

## NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**March 21, 2023**

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, Loudenback, Miller and Rosen.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to remand to the April 11, 2023 Finance & Administration Committee AB23-036 – Resolution Adopting Procurement Policy & Procedures and AB23-037 – Ordinance Repealing NBMC 3.30 Purchasing. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes** – City Council Meeting of March 7, 2023

**Payroll – March 3, 2023 – 28611** through **28616**, in the amount of **\$321,112.17**

**Checks – March 21, 2023 – 73745** through **73814**, in the amount of **\$1,296,144.66**

**AB23-032** – Motion Authorizing Purchase of Pickup Mounted Snowplows

**AB23-033** – Authorizing Contract with Pendleton Consulting

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

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

**Wendy Weiker**, Community Relations Manager, Republic Services, expressed surprise at AB23-038 – Motion Authorizing Contract for Solid Waste & Recycling Services being on tonight's agenda and reiterated Republic Services' commitment to North Bend. She mentioned the following: Republic Services willingness to negotiate with the City, the impact of contract term changes from ten to twelve years and their ongoing commitment to zero waste programs.

**Steve Brum**, Regional Vice-President, Recology King County, noted he was honored the City was considering Recology for their solid waste and recycling services and mentioned they provided the best value in the industry. He noted they were an employee-owned company and discussed their commitment to a successful contract transition and community relations.

**Jason Ritchey**, 2802 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, requested the recently postponed AB23-018 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Gray & Osborne for Water System Plan Amendment be brought

forward again for consideration by Council.

**Nick Jensen**, 296 Olallie Place NE, noted he attended the 2023 Citizen's Academy and thanked City staff, particularly Administrative Services Director Lisa Escobar and Communications Manager Bre Keveren, for all of their efforts on this year's academy classes.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

**Presentation – 2023 Citizen's Academy**

**Audio: 11:51**

Mayor McFarland presented Citizen's Academy attendees with a Certificate of Completion marking their participation in the 2023 North Bend Citizen's Academy.

**Presentation – Snoqualmie Valley Health**

**Audio: 20:48**

Renee Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, provided a presentation on a proposed levy lid lift that will provide additional services such as a tax credit program, Emergency Department Expansion, new MRI and CT scanner, mammography, behavioral health, additional providers and services and expansion into outlying areas.

#### **COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community & Economic Development Committee** – Councilmember Miller, Chair  
A report of the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was provided.

**Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair  
A report of the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Public Health & Safety Committee** – Councilmember Rosen, Chair  
A report of the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Transportation & Public Works Committee** – Councilmember Loudenback, Chair  
A report of the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting** – Councilmember Gothelf  
A report of the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Planning Commission**  
A report of the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was provided.

**Parks Commission**  
No report.

**Economic Development Commission**

A report of the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Sound Cities Association Board of Health – Councilmember Koellen**

A report of the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Loudenback**

A report of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Koellen**

A report of the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board – Mayor McFarland**

A report of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was provided.

**Growth Management Planning Council – Mayor McFarland**

A report of the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**MAIN AGENDA:**

**AB23-034 – Public Hearing, Ordinance 1792 Adopting NBMC 3.78 Multi-Family Tax Exemption Programs** **Audio: 54:55**

City Attorney Marshall provided the staff report.

**Mayor McFarland opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Adopting NBMC 3.78 Multi-Family Tax Exemption Program at 7:58 p.m.**

**There was no public comment and Mayor McFarland closed the Public Hearing at 7:59 p.m.**

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to approve AB23-034, an ordinance adopting North Bend Municipal Code 3.78 relating to a Multifamily Tax Exemption Program, as a final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB23-035 – Motion Authorizing H-GAC Contract RE Robert Half** **Audio: 1:00:00**

Finance Director Gould provided the staff report.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rosen to approve AB23-035, authorizing the Mayor to execute the H-GAC intergovernmental Cooperation Contract attached hereto as Exhibit A. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB23-038 – Motion Authorizing Contract for Solid Waste & Recycling Services** **Audio: 1:11:56**

Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report.

The following individual(s) commented on the agenda item:

**Anthony Brocato**, General Manager, Recology King County

**Logan Harvey**, Government Relations and Sustainability Manager, Recology King County

**Wendy Weiker**, Community Relations Manager, Republic Services

Councilmember Loudenback **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rosen to approve AB23-038, authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a 12-year Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Compostables Collection Services Contract with Recology King County, Inc. for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2036, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to reduce the Administrative Service Fee in the proposed contract from 7.5 percent to 4 percent. The motion **FAILED** 3-4 (Joselyn, Koellen, Loudenback, Miller).

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to amend the main motion to pass as a first reading with a second reading scheduled for the April 4, 2023 City Council Meeting. The motion **PASSED** 4-2 (Koellen, Loudenback) (Joselyn abstained).

The main motion then **PASSED AS AMENDED** 6-1 (Loudenback).

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

Councilmember Gothelf encouraged all to enjoy the nice weather and to exercise caution when driving in areas where children were at play.

Councilmember Miller mentioned she attended a few sessions of this year's Citizen's Academy and congratulated graduating participants and thanked City staff for their efforts.

Councilmember Elwood commented on the Citizen's Academy and noted it was a wonderful way for citizens to get involved in their community.

Councilmember Joselyn noted he was excited about the contract for solid waste and recycling services moving forward and stressed the importance of the Council focusing on the interests of the City and moving forward as a team.

Councilmember Rosen thanked citizens and staff that participated in the Citizen's Academy and thanked fellow Councilmembers for passing the garbage contract as a first reading to allow time for additional public comment.

Councilmember Koellen congratulated the first graduating class of the North Bend Citizen's Academy and thanked them for the time they committed to attending the multi-session program.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- 2023 North Bend Citizen's Academy
- Yard Waste Recycling – Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. to Noon @ Public Works
- Meet-up with the Mayor – Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. @North Bend Bakery
- Applicants for Human Services Task Force
- Rainer Asphalt & Concrete Donation RE Various Trails

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor McFarland recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), property acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last 45 minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 10:02 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 15 minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:16 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rob McFarland, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk