

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 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 7:00 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Special Workstudy of February 9, 2021 & Council Meeting of February 16, 2021

Payroll – February 19, 2021 – 28272 through 28278, in the amount of **\$219,146.77**

Checks – March 2, 2021 – 70412 through 70462, in the amount of **\$608,586.97**

AB21-022 – Motion Authorizing 1st Amendment to Blueline Contract

AB21-023 – Motion Authorizing Work Order with G&O for Mt Si Springs Air Gap Study

AB21-024 – Motion Authorizing ILA with King County Flood Control District

AB21-025 – Motion Authorizing ILA with King County for Jail Services

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – Economic Development Commission Report

Audio: 1:42

Economic Development Commission Chair Wilson reported the Commission's work for 2020 included welcoming new Commissioners and City staff members, development planning and research for the City's Economic Development Plan, Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Grant for new wayfinding signs, North Bend Rapid Relief Program for area businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, COVID-19 business resource support and support of the Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition initiatives.

Commissioner Wilson noted in 2021 the Commission would focus on finishing the Economic Development Plan. She explained the plan will contain a detailed technical paper linking goals with strategies and potential actions to help Council in decision making and also contain a public facing piece that features basic content and a larger emphasis on infographics. She concluded by noting the Commission would wrap the year up by starting on the Economic Development Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB21-026 – Ordinance 1741 Adopting New Sewer Rates & General Facility Charges & Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule **Audio: 17:18**

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

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve AB21-026, an ordinance setting new Sewer Rates and General Facilities Charges and amending the Taxes, Rates & Fee Schedule, as a final reading. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor McFarland congratulated Councilmember Miller for receiving the distinction of best City Councilmember in the Snoqualmie Valley Records' Best of the Valley contest. He also congratulated Councilmember Garcia for being named as a finalist in the contest.

Mayor McFarland also thanked Councilmember Gothelf for his efforts in helping Eastside Fire & Rescue (EFR) obtain its designation as a non-profit entity. He noted Councilmember Gothelf's many years serving on the EFR Board, along with his tireless dedication and perseverance, were instrumental in achieving this important goal for all member partners, including the City of North Bend.

Councilmember Garcia thanked Councilmember Gothelf for his hard work on the EFR Board and congratulated him for being elected Chair of the Board again.

Councilmember Gothelf commented on the process involved with EFR's change to a non-profit status designation and the public safety benefit and commitment of all partners. He encouraged all to stay safe and continue following COVID-19 public safety guidelines and commented on increasing vaccine availability and local vaccination plans.

Councilmember Miller thanked Mayor McFarland for his kind words and the community for nominating her as best Councilmember in the Valley. She noted how wonderful it was to be a part of such a great team at the City and echoed Councilmember Gothelf's comments regarding the pandemic.

Councilmember Koellen commented in the increase in vaccines being received by the State but noted only a portion would be distributed to King County. She reported with the recent approval of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine that it was hoped that anyone wishing to receive a vaccine could do so by May.

Councilmember Loudenback congratulated Councilmember Miller and Garcia for being nominated by citizens as best Councilmembers in the Valley and thanked Councilmember Gothelf for his efforts regarding the non-profit formation for EFR. He thanked staff for

their hard work related to AB21-026 Ordinance Adopting New Sewer Rates & General Facilities Charges.

Councilmember Garcia noted the elementary schools were back in session and encouraged all to travel safely in school zones. He requested the Transportation & Public Works Committee discuss a potential crosswalk at Cedar Falls Way/Maloney Grove and congratulated Councilmember Miller for receiving the best Councilmember of the Valley designation.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- King County Metro Ridership Survey
- Opening of Skate Park at Torguson Park
- Free Wi-Fi at North Bend Library

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk