

## NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 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 7:04 p.m.

**Councilmembers Present:** Elwood, Garcia, Gothelf, Koellen and Loudenback. Councilmembers Miller and Rosen joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

**Minutes** – Council Workstudy of April 28, 2020 & Council Meeting of May 5, 2020

**Payroll – May 5, 2020 – 28116 through 28125**, in the amount of **\$262,497.30**

**Checks – May 19, 2020 – 69211 through 69262**, in the amount of **\$910,704.24**

**AB20-064** – Resolution 1935 Amending Personnel Manual RE Paid Family & Medical Leave

**AB20-065** – Resolution 1936 Authorizing WWRP Grant Submittal for Meadowbrook Farm Trail Project

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, commented on the City's new Water System Plan and expressed concern about water rights violations, appropriate water mitigation, water system leakage and metering issues. He commented on the upcoming Town Hall meeting and expressed concern about water usage in the ordinance that will be discussed at the meeting.

**Linda Miller**, 11524 428<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, discussed the Six Year TIP 2021 – 2026 Pickett Avenue Extension Project and expressed the following concerns related to the project: safety, traffic flow, street width, lighting, and signage to slow vehicular traffic.

**Robin Gray**, 10826 428<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, expressed her displeasure that citizens weren't allowed to comment on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda item related to design of the Pickett Avenue Extension Project and mentioned the project was not supposed to be awarded until an additional public hearing was held.

**Matt Gray**, 10826 428<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, requested better descriptions of the purpose and need of projects on the Six Year TIP 2021 – 2026. He reiterated previous comments regarding the

lack of public hearing prior to award of the Pickett Avenue Extension Project and commented on the traffic analysis and property acquisition related to the project.

**Jean Buckner**, 46226 SE 139<sup>th</sup> Place, commented on the proposed water conservation ordinance and expressed concern about the burden placed on the City's water rate payers related to water mitigation costs. She encouraged the City to stop issuing water certificates and come up with a viable water mitigation plan.

**Jeff Krueger**, 13709 457<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, expressed his displeasure on how the proposed water conservation ordinance was characterized by some Councilmembers at the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. He noted most citizens were in favor of water conservation but in a manner that was reasonable and fair to long term residents and suggested graduated amounts of water allotments per lot size.

Public Works Director Rigos explained an engineering design contract was approved on March 3<sup>rd</sup> related to the Pickett Avenue Extension Project and safety elements of the project were being reviewed. He noted the SEPA process for the project was estimated to take place in late summer and would allow for notification and input of project design by those affected by the project. He reported a public hearing would be held in the fall when the project gets around eighty percent design completion and award of the project would take place in 2021.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

**AB20-066** – Appointment to Economic Development Commission **Audio: 28:04**

Mayor McFarland recommended the appointment of Chris Castleberry to Position No.5 on the Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve AB20-066, confirming the appointment of Chris Castleberry to Position No. 5 on the Business & Economic Development Commission, term expiring December 31, 2024. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community & Economic Development Committee** – Councilmember Loudenback, Chair  
A report of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Public Health & Safety Committee** – Councilmember Garcia, Chair  
A report of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Transportation & Public Works Committee** – Councilmember Rosen, Chair  
A report of the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair  
A report of the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting** – Councilmember Gothelf  
A report of the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Council Workstudy** – Mayor Pro Tem Elwood  
A report of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Workstudy was provided.

**Planning Commission**  
A report of the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Parks Commission**  
A report of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was provided.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

**AB20-067 – Public Hearing, Resolution Adopting Six Year TIP 2021-2026      Audio: 52:02**

Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report.

**Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on a Resolution Adopting the Six Year TIP 2021-2026 at 8:02 p.m.**

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Six Year TIP Project T-029: Pickett Avenue Extension:

**Mike Davies**, 917 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Martin Volken**, 909 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Curtis von Trapp**, 416 Boxley Place NE  
**Catherine Pickard**, 908 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Paul Daniels**, 908 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Sarah Carter**, 1029 Pickett Avenue NE  
**Todd Carter**, 1029 Pickett Avenue NE  
**Bill Carter**, 11810 NE 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Kirkland  
**Gina Volken**, 909 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Maren Aberle**, 901 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Jeff Barber**, 401 Pickett Avenue NE  
**Aaron Gerber**, 817 Pickett Avenue NE  
**Amanda Gerber**, 817 Pickett Avenue NE  
**Ed DeAlbuquerque**, 11326 428<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
**Dan Boehlje**, 408 Boxley Place NE  
**Susan Graham**, 409 Pickett Avenue NE  
**Linsey Tracy**, 809 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street

**Justin Geel**, 930 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Josh Krause**, 417 Pickett Avenue NE  
**James Knight**, 311 Vaughan Boulevard NE  
**Keith Navidi**, 42924 SE 114<sup>th</sup> Street

The following individuals spoke regarding the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE  
**Martin Volken**, 909 Pickett Avenue NE

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to approve AB20-067, a resolution adopting the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program 2021 – 2026, as a first reading, and continuing the public hearing until the June 16, 2020 City Council Meeting. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB20-068** – Motion Authorizing Collective Bargaining Agreement RE Office/Clerical & Technical Employees **Audio: 2:12:54**

Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Masko provided the staff report.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB20-068, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters covering Office-Clerical and Technical employees. The motion **PASSED** 4-3 (Elwood, Gothelf, Rosen).

**AB20-069** – Ordinance 1721 Adopting NBMC Chapter 3.10 Sales & Use Tax for Affordable Housing **Audio (Part 2): 3:21**

City Administrator Miller provided the staff report.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve AB20-069, an ordinance adopting NBMC Chapter 3.10 Sales & Use Tax for Affordable Housing, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

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

Councilmember Gothelf encouraged anyone that was experiencing the symptoms of a heart attack or stroke to call 9-1-1.

Councilmember Miller congratulated all local high school and college seniors on their upcoming graduation and thanked everyone for their efforts in staying safe and strong during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Koellen thanked staff for providing cotton masks for Councilmembers and thanked all those that were able to wear face masks in public during the pandemic.

Councilmember Garcia addressed comments on the water conservation ordinance and noted earlier in the day the CED Council Committee discussed three to five different lot sizes related to water allocation and the ratio of fines inside and outside city limits. In response to a citizen comment earlier in tonight’s meeting, he noted the higher rates were for City water customers outside the City limits and not Sallal customers outside the City limits. Additionally, he commented on Department of Ecology’s recommendations regarding the City’s water mitigation and encouraged all to continue to stay safe during the pandemic.

Councilmember Elwood echoed Councilmember Garcia’s comments and thanked Mr. Castleberry for volunteering to serve on the Economic Development Commission. Additionally, he thanked the public for providing input on tonight’s agenda items.

City Administrator Miller reported Building, Engineering and Planning staff were still busy processing various permits and projects and thanked Council for their support of City staff and the work they were able to get done during these difficult times.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- City Staff and COVID-19
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting on Water Conservation Ordinance & Water System Plan
- Opening of Middle Fork Road
- Playground Equipment & Sports Courts closed until further notice
- Phased Reopening Plan for COVID-19

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rosen. The motion **PASSED** 6-1 (Garcia).

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rob McFarland, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk