

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2, 2021

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 7:01 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Meeting of January 19, 2021

Payroll – January 20, 2021 – 28257 through 28264, in the amount of **\$340,331.53**

Checks – February 2, 2021 – 70260 through 70338, in the amount of **\$473,444.95**

AB21-009 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Blueline for Park Street Overlay Project

AB21-010 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Blueline for 2nd Street Sidewalk Project

AB21-011 – Motion Authorizing Amendment to QCC Contract for WWTP HPI Projects

AB21-012 – Ordinance 1738 Amending Title 15 RE Building Code

AB21-013 – Ordinance 1739 Amending NBMC Chapter 15.18 RE Fire Code

AB21-014 – Motion Authorizing Settlement Agreement with Si View HOA

AB21-015 – Motion Authorizing Agreement with American Legion

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, expressed concern about the rate of growth and its effects on the quality of life for residents and the environment. Additionally, he requested citizen comments that were provided up until Council packet production be included in the packet.

Mark Joselyn, 425 SE 5th Street, thanked Council for the funding provided for holiday decorations and flower baskets. He expressed concern about Council not taking the one percent property tax increase for 2021 and noted he hoped that it wouldn't have a negative effect on future funding for these and other important items.

Mike Hansen, 485 SE 10th Street, thanked Council for passing AB21-014 – Motion Authorizing Settlement Agreement with Si View HOA and requested funding be set aside for sidewalk improvements. Additionally, he expressed concern about a proposed plan to

open up additional access into the New Si View neighborhood via a City vacant lot on SE 10th Street.

Kenneth Nero, 1161 Forester Boulevard SW, mentioned he moved to the area for its natural beauty and recreational opportunities and noted growth should be a secondary consideration to living in the area.

Jeff Krueger, 13709 457th Ave. SE, mentioned the detrimental impact the City's need for more revenue by increasing growth would have on the community and its limited resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – Parks Commission Report & 2021 Work Plan **Audio: 15:01**

Parks Commission Chair Rudd presented the Commission's 2020 Summary Report which detailed the year's expenditures and activities. She noted the 2021 Tentative Work Program for the Commission included feedback on Si View MPD's proposed Recreation Program Plan, Mural for WWTP Clarifier, and future park projects and maintenance items including the Tollgate Farm to Downtown trail plan, Torguson Park Skatepark grand opening, Tollgate Farmhouse and Farmstead, Tennant Trailhead Park plans and new subdivision parks.

Presentation – Police Services Update **Audio: 24:33**

Captain Nick Almquist provided an update on police services which included discussion on the following items: department overview and staffing, calls for service, operations statistics, patrol operations, operations support, significant cases, items of importance and community-oriented policing.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB21-016 – Resolution 1968 Authorizing Developer Extension Agreement with Habitat for Humanity **Audio: 46:25**

Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB21-016, a resolution authorizing a Developer Extension Agreement with Habitat for Humanity Seattle – King County for the Habitat for Humanity Townhomes. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB21-017 – Ordinance 1740 Repealing Ordinance 1728 & Adopting
December 2020 Water System Plan**

Audio: 53:40

Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Marcus Morissette, 12629 468th Ave. SE

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Kevin Brewster, 428 Orchard Ave. NE

Shari Tarantino, Orca Conservancy, P.O. Box 16628, Seattle

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place

Lucinda Hauser, 48656 SE Mt Si Road

Larry Stockton, 900 NE 8th Street

Ann Bailey, 46313 SE 134th Street

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve AB21-017, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 1728 (adoption of July 2020 Water System Plan) and adopting December 2020 Water System Plan, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Miller commented she had observed the Friends of the Trail organization picking up large amounts of garbage on the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. She noted what a benefit they were to the community and thanked them for their good works.

Councilmember Loudenback thanked the public for their participation at tonight's meeting and noted now that the Water System Plan was passed the next focus would be on mitigation.

Councilmember Koellen thanked citizens for providing comments during tonight's Town Hall meeting and City Council meeting regarding the City's Water System Plan.

Councilmember Elwood echoed fellow Councilmember's comments on public participation and commented on Mr. Hansen's remarks on a sidewalk improvement plan and the proposed connection to SE 10th Street in the New Si View neighborhood. Additionally, he thanked Public Works Director Rigos for his Water System Plan presentation and answering numerous Council questions related to the Plan.

Councilmember Garcia encouraged everyone to stay safe, wear their masks and continue to socially distance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. He thanked the public for their comments and participation in tonight's meeting, discussed his history of community involvement and encouraged those that were interested to get involved by running for

Council or a City Commission. He noted all electeds, staff, commissioners and community volunteers are all driven to work for the betterment of the community and reminded all that one of the characteristics of rural character was about treating each other with kindness and respect.

City Administrator Miller thanked Council for their robust discussion on the Water System Plan.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- Republic Services new Garbage Service Collection Routes
- King County entering Phase 2 of Healthy WA Roadmap to Recovery Plan
- King County Public Health Vaccine Dashboard
- Special Council Workstudy – Tuesday, February 9th @ 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk