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UTILITIES

MARCH 23, 2026, 5:05 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Sheila Niezgodski, Dr. Oliver Davis, Joseph Mayer, Dr. Doris McEwen, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Sherry Bolden Simpson

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Present:

Troy Warner, Canneth Lee

Others Present:

Bianca L. Tirado, Matthew Neal, Jasmine Jackson, Veronica Pitt-Payne, Bob Palmer

Presenters:

Eric Horvath

Agenda:

Bill No. 12-26 - Ordinance Establishing Certain Boundaries for South Bend Utility Service

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

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0,0,0,0,0&mediaid=406196>

Committee Chair Sherry Bolden-Simpson called to order the Utilities Committee meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Bill No. 12-26 - Ordinance Establishing Certain Boundaries for South Bend Utility Service

Eric Horvath, Director of Public Works, with offices on the fifth (5th) floor of City Hall, South Bend, IN 46601, presented the bill. He explained that it supersedes and replaces an ordinance from 2014. It updates the utility boundary map in response to a request from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). He noted that the bill does not mandate that the City provide services outside of City boundaries.

Committee Member Dr. Oliver Davis asked about the key differences since the previous update in 2014.

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Eric Horvath said there was a need to clarify boundaries and establish them with the IURC.

Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson asked if there will be a new map.

Eric Horvath said the new map has been provided to the Committee, but it is difficult to see the difference in boundary lines.

Committee Chair Bolden-Simpson held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Committee Member Dr. Davis moved to send Bill No. 12-26 to the Committee of the Whole with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan and carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes.

Committee Chair Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>	Committee Vice Chair Rachel Tomas Morgan – <i>Aye</i>
Committee Member Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Committee Member Dr. Oliver Davis – <i>Aye</i>
Committee Member Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Citizen Member Joseph Mayer – <i>Aye</i>
Citizen Member Dr. Doris McEwen – <i>Aye</i>	

With no further business, Committee Bolden-Simpson adjourned the Utilities Committee meeting at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Committee Chair