

**NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**May 4, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

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

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes** – City Council Meeting of April 20, 2021

**Payroll** – April 20, 2021 – 28309 through 28315, in the amount of \$232,034.51

**Checks** – May 4, 2021 – 70690 through 70745, in the amount of \$535,031.68

**AB21-043** – Motion Authorizing Contract with RH2 for Pickett Ave. Water Main Replacement Project

**AB21-044** – Motion Authorizing Contract with Hydrovo, LLC for Leak Detection

**AB21-045** – Motion Authorizing Contract with G&O for Booster Station

**AB21-046** – Resolution 1973 Accepting River Glen Infrastructure Improvements

**AB21-047** – Motion Authorizing ILA with King County RE South Fork Landing

**AB21-048** – Motion Authorizing Contract with Nursery at Mt Si

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

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:**

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, requested that an update on the City’s financial state and sales and property tax revenue be added to a future Council meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

**Proclamation** – Emergency Services Week

**Audio: 2:51**

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia read a proclamation declaring May 16 - 22, 2021 as Emergency Services Week in the City of North Bend. Eastside Fire & Rescue Chief Jeff Clark was present to accept the proclamation.

**Proclamation – Building Safety Month**

**Audio: 9:37**

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia read a proclamation declaring May 2021 as Building Safety Month in the City of North Bend.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**AB21-049 – Public Hearing, Ordinance Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees  
Schedule RE Water Rates**

**Audio: 13:00**

Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report.

**Mayor Pro Tem Garcia opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule RE Water Rates at 7:18 p.m.**

The following individuals spoke on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

**Wende Miller, 6814 Denny Peak Drive SE, Snoqualmie**

**Mayor Pro Tem Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.**

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to move an ordinance setting new Water Rates and General Facilities Charges and amending the Taxes, Rates & Fee Schedule, for second reading and adoption at the May 18, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB21-050 – Ordinance 1746 Issuance of Water & Sewer Revenue  
& Refunding Bonds**

**Audio: 25:37**

Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director Masko provided the staff report. Bond Counsel Deanna Gregory of Pacifica Law Group and Public Finance Investment Banking Vice President Caitlin Caldwell of KeyBanc Capital Markets were on hand to answer any questions.

The following individuals spoke on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to approve AB21-050, an ordinance approving issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$30,400,000, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 6-1 (Rosen).

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

City Administrator Miller commented on AB21-050 – Ordinance Issuing Water & Sewer Revenue & Refunding Bond and noted the City was very cognizant of the environmental standards for both water and sewer and thanked Council for their efforts on behalf of the community.

Councilmember Gothelf commented on Governor Inslee’s decision to not move back to Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Reopening Plan and reminded everyone to continue practicing CDC guidelines regarding the pandemic. Additionally, he commented on the extended daylight hours and encouraged all to drive safely in area neighborhoods where children may be at play.

Councilmember Loudenback wished everyone a happy Cinco de Mayo and encouraged all to be safe.

Councilmember Rosen echoed Councilmember Gothelf’s comments regarding Governor Inslee and asked all to continue to support area businesses during the pandemic.

Councilmember Miller echoed fellow Councilmember’s comments regarding COVID-19 safety protocols and encouraged those that are considering hiking during the nice weather to bring the “ten essentials” with them.

Councilmember Elwood commented on recently receiving his second COVID-19 vaccine and encouraged all to consider getting the vaccine for the greater good of the community.

Councilmember Koellen reported that sixty percent of King County residents had begun the vaccine process and noted President Biden had announced today that those who had not received the vaccine could text “438829” and enter their zip code to find a vaccine location near them.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia spoke regarding the following items:

- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Public Works Employee Randy Grina
- May 6<sup>th</sup> King Conservation District Webinar on Managing Wildfire Risk
- Snoqualmie River Bridge Closure – May 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- King County “License for Love” Pet Licensing and Late Fee Waiver Campaign
- Mt Si Senior Center May Weekly “Zoom” Support Groups – You’re Not Alone During COVID & Caregiver Support

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Chris Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk