

NORTH BEND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 10, 2018
Mt Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave. S., North Bend, WA

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Hearing called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Gothelf, Kostanich, Loudenback, Rosen and Volken.

AB18-085 – Council Vacancy & Appointment

Audio: 01:02

Council Applicant Interviews

Mayor Hearing explained the process to be followed for filling the vacant Council position created by the resignation of Councilmember Pettersen. He reported the City received applications from the following individuals: Chris Garcia, Heather Koellen and Rich Wiltshire.

Each applicant introduced themselves and responded to questions previously provided to them, as well as additional questions from the City Council.

Council Appointment

Following the interviews, the Council recessed into **Executive Session** at 8:00 p.m. for an estimated 15 minutes to consider the qualifications of the applicants for Position No.6, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(h).

At 8:15 p.m. City Clerk Oppedal announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 15 minutes.

At 8:30 p.m. City Clerk Oppedal announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 15 minutes.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Hearing reconvened the special meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to appoint Chris Garcia to North Bend City Council Position No. 6 to serve until certification of the November 2019 General Election. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

Mayor Hearing administered the Oath of Office to Chris Garcia and the new Councilmember took his place at the Council table.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmembers welcomed new Councilmember Chris Garcia and thanked all that applied for the vacancy. Additionally, Councilmembers encouraged the applicants not selected to apply for upcoming vacancies on the various City commissions.

Councilmember Loudenback commented on the Independence Day festivities and encouraged all to attend the July 21st Downtown Block Party and August 10 – 12 Festival at Mt Si.

Councilmember Kostanich commented on Independence Day festivities and increased synergy in Downtown North Bend.

Councilmember Volken expressed concern about the effects that fireworks have on pets and requested the City consider performing a survey regarding the use of fireworks in the community.

Mayor Hearing congratulated newly appointed Councilmember Garcia and thanked all that applied. He encouraged all to attend the Saturday, July 14th Valley Day Out from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Torguson Park and noted the public safety event was a great opportunity to meet members of the Police and Fire Departments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Hearing recessed the special meeting for an Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and real estate acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last 30 minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 9:25 p.m. City Administrator Lindell announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 40 minutes.

The special meeting reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rosen. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk