

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2020

City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Garcia, Gothelf, Koellen, Loudenback & Rosen. Councilmember Miller was excused.

Mayor McFarland made the following announcement: “Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the City’s goal to implement social distancing and protect the public health, safety and welfare of elected officials, staff and citizens, I am suggesting modifying Council Rules to change public comment to the submission of written comment and shorten the length of our regular meeting.”

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to suspend the Council Rules set forth in Resolution 957, Section 2(A) until such time as the COVID-19 emergency has passed. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

Councilmember Elwood stated the following: “Resolution 957 sets forth 13 potential Agenda Items including in person public comment, council reports, updates on Council and volunteer committees. Completing all of these items during a meeting results in lengthening the meeting. In an abundance of caution and in order to promote social distancing, the Council should seek ways to meet the recommendations of both the CDC and local King County Public Health Guidelines by shortening the time period of any meetings we attend in person. By Council reviewing written public comment, Council will still have the benefit of citizens' input but will not needlessly put any person at risk from the spread of this virus.”

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of March 3, 2020

Payroll – March 5, 2020 – 28078 through 28087, in the amount of \$261,950.82

Checks – March 17, 2020 – 68948 through 69032, in the amount of \$1,278,140.66

AB20-038 – Motion Authorizing Contract with King County for I-Net Services

AB20-039 – Motion Authorizing ILA with King County for Park Levy Funds

AB20-040 – Motion Authorizing Contract for Legal Services

AB20-041 – Resolution 1928 Ratifying Proclamation of Emergency

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor McFarland announced an Executive Session would be held following a ten minute recess. The Executive Session was to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and a collective bargaining agreement, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last sixty minutes and audiotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:14 p.m. Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Masko announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 30 minutes.

At 8:44 p.m. Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Masko announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 15 minutes.

At 8:58 p.m. Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Masko announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 17 minutes.

At 9:15 p.m. Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Masko announced to audience members outside the Council Chambers that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 5 minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor McFarland announced there were two written public comments received as part of the public record.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Koellen. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk