

Meeting Minutes

Environment and Climate Committee



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Location: Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street

Date: January 08, 2026

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday, January 08, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

- 1. Roll Call:** Amy Leedham, Kavi Chokshi (online), Kenneth Davies, Laura Tabor, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, Nick Millar, Ray Hartwell, Robyn Breynaert, Rory Isbell, Scott Nordquist

Absent: Sasha Sulia (ex officio)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Approved with no additions or corrections.

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

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John Heylin expressed gratitude for the ECC members and their work.

4. Staff Updates | Cassie Lacy

Presented by Senior Management Analyst Cassie Lacy.

Lacy shared that the Advisory Board Summit is scheduled for February 26, 2026, at the Public Works campus. Lacy shared that Councilor Platt requested to be the ECC liaison.

5. City Council Update | Councilor Megan Norris

Councilor Megan Norris provided a City Council update from the December 17, 2025 meeting:

- Increases to fees and charges related to community development, engineering and planning
- Adopted updates to Public Facilities Plan

- Approved some eminent domain
- Appointed Core Area Advisory Members on BURA
- Approved BURA's Investment Bend Strategic Statement Plan and Advisory Work Plan
- Adopted recommendations on the Core Area Tax Increment Financing Plan

At the January 7, 2026 Council meeting:

- Concern about what the Latino/a community is facing, and Council reaffirmed partnership with Latino Community Association
- Consultant presented financial audit result findings and found nothing of concern
- Flock camera update – council chose to terminate contract that's up in May and decided to stop camera recordings all together
- Approved a recommendation to establish an Economic Investment Improvement District in Bend's Central District
- Adopted resolution for 2025 Stormwater Master Plan

6. Electrification Policy Update | Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst

Informational and feedback

Lacy provided an update on the City's electrification policy progress following the December 10 Council work session. The primary development is that, at the February 11, 2026 Work Session, Council directed staff to evaluate a range of potential fee levels. This analysis will include:

- the number of homes likely to electrify versus pay the fee at each level,
- projected revenue generation,
- associated GHG impacts, and
- potential effects on the electricity grid.

Staff will continue refining the overall fee design and exploring potential adjustments to the proposed approach. Discussion will also continue regarding the public engagement strategy moving forward.

7. Chair & Vice Chair Elections | All

Member Baunsgard moved to approve Member Breynaert as Chair and Member Davies as Vice Chair for 2026 for the ECC.

Member Tabor seconded.

The voice vote passes 11 to 0.

- Yes: Leedham
- Yes: Chokshi
- Yes: Davies
- Yes: Tabor
- Yes: Buckley
- Yes: Baunsgard
- Yes: Millar

- Yes: Hartwell
- Yes: Breynaert
- Yes: Isbell
- Yes: Nordquist

The committee recessed at 12:00 and reconvened at 12:10.

8. Electrification Outreach and Education | Megan Lee, Management Analyst

Informational and Feedback

Lee presented the proposed electrification outreach and education plan for this year. Members provided their thoughts and feedback.

9. Agenda Review

10. Adjourned at 1:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Lee
Management Analyst – Environment and Climate



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