

CITY OF SOUTH BEND 9/14/2026
Meeting # 842 2885 8867

1-2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Girl Scout Troop 46011 attended the meeting to express support for the return of a public library. Several other members of the public also spoke in support of restoring library services to the community.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Kuiken to amend the Meeting Agenda, moving the Executive session to Item #12. Motion Carried. Councilor Olsen then made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the minutes of August 24, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-5, Noes-0.**

Vendors – Check #50647 thru Check #50684 - \$151,957.37 Including EFT Payments
Payroll – Check #25329 thru Check #25336 - \$173,029.37 Including Direct Deposit, Benefits and Payroll Taxes

5. CORRESPONDENCE -

Notice of Final Workshop concerning Flood Resilience & Habitat Projects – Pacific Conservation District

6. DISCUSSION: Scheduling of Budget Workshop

The Council agreed to schedule the Budget Workshop immediately following the Council Meeting scheduled for October 12.

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Stigall reported that the Labor Day weekend celebration was successful. Supervisor Houk reported that the Martin Creek Impoundment Project commenced this week. He further reported that the Public Works Department had completed its water distribution leak detection protocol and was in the process of repairing nine identified leaks. Clerk/Treasurer Johnson reported on the upcoming maturity of an investment bond held by the City.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on two appointments to the Planning Commission: Bruce Weillep and Tara Lewis. She also recognized the Labor Day Committee for its efforts in organizing a successful Labor Day celebration weekend. The Mayor further reported on her meeting with state representatives to obtain information and explore potential grant opportunities to support the restoration of the City Library.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS -

Comments and questions regarding the status of the library were presented. Members of the public also expressed encouragement and support for the Girl Scout Troop's efforts to advocate for the restoration of the library.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS -

All members of the Council expressed their appreciation to the public for their participation in the meeting. Councilor Olsen additionally expressed interest in having a feasibility study conducted regarding the installation of a traffic stop sign near the restroom parking lot in the Ecklund Park area.

11. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS - None

Proclamation for Hispanic Month.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Discussion in Compliance with RCW 42:30.110

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM to meet again on Monday September 28, 2026, for a regular council meeting at South Bend City Hall.

Bethany Barnard
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

David Johnson