

# Meeting Minutes

## Environment and Climate Committee



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Location: Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street

Date: December 11, 2025

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The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:04 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

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

Absent: Sasha Sulia (ex officio), Ray Hartwell

### 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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Member Isbell expressed appreciation for the written comments submitted by community members.

### 4. City Council Update | Councilor Megan Norris

Councilor Megan Norris provided a City Council update. She shared that the Reed Market Bridge project will use a progressive design-build approach to improve bike and pedestrian access and transportation in the area. She also noted improvements to the Outback Water Facility, including road and building upgrades and wildfire forest thinning to protect infrastructure. Council recently adopted sequential review for Urban Growth Boundary expansion, now allowed by the state. She also summarized the December 10 work session, which included an electrification policy update, formation of a new HOME Committee, and strategies for housing affordability such as site-specific Tax Increment Financing, an infrastructure revolving loan fund for smaller projects, and credit enhancement tools.

## **5. Staff Updates | Cassie Lacy**

Presented by Senior Management Analyst Cassie Lacy.

Cassie Lacy shared that there was a work session on December 10 to discuss the scope of the joint committee and public process. She also noted that Chair and Vice-Chair elections will be held next month, with the election process in January. Interested committee members should self-nominate via email to staff. Member Chokshi and Member Hartwell expressed interest in the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

## **6. City of Bend Communications and Branding Update | René Mitchell, *Communications Director*** *Informational*

René Mitchell and the City of Bend Communications Team provided an informational update on the website improvement project and brand refresh launch.

The committee recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

## **7. CCAP Work Plan/Council Goal Work Plan Update | Cassie Lacy, *Senior Management Analyst*** *Informational and feedback*

Cassie Lacy presented an update on the CCAP Work Plan and Council Goal Work Plan. She reviewed the seven priorities identified for the biennium and confirmed three that require ECC input in early 2026: feedback on outreach and education programs, revisiting the navigator program concept, and providing direction on waste reduction and reuse initiatives. Cassie asked how the ECC would like to receive updates on priorities that do not require ECC direction, and members requested scheduled updates on those topics as well (expanding public EV infrastructure, encouraging reduction in vehicle miles traveled, and demonstrating clean energy leadership at the City).

## **8. Electrification Policy Update | Cassie Lacy, *Senior Management Analyst*** *Informational and Feedback*

Cassie provided an update on the electrification policy following Council's discussion on December 10. Council decided to set the fee amount themselves and directed Cassie to return in February for further discussion. The fee will be established first, with incentives addressed later. The joint committee process will begin in January or February, starting with non-financial incentives. Once the fee is set, the committee will provide recommendations on exemptions and revenue use. A majority of Council supports moving forward with the fee sooner rather than later.

## **9. Agenda Review**

## **10. Adjourned at 1:03 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Lee  
Management Analyst – Environment and Climate



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