

CITY OF NORTH BEND  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY NOTES

**June 28, 2022**

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

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Alan Gothelf, Mark Joselyn, Heather Koellen, Ross Loudenback, Mary Miller and Jonathan Rosen were present. Councilmember Brenden Elwood was excused.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Rob McFarland, City Administrator David Miller, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Administrative Services Director/Deputy City Administrator Dawn Masko, Finance Director Richard Gould, Community & Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming, and Interim Communications Manager Bre Keveren.

Councilmember Gothelf announced Item #2 – Discussion on Fireworks – would be moved to the first item for discussion on tonight's agenda.

### **Discussion on Fireworks**

City Administrator Miller explained that there are variations among cities within King County on fireworks restrictions or bans. Council noted they wanted to ensure that the City of North Bend was in compliance with King County regulations, while acknowledging the North Bend community's historic approach to fireworks. Council noted that neighboring cities and King County as a whole are changing views and regulations about fireworks, which changes Council's view on banning fireworks. Council noted the inherent danger and recurrent, severe injuries that occur due to fireworks every year. Council expressed appreciation for the idea of a commercial and/or community organization-driven, public fireworks show in North Bend.

Council consensus was to send a potential ordinance like King County's ordinance to Council Committee for review and recommendation.

### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds**

Finance Director Gould presented ARPA fund usage options, touching on challenges of understanding clarification around ARPA funds, history, costs, and prerequisites. The City of North Bend has received \$1 million in ARPA funds thus far, and another \$1 million is expected in one week from June 28, 2022.

Council and staff discussed the need to support financial burdens on the City that were unique to COVID-19, a need to target economic development, and that the City reserve a portion of it for future needs.

Council noted the need to ensure that the City is allocating ARPA funds sufficiently so that the City is not caught unaware when ongoing costs continue.

Administrative Services Director Masko noted that to date, a small amount of ARPA funds have been spent in disinfecting City Hall with the intent of protecting staff while running the 2021 Cooling Shelter, as well as costs associated with the audio visual system that has allowed the City to hold remote and hybrid public meetings. These costs are not mixed in or comingled with other purchases; these are completely separate.

Council and staff discussed the Main Street program and nonprofit organizations that could benefit from ARPA Funds and whether or not funds could be used for the following:

- To help essential workers such as truck drivers and overnight parking
- To increase ventilation in public schools and parks buildings
- To support mental health work with youth, and local organizations that currently support mental health, as well as public schools' work in this area.

### **Adjournment**

The workstudy closed at 7:46 p.m.

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Alan Gothelf, Councilmember

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Bre Keveren, Communications Manager