

CITY OF NORTH BEND
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY NOTES

May 23, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Staff Present: Mayor Rob McFarland, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Community and Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming, Principal Planner Mike McCarty, Economic Development Manager Mark Noll, Communications Manager Bre Keveren and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Bourlin.

Guests Present (all remote): Vinita Sidhu, Clayton Beaudoin, Ryan Storkman, Alison Maitland Scheetz and Sara Canapea from Site Workshop

Mayor McFarland provided updates on the Comprehensive Plan Update that was mailed on May 23, 2023 to all property owners in the City, Snoqualmie/North Bend Police's first arrest under the new vehicle trespass law and the agreement with Sallal Water Association for the wholesale supply of water.

Future Workstudies in 2023:

Mayor McFarland discussed future workstudy topics and drafted topics for the remainder of 2023.

- June
 - Tumwater National Guard Tour – June 3rd
 - Seattle Public Utilities Cedar River Watershed Tour – June 6th
 - OPMA Training – June 27th
- July 25th
 - Complete Streets & Taylor Park, Riverfront Park & McClellan Avenue Site Workshop Presentation including citizen feedback
- August 29th
 - Tour of Developments & Design Standards Discussion
- September 26th
 - Land Use & Housing Comp Plan Update
- October 24th
 - Budget Workshop
- November 28th
 - East Water Reservoir Location Update & Water Service Area Expansion
- December 26th – Topic Not Determined/Cancel?

Items not scheduled as of this time: Fiscal Sustainability Study, Si View MPD & City Partnership, Town Hall Topics, 2nd Council Retreat, Police Services and Downtown

Affordability Housing Project Update. The Water Conservation Ordinance Update topic was changed to a Public Works report post mitigation season.

Riverfront Park and William H. Taylor Park Presentation

Principal Planner Mike McCarty reviewed the updated design for improving the crossing to Riverfront Park due to it being a state route, removed the recreation focus and incorporated river front access into one of the other concepts. At WH Taylor Park there was direction to consider alignment of the tracks and potentially repositioning the Train Depot.

Consultants Ryan Storkman and Clayton Beaudoin of Site Workshop reviewed different concepts for Riverfront Park. They had a few minor revisions including crossing and pedestrian signalization options, crossing near the bridge on Bendigo, sidewalk improvements and engaging WSDOT. They reviewed the updates for the history and nature focus options. The history focus was similar and they clarified the intent on the NE corner to include a land swap to access the area near the WH Taylor foundation and create an entry into the park. The Nature focus now includes a riverfront access trail along with site furnishings and a light touch woodchip trail.

It was noted that design options including a tabletop crossing, artistic crossing or some kind of signalization were all feasible at the design level and that all options would have to go through review with WSDOT. WSDOT has limited purview because it is a portion of a state route that is managed by the City, but will still require review by WSDOT.

Consultant Alison Maitland Scheetz of Site Workshop presented different options for WH Taylor Park. Suggestions included options to strengthen the connection between Ballarat Avenue and McClellan Street to make it more pedestrian friendly, including options for vehicular parking and traffic flow. The train track realignment was also discussed as well as land acquisition to increase the size of the park.

Economic Development Action Plan

Council agreed to minor text revisions reflected in the Economic Development Action Plan and reached consensus to place the Action Plan on the consent agenda for approval at the June 6, 2023 Council meeting.

Adjournment

The workstudy closed at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Koellen, Councilmember

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk