

CITY OF SOUTH BEND 9/28/2026
Meeting # 867 3275 9660

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

Tania Remmers provided an update on the Summer Library Program and highlighted upcoming events. Ron Mullins expressed concerns regarding the current mosquito spraying process.

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

The mayor proposed an amendment to the agenda, making item 6 an action item and including correspondence from Tania Remmers. She also recommended two corrections to the minutes from September 14, 2026. A motion was made by Councilor Manlow to amend the agenda and approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Councilor Manlow then motioned to correct the minutes from September 14, 2026, and approve them as corrected. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-5, Noes-0.**

Vendors – Check #50685 thru Check #50711 - \$136,981.97 Including EFT Payments

5. CORRESPONDENCE –

The Mayor received a letter from Tania Remmers on behalf of the Timberland Regional Library and shared the correspondence with the City Council.

6. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Bethany Barnard - Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month – Mes de la Herencia Hispania

A motion was made by Councilor Pearson to approve the Proclamation. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-5, Noes-0.**

7. APPROVAL: Recall of Employee to Work, Subject to Adequate Budget Appropriations

A motion was made by Councilor Kuiken to approve the Recall. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-5, Noes-0.**

8. ORDINANCE 1619: An Ordinance of the City of South Bend, Washington, Authorizing and Imposing an Additional Sales and Use Tax of One-Tenth of One Percent (0.1%) for Criminal Justice Purposes Pursuant to RCW 82.14.345; Providing for Administration and Collection of the Tax; Establishing a Special Revenue Fund; and Providing for Severability and Corrections; and Establishing an Effective Date.

A motion was made by Councilor Pearson to move the Ordinance forward to a second reading. Motion carried. **Vote: Ayes-5, Noes-0.**

9. DISCUSSION: Establishing a New Municipal Code No. 3.30.130 – User's Fee for the Water / Sewer Departments' Use of City Streets (Ref. Westport Municipal Code No. 3.80.010)

The matter was discussed thoroughly. No action was taken.

10. DISCUSSION: Establishing a Transportation Benefit District for the City Limits of South Bend. (Ref. MRSC Overview and Documentation)

The matter was discussed thoroughly. No action was taken

11. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer Johnson reported that a mature bond had been reinvested for an 18-month term.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor expressed her appreciation to Mark Schulz of ORCA for sharing an additional grant opportunity to support the rebuilding of the City Library.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Davis expressed appreciation to the Department Heads for their research into potential revenue opportunities for the City. Councilor Manlow asked Chief Stigall about the need for City ordinances regulating electric bicycles.

11. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS - None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM to meet again on Monday October 12, 2026, for a regular council meeting at South Bend City Hall.

Bethany Barnard - Mayor

ATTEST: _____
David Johnson – Clerk / Treasurer