing Attorney Bob Palmer, as the Council’s Chief Negotiator and Council President Canneth Lee, Councilmember Karen L. White, and Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers as the Council’s Advisory Team for the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD) negotiations.

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

Council Vice-President Rachel Tomas Morgan moved for the passage of Bill No. 25-32, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

25-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, APPOINTING AN AGENT/NEGOTIATOR AND AN ADVISORY COMMON COUNCIL NEGOTIATING TEAM TO REPRESENT THE COMMON COUNCIL IN THE UPCOMING SOUTH BEND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #36 NEGOTIATIONS

Clerk Tirado read the resolution to the Council.

Councilmember Shiela Niezgodski stated Bill No. 25-33 was heard in the Personnel and Finance Committee and comes to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Canneth Lee, Council President, with offices on the fourth (4th) floor of the County-City Building, South Bend, IN 46601, stated that Bill No. 25-33 is a resolution appointing Attorney Bob Palmer, as the Council’s Chief Negotiator. This resolution also names the Common Council Advisory Team consisting of Councilmember Shiela Niezgodski, Vice-President Rachel Tomas Morgan, and President Canneth Lee to represent Council during the negotiations for the SBFD.

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

Councilmember Niezgodski moved for the passage of Bill No. 25-33, which was seconded by Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

BILL NO.

33-25

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 THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 33-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025.

Councilmember Niezgodski moved to send Bill No. 33-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolden Simpson and carried by 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

34-25

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 \$2,512,780 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#101), \$520,000 FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (#201), \$65,000, FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND (#202), \$37,500 FROM THE GIFT, DONATION, BEQUEST FUND (#217), \$2,945,000 FROM THE LOCAL INCOME TAX – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (#408), \$650,000 FROM THE WATER WORKS OPERATIONS FUND (#620), \$2,407,550 FROM THE WATER WORKS CAPITAL FUND (#622), \$5,000,000 FROM THE SEWAGE WORKS CAPITAL FUND (#642)

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

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 34-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025.

Council Vice-President Tomas Morgan moved to send Bill No. 34-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried by 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

35-25

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. 35-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025.

Councilmember Sharon McBride moved to send Bill No. 35-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Dr. Oliver Davis and carried by 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

36-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA AMENDING THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO

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

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 36-25 to the Community Investment Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025.

Council Vice-President Tomas Morgan moved to send Bill No. 36-25 to the Personnel and Finance Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Niezgodski and carried by 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

37-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 2018 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2020 SOUTH MAIN STREET COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 3 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 37-25 to the South Bend Area Plan Commission for public hearing on June 16, 2025, and to the Zoning and Annexation Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025.

Councilmember McBride moved to send Bill No. 37-25 to the South Bend Area Plan Commission for public hearing on June 16, 2025, and to the Zoning and Annexation Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolden-Simpson and carried by 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

38-25

FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH
BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING ARTICLES 1
THROUGH 7 AND ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 6
OF THE SOUTH BEND MUNICIPAL CODE TO
UPDATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Council President Lee entertained a motion to send Bill No. 38-25 to the Public Works and Property Vacation Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025.

Councilmember Niezgodski moved to send Bill No. 38-25 to the Public Works and Property Vacation Committee for public hearing and third (3rd) reading on June 23, 2025, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolden-Simpson and carried by 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>Aye</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>Absent</i>	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked for an update on Stevie’s Enterprises, Inc.

Council President Lee stated he would follow up.

Councilmember Dr. Davis asked for an update from Attorney Bob Palmer regarding a requested letter to the Community Police Review Board (CPRB).

Attorney Palmer stated that he will be working with the attorney from the CPRB to discuss proposed regulations and dealing with abstentions and will have have an update by June 23, 2025.

Council President Lee shared a status report regarding Bergen Street. A police car has been placed outside of the property and a hearing regarding the recreational vehicle will take place on June 17, 2025.

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson shared an update regarding sidewalks on Jackson Road and stated that members of the South Bend School Corporation will discuss laying sidewalks on Jackson Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bolden-Simpson expressed her congratulations and compliments to all of the new graduates in the South Bend area.

Council President Lee expressed his appreciation for Mr. Lynn Coleman and the prayer gathering that was brought together on June 8, 2025, at the Jon Hunt Plaza.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Logan Foster, 1138 College Street, South Bend, IN 46628, spoke regarding the South Bend Municipal Code and Council complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M.