

1 **BILL NO. S-26-02-06**

2 SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. S- 10-26

3 **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NEW MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN**
4 **IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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6 **WHEREAS**, IC 36-7-22-11 establishes members of an Economic
7 Improvement Board are to be appointed by the Common Council of the City of
8 Fort Wayne, Indiana; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the newly elected Downtown Improvement District Board of
10 Directors are:

11	Richard Beck	1-Year Term
12	Michelle Chambers	1-Year Term
13	Andrea Robinson	1-Year Term
14	Ben Hall	3-Year Term
15	Judi Wire	3-Year Term
16	Dane Leitch	3-Year Term
17	Amanda Muldoon	3-Year Term
18	Pete Henry	3-Year Term
19	Zach Barrett	3-Year Term

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE**
21 **CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

22 **SECTION 1.** That the newly elected members of the Downtown
23 Improvement District are hereby approved and ratified.

24 **SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and
25 after its passage and any and all approval by the Mayor.

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27 _____
28 Council Member

29 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Malak Heiny, City Attorney

DOWNTOWN *Fort Wayne*

January 22, 2026

The Honorable Martin Bender, President
Fort Wayne City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
200 East Berry Street, Suite 110
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

RE: Approval of New Board Members for 2026

Dear President Bender:

Each year the Downtown Improvement District, an economic improvement district organized under IC 36-7-22 and Special Ordinance S-25-08-34, and Reauthorized by City Council on September 23, 2025 has a membership subject to appointment by City Council (IC 36-7-22-11) and is required to make an annual report prior to February 15th.


In accordance with its By-Laws, the Downtown Improvement District annually elects new board members for consideration and approval by City Council. The nominations for consideration of terms beginning February 2026 are:

Richard Beck appointed by the Allen County Commissioners for a one-year term.
Michelle Chambers appointed by the City Council of Fort Wayne for a one-year term.
Andrea Robinson appointed by the Mayor of Fort Wayne for a one-year term.
Ben Hall of Don Hall's Old Gashouse Restaurant (property owner) for a three-year term.
Judi Wire of Great Panes Glass (property owner) for a three-year term.
Dane Leitch of Aaron's Fine Rug Gallery (property owner) for a three-year term.
Amanda Muldoon of Hanning & Bean Enterprises (property owner rep) for a 2nd three-year term.
Pete Henry of Midwest Pipe and Steel (property owner rep) for a 2nd three-year term.
Zach Barrett of Barrett & Stokely (property owner rep) for a 2nd three-year term.

The Board of the Downtown Improvement District also certifies, in accordance with IC 36-7-22-11, that a majority of its members, including those proposed for approval in this letter, represent property owners within the District.

Thank you for the attention of City Council to these appointments to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Improvement District.

Sincerely,



Frank Howard
Chief Operating Officer

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS
February 17, 2026**




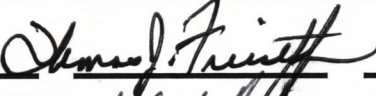
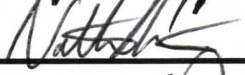

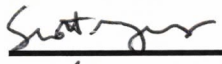
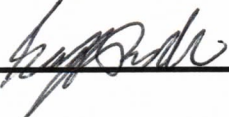
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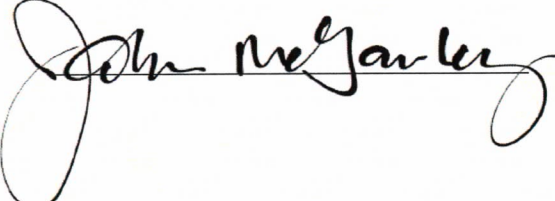
All Council Members

An Ordinance approving new members to the Downtown Improvement District
2026 Board of Directors

COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID Ordinance under
consideration and beg leave to report back to the Common Council that
said Ordinance

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>DO PASS</u>	<u>DO NOT PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
<u>BENDER</u>			
<u>BOOKER</u>			
<u>CHAMBERS</u>			
<u>ENSLEY</u>			
<u>FREISTROFFER</u>			
<u>HARTMAN</u>			
<u>JEHL</u>			
<u>MYERS</u>			
<u>PADDOCK</u>			

**JOHN D. MCGAULEY
CITY CLERK**



Public Hearing Date: N/A

Read the first time in full and on motion by Councilperson Myers.

Read the second time by title and referred to the Regulations Committee.

Read the third time in full and on motion by Councilperson Myers, placed on passage by the following vote:

<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BENDER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DATED: February 24, 2026

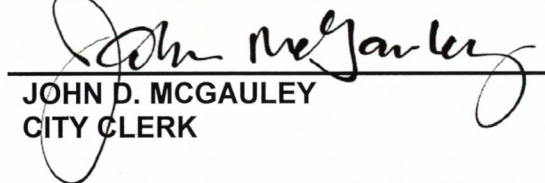


 JOHN D. MCGAULEY, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as

Special Ordinance No. S-26-02-06 on the 24th day of February, 2026

ATTEST:



 JOHN D. MCGAULEY
 CITY CLERK



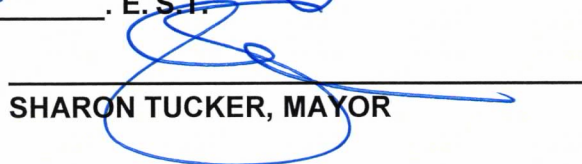
 PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 25th of February 2026, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. E.S.T.



 JOHN D. MCGAULEY, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 25th day of February 2026, at the hour of 1:57 o'clock PM E.S.T.



 SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

Fort Wayne Indiana
 Office of the City Clerk
 FEB 25 2026
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 2:35pm