

CITY OF SOUTH BEND 3/9/2026
Meeting # 867 2494 7881

1-2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

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 February 23, 2025, regular meeting. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-4, Noes-0.**

Vendors – Check #50276 thru Check #50311 - \$113,712.17 Including EFT Payments
Payroll – Check #25282 thru Check #25286 - \$160,836.40 Including Direct Deposit, Benefits and Payroll Taxes

5. CORRESPONDENCE -

Councilor Arris's letter of resignation was read publicly.

6. Council #3 Position Declared Open for Public Application

7. Presentation: Pacific Conservation District

Jackson Blalock presented a study focused on identifying and advancing resilience projects in the Lower Willapa River area. The study specifically addresses flood reduction, habitat restoration, and local economics.

8. ORDINANCE 1614: An Ordinance for the City of South Bend, Washington Amending Portions of South Bend Municipal Code 13.10 – Sewer, Second Reading

Councilor Olsen motioned that the Council adopt the Ordinance. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-4, Noes-0.**

9. ORDINANCE 1615: An Ordinance for the City of South Bend, Washington Amending Portions of South Bend Municipal Code 13.05 – Water, Second Reading

Councilor Kuiken motioned that the Council adopt the Ordinance. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-4, Noes-0.**

10. APPROVAL: South Bend Water System Plan & Water Use Efficiency Goals as Presented at the 2 / 23 / 2026 Public Hearing

Councilor Manlow motioned that the Council approve the Plan. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-4, Noes-0.**

11. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - None

12. MAYOR'S REPORT -

Mayor Barnard recently met with RMSA to review our municipal coverage and policies. She is committed to ensuring that the City's current policies are updated to meet all RMSA standards

13. PUBLIC COMMENT – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS -

Johna Cochran shared her concerns regarding the City’s current sliding scale discount for water bills.

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Kuiken was pleased with the Department of Conservation’s presentation and looks forward to the opportunities it may create for future progress. Councilor Davis also expressed her gratitude for the report.

15. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS - None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM to meet again on Monday March 23, 2026 for a regular council meeting at South Bend City Hall.

Bethany Barnard
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
David Johnson

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