

## NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**August 1, 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 7:00 p.m.

**Councilmembers Present:** Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Loudenback, Miller and Rosen. Councilmember Koellen was excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes** – City Council Meeting of July 18, 2023

**Payroll – July 20, 2023 – 28674** through **28680**, in the amount of **\$286,165.31**

**Checks – August 1, 2023 – 74323** through **74381**, in the amount of **\$1,625,876.98**

**AB23-087** – Resolution 2074 Suspending 2024 Comprehensive Plan Docket Process

**AB23-088** – Resolution 2075 Awarding Alm Way Bridge Removal Capital Project

**AB23-089** – Resolution 2076 Awarding North Bend Bridge 1135-3 Scour Project

**AB23-090** – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 4 to Parametrix Contract

**AB23-091** – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to KBA Contract for Inspection Services

**AB23-092** – Resolution 2077 Authorizing DEA with Otis Milam for Sewer Extension

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

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

**Debra Landers**, 14615 438<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, invited all to attend the September 23rd Art Off the Rails Festival at W.H. Taylor Park and requested support for the event. Additionally, she mentioned a possible art installation at 209 Main Ave. S.

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

**AB23-093** – Appointment of City Attorney

**Audio: 4:56**

Mayor McFarland recommended the appointment of Kendra Rosenberg as City Attorney.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB23-093, confirming the Mayoral appointment of Kendra Rosenberg of Kenyon Disend, PLLC as City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

## **INTRODUCTIONS:**

**AB23-094 – Motion Authorizing Contract with FCS Group for Fiscal Sustainability Analysis**

**Audio: 10:07**

City Administrator Miller provided the staff report. Todd Chase and Martin Chaw of FCS Group provided a presentation on the Citywide Economic Development Strategic Plan.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Suzan Torguson, 790 E North Bend Way**

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Loudenback to approve AB23-094, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with FCS Group for a Fiscal Sustainability Analysis, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$95,830. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

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

Councilmember Gothelf thanked fellow Councilmembers for the robust debate on AB23-094 – Motion Authorizing Contract with FCS Group for Fiscal Sustainability Analysis. Additionally, he encouraged all to stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Councilmember Miller mentioned attending the Snoqualmie/North Bend National Night Out event at Snoqualmie Community Park earlier this evening and reminded all to practice appropriate safety when visiting local rivers and lakes.

Councilmember Elwood extended his appreciation to Debra Landers of North Bend Art & Industry for her commitment to the community and thanked Mr. Chase and Mr. Chaw from FSC Group for their presentation and noted he looked forward to being a part of the process regarding the Fiscal Sustainability Analysis.

Councilmember Rosen echoed Councilmember Elwood's comments regarding the Fiscal Sustainability Analysis and noted the Study was crucial to the community.

Councilmember Loudenback thanked Mr. Chase and Mr. Chaw from FSC Group and Ms. Lander's from the North Bend Art & Industry for attending tonight's meeting. Additionally, he thanked staff for being well prepared for tonight's meeting and welcomed incoming City Attorney Rosenberg.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- Election Day – August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Festival @ Mt Si – August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>
- Public Participation for Comprehensive Plan Update

- Application Period Open for Human & Community Services Grant Requests

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor McFarland recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss property acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last forty-five minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rob McFarland, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk