

## NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 5, 2020

### Virtual Meeting

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

#### CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**Councilmembers Present:** Elwood, Garcia, Gothelf, Loudenback, Miller & Rosen.  
Councilmember Koellen joined the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

**Minutes** – Council Meeting of April 21, 2020

**Payroll – April 20, 2020 – 28107** through **28115**, in the amount of **\$208,887.87**

**Checks – May 5, 2020 – 69167** through **69210**, in the amount of **\$504,043.01**

**AB20-054** – Motion Authorizing CO #1 with Advanced Diving for Tank Repair

**AB20-055** – Resolution 1930 Accepting Advanced Diving Work on Tank Repair Project

**AB20-056** – Motion Authorizing CO #4 with MSI for WWTP HPI Phase 1 HPI Project

**AB20-057** – Resolution 1931 Authorizing DEA with JDH for Tanner View Short Plat

**AB20-058** – Resolution 1932 Awarding NB Way Overlay Project to Pavement Maintenance LLC

**AB20-059** – Resolution 1933 Awarding Park Street Sidewalk Project to A&M Contractor

**AB20-060** – Resolution 1934 Authorizing Segregation of ULID 6 Assessments – Fleming

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

#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, expressed the following concerns about water system planning: past assumptions, current pandemic, complex assumptions, precision engineering, climate change, safety margins, sensitivity in changes to average demand and water system shortages.

**Susan Kingsbury-Comeau**, Mt Si Senior Center Executive Director, thanked the City for their help with the successful closing of the Cascade Park Apartments purchase and reported on how the reduction in rent has benefited tenants since the Senior Center took over the property.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

**Proclamation – Older Americans Month**

**Audio: 9:49**

Mayor McFarland read a proclamation declaring May 2020 as Older Americans Month in the City of North Bend. Susan Kingsbury-Comeau, Executive Director of Mt. Si Senior Center, thanked Mayor McFarland for issuing the proclamation and provided an updated on the Senior Center and how the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting their operations and patrons.

**FINAL READING:**

**AB20-061 – Ordinance Amending NBMC Title 12 RE Parks & Trails**

**Audio: 18:47**

Interim City Administrator Miller provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

Deputy City Attorney Lindell responded to Mr. Thomas’ comments related to meeting procedures in light of the current pandemic and Governor Inslee’s related orders.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rosen to approve AB20-061, an ordinance adopting amendments to Title 12 of the North Bend Municipal Code concerning Parks and Trails, as a final reading.

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to amend NBMC Section 12.04.030A to insert “Council” at the end of the following phrase: “after first obtaining the written consent of the City.” The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The main motion then **PASSED AS AMENDED** 6-0.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**AB20-062 – Ordinance Adopting NBMC 13.50 Water Conservation**

**Audio: 27:11**

Interim City Administrator Miller provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

**Kevin Brewster, 985 Stone Brook Drive SW**

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

Councilmember Koellen joined the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB20-062, an ordinance adopting NBMC 13.50 Water Conservation, as a first reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB20-063** – Motion Accepting Department of Commerce Grant

**Audio: 59:47**

Interim City Administrator Miller provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve AB20-063, accepting a WA State Department of Commerce grant in the amount of \$50,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

#### **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:**

Councilmember Loudenback mentioned Governor Inslee’s four phased re-opening plan related to the COVID-19 pandemic and thanked all for their patience during this difficult time.

Councilmember Gothelf echoed Councilmember Loudenback’s comments and reminded everyone of the importance of maintaining social distancing during the pandemic. Additionally, he extended his condolences to the family of the Mt Si High School student that recently passed away and reminded parents of the importance of discussing the dangers of drugs with their children.

Councilmember Rosen thanked all that participated in tonight’s meeting and encouraged all to support local businesses during the pandemic.

Councilmember Miller extended her condolences to the family and friends of the Mt Si High School student that recently passed away and encouraged all to tighten their family and community bonds during this trying time. Additionally, she echoed Councilmember Rosen’s comments regarding supporting local businesses.

Councilmember Koellen thanked residents for continuing to respect Governor Inslee’s orders regarding the COVID-19 virus and encouraged all to “stay safe and stay healthy” to help avoid a resurgence in virus cases in the fall. Additionally, she extended condolences to the family of the teen that recently passed away.

Councilmember Garcia echoed Councilmember Gothelf’s comments regarding the passing of a Mt Si High School student and emphasized the importance of parental guidance during

difficult times. He reminded residents that the City had no control over the many people that may come to hike trails on state land surrounding North Bend and encouraged all to stay safe and take care of their family. Additionally, he asked Mr. Rigos about final paving of the Park Street Roundabout.

Councilmember Elwood echoed previous Councilmember comments regarding the passing of the Mt Si High School student and paving of the Park Street Roundabout.

Public Works Director Rigos noted the final paving of the Park Street Roundabout had to be postponed until Mid-May due to COVID-19 related employee illnesses of one of the subcontractor crews.

Interim City Administrator Miller thanked Council for how well they are handling the adjustment to a virtual meeting format.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- Staff Coordination & Public Response with Virtual Meeting Format
- Mt Si High School Senior Graduation
- Yard Waste Recycling – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. to Noon @ Public Works
- Applications for Parks Commission Arts Ex-Officio Advisory position
- City Website Community Resources for Food Assistance
- North Bend named 2019 Tree City USA
- Cancellation of Summer Events with Large Gatherings

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor McFarland recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and a collective bargaining agreement, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4). Action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last forty-five minutes and taping of the meeting would resume following the executive session.

At 9:22 p.m. Mayor McFarland announced to audience members in the virtual lobby that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional fifteen minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

Mayor McFarland recommended the confirmation of David Miller as City Administrator for the City of North Bend. Mayor McFarland noted Mr. Miller had worked for the City for over three years and currently served as the Interim City Administrator and had over forty years of experience and knowledge in municipal government. He added Mr. Miller's prior experience included working as an Executive Director, Public Works Director and Planning Director at other cities and his educational background included a bachelor's degree in

environmental design from the University of Washington as well as teaching university courses related to public administration.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to confirm the appointment of David Miller as the North Bend City Administrator pursuant to Chapter 2.06 of the North Bend Municipal Code. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rob McFarland, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk