



CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 11, 2026, 5:30 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

Council President Josh Thorstad
Councilor Ken Bronson
Councilor Dylan Richards
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

ABSENT

Mayor Susan Coleman
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger
Councilor Aaron Hegge

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief
Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager
Blair Larsen, City Attorney
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

III. Work Session

a) 2027-2028 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Ogden stated that the League of Oregon Cities was requesting member cities to submit their top five legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session based on policy proposals from seven committees. He noted that staff were seeking consensus on those priorities. He highlighted the following responses from three Councilors in response to an internal survey sent to City Council on July 20th:

- 2 votes for water and wastewater infrastructure funding
- 2 votes for investment in community resilience and disaster planning
- 2 votes for land availability and land use streamlining
- 1 vote for water workforce development
- 1 vote for City supported street sign traditions
- 1 vote for strengthening economic and workforce development

- 1 vote for maintaining affordable energy while supporting grid hardening and modernization
- 1 vote for supporting increased energy transmission capacity
- 1 vote for full funding and streamlining for housing production
- 1 vote for funding and coordination for shelter and homeless response
- 1 vote for Administrative Procedures Act reform
- 1 vote for maintaining local control of a safe, modern right-of-way

He provided an overview of each of the priorities identified in the survey results.

Councilor Richards stated that he was supportive of the three priorities that received two votes in the Council survey.

Councilor Sanchez expressed support for strengthening economic and workforce development and support for municipal cybersecurity.

There was consensus to support the following priorities:

- Water and wastewater infrastructure funding
- Investment in community resilience and disaster planning
- Land availability and land use streamlining
- Strengthening economic and workforce development
- Supporting municipal cybersecurity proficiency

Councilor Sanchez asked if the priorities were for the next short session or long session. Deputy City Manager Pretty replied that it was for the long session.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder