

CITY OF SOUTH BEND 7/13/2026
Meeting # 828 4728 6105

1-2. CALL TO ORDER

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Davis at 5:30 pm. Members present, Councilor Kuiken, Councilor Manlow, Councilor Pearson, Councilor Olsen, City Supervisor Houk, Police Chief Stigall, and Clerk/Treasurer Johnson. Mayor Barnard and Fire Chief McGee were absent. (Excused)

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

Bruce Weillep commented on the complexities of electric bikes and wheelchairs sharing the same space with motor vehicles.

4. APPROVAL – Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Manlow to approve the Consent Agenda and the minutes of the June 22, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-4, Noes-0.**

Vendors – Check #50525 thru Check #50556 - \$149,532.90 Including EFT Payments
Payroll – Check #25312 thru Check #25319 - \$191,067.43 Including Direct Deposit, Benefits and Payroll Taxes

5. CORRESPONDENCE -

Correspondence was received from Larry Bale, President of the Royal Heights Transfer Station, concerning proposed revisions to the current Solid Waste Program.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2027 Through 2032

The Public Hearing was postponed until July 27th due to technical difficulties affecting the Zoom portion of the meeting.

7. RESOLUTION 2026-1: A Resolution by the City Council of the City of South Bend Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2027 Through 2032

Action on the Resolution was deferred due to the postponement of the preceding Public Hearing.

8. DISCUSSION: Proposed increasement of Court Administrator position to 0.75 FTE and hiring a Trainee for 3 months to work alongside the current Court Administrator before they retire.

Council discussed the evolving staffing needs of the Municipal Court, including the proposed increase in hours and training requirements for a court employee.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Stigall: Reported that the Fourth of July holiday weekend resulted in very few fireworks-related complaints, although one injury was reported. The Police Department's evidence room was equipped with a new refrigerator purchased through grant funding. Chief Stigall also advised that the State will be issuing updated requirements regarding e-bike operation, which will be shared with the public upon receipt.

Supervisor Houk: Reported that Public Works crews have responded to numerous water leaks due to recent weather changes. He also announced that the City was awarded an RMSA safety grant to improve and level the loading bay at the Water Treatment Plant.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT - None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

11. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS - None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM to meet again on Monday July 27, 2026 for a regular council meeting at South Bend City Hall.

Bethany Barnard
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
David Johnson