

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2026
9:00 A.M.**

Swearing in of Mayor

Finance Director Renee McDorman swore in Mayor Dondero.

Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dondero called the May 19, 2026, Town Council Organizational meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance and Absences

In attendance were Mayor Edie Dondero and Councilmembers Steve Gallagher, Mark Giler, Chris Keefe, Sarah Long, Bob Shields, and Cindy Van Horn; Town Manager Maureen Hartman, SBPD Chief Jason Lovins, and Town Clerk Matt Amerling. Public attendees: 4. Virtual attendees: 3.

Swearing in new Council members (Dondero)

Mayor Dondero swore in Council members Steve Gallagher, Sarah Long and Bob Shields.

Appointment and action for Mayor Pro-Tem, Secretary, and Treasurer

Mayor Dondero motioned to nominate Councilwoman Chris Keefe as Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilman Bob Shields as Council secretary, and Councilwoman Cindy Van Horn as Council treasurer, seconded by Councilman Mark Giler. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and vote to approve Appointment of Committee Chairpersons, Liaison to the Planning Commission and Planning Commission members

Mayor Dondero motioned to appoint Councilwoman Van Horn as the Chair of the Community Relations Committee, Councilwoman Keefe as Chair of Budget and Finance, Councilman Steve Gallagher as the liaison to the Planning Commission, and Councilman Shields as the Chair of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee, seconded by Councilman Biciocchi. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Dondero motioned to appoint Randy Bartholomew, Jocelyn Cenna and Brian Gander to a 2-year term on the Planning Commission, and Jeff Bowers and Stephen Solas to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Keefe. Councilman Shields stated he would like to see Fred Reitzel remain on the Planning Commission. Motion carried 6-1 (with Councilman Shields voting no).

Review, discussion and vote to approve Resolution 4-26, honoring a South Bethany business, Made by Hand

Councilwoman Van Horn motioned to approve Resolution 4-26, seconded by Councilman Shields. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Dondero, seconded by Councilwoman Van Horn, to adjourn the May 19, 2026, Town Council Organizational Meeting at 9:12 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Council Secretary



Town Clerk



Date of Approval