

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 3, 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, Miller and Rosen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of July 20, 2021

Payroll – July 20, 2021 – 28354 through 28360, in the amount of **\$223,175.41**

Checks – August 3, 2021 – 71039 through 71098, in the amount of **\$578,718.49**

AB21-079 – Resolution 1985 Awarding Park Street Overlay Project to Lakeside

AB21-080 – Resolution 1986 Awarding Street Striping Project to Apply-A-Line

AB21-081 – Resolution 1987 Accepting North Bend Way Guardrail Project

AB21-082 – Ordinance 1754 Amending 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance 1737

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

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Liz Davis, 225 Taylor Ave. S, invited the public to attend the Friends of the North Bend Library pop-up book sale being held on the lawn area outside the North Bend Library on Saturday, August 14th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – Police Services Legislative Update

Audio: 2:46

Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Chief Phipps discussed the impact the recently passed legislation related to police reform would have on police services. He noted the new laws became effective on July 25, 2021 and provided an overview of the impact that HB 1054 – Police Tactics, HB 1310 – Use of Force and SB 5476 – “Blake” Decision would have on police service and the community.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf reported the following positive City financial highlights: increase in business and occupation taxes, decrease in revenue associated with waiving utility delinquency fees, receipt of 2021 distribution of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds, increased appropriations for transfer of park impact fees to Si View MPD and school impact fees to Snoqualmie Valley School District, and receipt of a Conservation Futures Grant for the new South Fork Landing Park.

Councilmember Loudenback commented on the undergrounding of utility poles at the recently completed Park Street Roundabout and reminded all to be patient and practice caution when traveling in construction zones in the City.

Councilmember Miller echoed Councilmember Loudenback’s comments related to construction zones.

Councilmember Koellen commented on the low crime rate in the City and encouraged all to wear their masks indoors to help combat the new Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus.

Councilmember Elwood encouraged all traveling in neighborhood or areas near parks to be mindful of pedestrians and children at play. He invited all to attend the “Grange on the Range” live music event at the Nursery at Mt. Si on Friday, August 6th at 7 p.m.

City Administrator Miller commented on the recent communications outreach related to the removal of combustible materials to help prevent wildfire danger in the area.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- WWTP 2020 Outstanding Performance Award from WA State DOE
- Building Department 2021 Jurisdictional Outreach Award from WABO
- Stage 1 of Water Conservation Ordinance effective August 15th
- Addition of “How Do I” tab to City’s website
- Si View MPD Aquatic Center Planning Meeting – August 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Mt Si Senior Center open to public

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor
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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk