



# CITY OF SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2025, 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.

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## Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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

## Roll Call

### PRESENT

President Pro Tem Josh Thorstad  
Councilor Chelsea Augsburger (virtual)  
Councilor Ken Bronson  
Councilor Aaron Hegge  
Councilor Angelita Sanchez

### ABSENT

Mayor Susan Coleman  
Councilor Dylan Richards

### STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief  
Blair Larsen, City Attorney  
Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager  
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager  
Greg Springman, Public Works Director

### GUESTS

Gary Jarvis, Vice Chair, Charter Review Committee

## Work Session

### a) Proposed Charter Amendments

City Manager Ogden thanked the Charter Review Committee for their work to provide recommendations to modify the Sweet Home City Charter.

City Attorney Larsen provided an overview of the proposed changes within each Charter section. He stated that the City Council had the power to adopt no recommendations, some recommendations, all recommendations, or propose other changes. He noted that City Council would be responsible for referring any potential changes to the ballot for a future election.

Discussion ensued regarding existing language regarding "interference in administration" that had recently been found unconstitutional in a court of law as a result of a lawsuit in another Oregon municipality.

Councilor Sanchez and Councilor Bronson requested a complete markup version of the proposed amendments for review.

Councilor Hegge asked if the Mayor was considered a member of the Council where only the Council was recognized. City Attorney Larsen recognized Charter Review Committee Vice Chair Gary Jarvis. Vice Chair Jarvis stated that the Committee's intent was for the Mayor to act as a member of the Council except where specifically specified otherwise.

Councilor Sanchez expressed concern with tying absences to the ability to serve on Council and requested additional legal review.

Councilor Augsburger thanked the Charter Review Committee for their work and recommendations.

City Attorney Larsen asked for direction on next steps. President Pro Tem Thorstad requested the markup version of the document before setting additional meetings to discuss the Charter.

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder