



MEETING MINUTES

Joint Meeting of Bend City Council and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council

Location: Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises conference room, 5180 Jackson Trail Rd, Warm Springs, OR 97761

Date: July 1, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

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1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m.

Present from Bend City Council were Mayor Melanie Kebler, Councilor Gina Franzosa, Councilor Ariel Méndez, Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins, Councilor Megan Norris, and Councilor Steve Platt. Councilor Mike Riley was excused.

Present from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council were Chairman Dennis White III, Vice Chairman Carlos Calica, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Jefferson Greene, Lincoln Suppah, Raymond Moody, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Brigitte Scott, Jonathan W. Smith, and Alvis Smith III.

2. Consultation on Deschutes Basin Water Resources, including Groundwater Mitigation Program (30 minutes)

Presentation by City of Bend Public Works Director Mike Buettner.

City Council and Tribal Council discussed the Deschutes groundwater mitigation program, including a program overview and extending the sunset of the program from 2029 to 2039 to work on collaborative efforts with the City of Bend and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.



The Tribal Council expressed concerns over water testing and water quality issues up and down the Deschutes River, concerns around salmon protection and the need for different standards to protect wildlife as compared to humans.

Councils discussed meaningful mitigation, adaptive management in terms of climate change and access to water, difficulty in modeling, invasive species, and water quality monitoring.

3. Update on Art Program, including placement in the Hwy 20/Cooley Rd. Roundabout (15 minutes)

Presentation by City of Bend Communications & Engagement Officer René Mitchell.

Mitchell spoke about plans and process for new roundabout art at Cooley Road and Highway 20 by a Native artist.

Mitchell shared examples of murals in Bend and spoke about plans for a mural program in the City of Bend's Core Area, and invited the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to be involved in the process.

Discussion included potential themes for the art, budget, City of Bend funding, and grant opportunities.

4. Consultation of the City of Bend Growth Plan (20 minutes)

Presentation by City of Bend Senior Strategist Brian Rankin.

Rankin provided an overview of the 20-year growth plan, including the public process, and asked for input from the Tribal Council on how they would like to be involved and noted that the City aims to engage different voices. Rankin discussed the state's role in the growth plan, legal requirements, and the importance of transparency in the process.

Discussion included considerations regarding deer and elk migratory pathways, impacts to water use, infill versus outward development, the importance of leaving certain areas uninhabited, and the needs of plants and animals.

Tribal and City Councils discussed the requirements that the City notify the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs before taking certain actions. The Tribal Council cited the work of Wasco County as a good example of how they included the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in their urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion process regarding cultural resources.

The Tribal Council expressed concerns over the City of Bend's awareness of tribal consultation and of the history and treaty of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The Tribal Council



raised concerns over impacts of expansion on ceded lands, the environment and natural resources.

5. General Updates (15 minutes)

- a. Sovereignty Acknowledgement
- b. Presenting of the Flag

6. Adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Bontje, City Recorder



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