

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 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 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Garcia, Gothelf, Koellen, Loudenback, Miller and Rosen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Special Council Workstudies of October 6, 2020 & October 13, 2020, Council Workstudy of October 27, 2020 & Special Council Meeting of October 27, 2020

Payroll – November 5, 2020 – 28219 through 28226, in the amount of **\$278,844.62**

Checks – November 17, 2020 – 69922 through 69976, in the amount of **\$2,159,916.69**

AB20-149 – Motion Authorizing 5th Amendment to Lawhead Contract

AB20-150 – Resolution 1961 Accepting Grant for Mt Si Blvd/SR 202 Roundabout Project

AB20-151 – Motion Authorizing Amendment to Payroll Services Contract

AB20-152 – Ordinance 1734 Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule RE Solid Waste & Recycling Rates

AB20-153 – Motion Authorizing Purchase Order for Laptops

AB20-154 – Motion Authorizing Purchase Order for NBTV Equipment

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 5-2 (Garcia, Rosen).

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Former Mayor Ken Hearing announced the November 6th passing of Dave Olson. Mr. Hearing noted he was a frequent attendee of City Council meetings and due to his extensive community involvement in such organizations as the Kiwanis Club, North Bend Community Church, Mt. Si High School Key Club, and local food banks was awarded the 2011 Community Spirit Award by the City. He extended his condolences to Mr. Olson's family and noted he would be missed by all.

Judy Tamigniaux, sister of Mr. Olson, thanked all for their condolences and thanked the community for all of the support they provided to her brother during his lifetime. She noted a memorial gathering for Mr. Olson would be held next spring or summer.

Mayor McFarland and Councilmembers shared various stories of Mr. Olson that reflected his vast involvement in the community and his caring and kindness to all. They extended condolences to Mr. Olson's family and commented that his would be missed by the North Bend City Council Minutes – November 17, 2020

community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB20-155 – Appointment to Economic Development Commission

Audio: 20:18

Mayor McFarland recommended the appointment of Beth Burrows to Position No. 3 on the Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve AB20-155, confirming the appointment of Beth Burrows to Position No. 3 on the Business & Economic Development Commission, to fill the current term expiring December 31, 2020, and a new four year 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 November 17th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
A report of the November 3rd meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the November 12th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Garcia, Chair
A report of the November 10th meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Elwood
A report of the October 13th Special Budget Workstudy and October 27th Regular Workstudy was provided.

Planning Commission
A report of the November 12th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission
A report of agenda items for the upcoming November 18th meeting was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Rosen, Chair
A report of the October 27th meeting was provided.

MAIN AGENDA:

Presentation – Mayor’s 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Message

Audio: 37:48

Mayor McFarland presented the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Message.

AB20-156 – Public Hearing Cont., Ordinance 1735 Adopting 2021 Property Tax Levy **Audio: 1:02:27**

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

Mayor McFarland announced the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Adopting 2021 Property Tax Levy was opened at the November 3, 2020 City Council meeting and continued to tonight’s meeting.

There was no public comment and Mayor McFarland closed the Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve AB20-156, an ordinance adopting the 2021 Property Tax Levy with a zero percent increase, as a final reading. The motion **PASSED** 4-3 (Elwood, Koellen, Loudenback).

AB20-157 – Public Hearing Cont., Ordinance Adopting 2021-2022 Biennial Budget **Audio: 1:24:01**

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

Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Adopting 2021-2022 Biennial Budget at 8:25 p.m.

There was no public comment and Mayor McFarland closed the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor McFarland announced the ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget was scheduled for a second reading and adoption at the December 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

Mayor McFarland recessed the meeting for a five minute break at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor McFarland called the meeting back to order at 8:37 p.m.

AB20-158 – Public Hearing, Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement for Marijuana Retail Store **Audio: 1:29:59**

Senior Planner McCarty provided the staff report.

Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on a Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement for Marijuana Retail Store at 8:43 p.m.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Joe Merritt, 15319 Reserve Drive - against
Dillon Camp, 1229 Little Si Avenue - against
Stephannie Karlsson, 780 SE 11th Street - for
Wayne Seminoff, 6501 Lake Washington Blvd NE, Kirkland - applicant
Katherine Cassady, 40106 SE 60th Street - against
Nikki Pratto, 32005 NE 139th Street - for
Thomas Merry, 728 SE Cedar Falls Way - against
Sara Shaw, 16712 423rd Place SE - for
Paige Camp, 1229 Little Si Avenue - against
Wendy Rendelman, 43907 SE 170th Street – against

Mayor McFarland closed the Public Hearing at 9:10 p.m.

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB20-158, a resolution authorizing a Development Agreement with Wayne Seminoff for a marijuana retail store, as a first reading.

Councilmember Garcia **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to reinstate Section 3.11 (Mitigation Payment) of the Development Agreement that was previously presented to the Planning Commission. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The main motion then **PASSED AS AMENDED** 7-0.

Mayor McFarland announced the Executive Session that was scheduled for tonight's meeting had been cancelled.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He noted COVID-19 cases were on the rise and encouraged all to take appropriated safety measures. Additionally, he encouraged all that were experiencing emergency medical conditions to call 911.

Councilmember Garcia echoed Councilmember Gothelf's comments and encouraged those that were able to help others during the holidays to do so. He encouraged the community to donate to the Kiwanis Giving Tree program and noted the event supports local families. Additionally, he thanked those that provided comments on AB20-158 - Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement for Marijuana Retail Store.

Councilmember Miller echoed Councilmember Garcia's comments regarding the impact of COVID-19 and commented on AB20-158. She wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Loudenback wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and commented on the increased COVID-19 cases and importance of practicing appropriate safety measures. He commented on the upcoming COVID-19 vaccines and encouraged all to support local businesses that have been affected by the recently implemented COVID related restrictions.

Councilmember Rosen echoed fellow Councilmembers comments on AB20-158, support of fellow neighbors and local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Koellen commented on her experience as a nurse treating COVID patients and that it was harder to treat than the seasonal flu. She noted she had attended a Sound Cities Association meeting that reported over 500 new cases daily of COVID-19 in King County. She encouraged all to be safe and vigilant during Thanksgiving and to consider celebrating the holiday with members of their household only.

Councilmember Elwood echoed fellow Councilmembers comments on AB20-158, supporting local businesses and restaurants and the discussion on COVID-19 fatigue and community spread of the virus that took place earlier in the day during the Sound Cities Association meeting. Additionally, he extended wishes for a happy Thanksgiving to all.

City Administrator Miller commented on instruction provided to staff as a result of the recently implements COVID-19 restrictions and noted City services were still being provided related to essential and development services.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- New Restrictions Related to COVID-19 Pandemic
- November 2020 – Be Kind Month in the City
- Boy Scout Troup 466 Tree Planting at City Hall
- Recent Passing of Ms. Miller, Teacher at Opstad Elementary School

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk