

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 15, 2022

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, Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Miller and Rosen.
Councilmember Loudanback joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of February 1, 2022

Payroll – February 4, 2022 – 28448 through 28453, in the amount of **\$306,174.96**

Checks – February 15, 2022 – 71925 through 71983, in the amount of **\$985,092.45**

AB22-020 – Motion Authorizing Contract with RH2 for Development Support

AB22-021 – Motion Authorizing Blanket Purchase Orders

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, requested Council reconsider any property purchase that would increase the tax burden to citizens and discussed Sallal Water Association, climate change and sources and funding of projects related to water mitigation.

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place, expressed concern about inaccurate statements in a recent City newsletter regarding the Hobo Springs project and discussed climate change, water availability and Council's responsibility to analyze information they receive from City staff.

Councilmember Loudanback joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Miller, Chair
A report of the February 15th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the February 1st meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair

A report of the February 8th meeting was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Loudenback, Chair

A report of the January 25th meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Rosen

No report. The January 25th Workstudy was cancelled.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf

A report of the February 10th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission

A report of the February 10th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission

A report of the January 26th meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission

A report of the January 25th meeting was provided.

Sound Cities Association Board of Health – Councilmember Koellen

A report of the February 15th King County Board of Health meeting was provided.

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum – Councilmember Joselyn

A report of the January 19th meeting was provided.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB22-022 – Ordinance 1770 Amending 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance 1737 **Audio: 21:46**

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

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rosen to approve AB22-022, an ordinance amending the 2021-2022 Budget and Salary Schedule, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Miller wished everyone a safe and happy week ahead.

Councilmember Gothelf commented on last weekend's excellent weather and seeing residents in the community enjoying the new amenities at Torguson Park.

Councilmember Elwood echoed Councilmember Gothelf's comments and noted he observed many people visiting downtown North Bend this past weekend. He reported "Tiny Beautiful Things" would be playing at Valley Center Stage starting February 18th.

Councilmember Joselyn commented on the Kiwanis fundraising hearts on light posts in downtown North Bend and thanked them for their efforts.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- City Negotiations with Republic Services on credit for missed service
- Cancellation of February 22nd Workstudy & Special March 1st Workstudy
- COVID-19 Update
- Passing of Susan Hankins
- "New Day's Lyric" by Amanda Gorman

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor McFarland recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss property acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last sixty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:38 p.m. it was announced to audience members in the virtual lobby that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional ten minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk