

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19, 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, Koellen, Miller and Rosen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Workstudy of August 29, 2023 & City Council Meeting of August 15, 2023

Payroll – **August 18, 2023** – 28688 through 28695, in the amount of **\$278,615.22**

September 5, 2023 – 28696 through 28703, in the amount of **\$340,892.13**

Checks – **September 5, 2023** – 74429 through 74512, in the amount of **\$865,325.83**

September 19, 2023 – 74513 through 74570, in the amount of **\$1,587,347.10**

AB23-105 – Resolution 2079 Accepting 2023 Annual Sidewalk Repairs Project

AB23-106 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Parametrix for NBW Bridge 1135-3

AB23-107 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Parametrix for NBW Bridge 1135-4

AB23-108 – Motion Authorizing CO No. 1 with Fury for Stilson Ave. Sidewalk Project

AB23-109 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Si View MPD for Meadowbrook Operations & Maintenance

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Beth Burrows, 312 NE 6th Street, North Bend Downtown Foundation (NBDF) President, introduced incoming NBDF Executive Director Jessica Self and reminded all of the NBDF ribbon cutting event on Thursday, September 21st at 4 p.m. at the North Bend Train Depot.

Debra Landers, 14615 438th Ave. SE, invited all to the Saturday, September 23rd Art Off The Rails event at the Train Depot. She noted the event starts at 11 a.m. and features over forty artists and three musical groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Introductions

Audio: 5:34

Mayor McFarland introduced new Interim Finance Director Drew Bouta and Economic Development Manager James Henderson.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Miller, Chair
A report of the September 19th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
A report of the September 12th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rosen, Chair
No report. The September 5th meeting was cancelled.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Miller, Chair
A report of the August 22nd meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Koellen
A report of the August 29th meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the September 14th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission
A report of the August 16th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission
A report of the August 23rd meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission
No report. The August 22nd meeting was cancelled.

Emergency Management Advisory Committee – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the September 13th meeting was provided.

Sound Cities Association Board of Health – Councilmember Koellen
A report of the September 5th meeting was provided.

King County Flood Control District – Mayor McFarland
A report of the August 24th meeting was provided.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB23-110 – Motion Authorizing ILA with Snoqualmie for Meadowbrook **Audio: 31:05**
Governance, Operations & Maintenance

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB23-110, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie regarding the operation and maintenance of Meadowbrook Farm, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB23-111 – Motion Authorizing King County Grant for Meadowbrook Trail Project **Audio: 41:19**

Principal Planner McCarty provided the staff report.

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB23-111, authorizing the Mayor to accept a King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant (Contract # 6328763) for the Meadowbrook Farm Prairie Loop Trail Project, authorizing expenditure of \$115,000 of City funds, transferring City and grant funds to the Si View Metropolitan Park District to design and construct the Project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB23-112 – Motion Approving Housing Action Plan **Audio: 46:47**

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Kelly Coughlin, 615 Ogle Avenue

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB23-112, approving the Housing Action Plan and including the Council Preamble in the Housing Action Plan as set forth in the Summary Statement.

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to amend the Housing Action Plan on Page 18 by striking the phrase “and market rate” and on Page 34 by striking the sentence “Changes to permitted uses will create new opportunities for the development of missing middle housing in the Low-Density Residential Zone and Medium-Density Residential Zone”. The motion **PASSED** 5-1 (Joselyn).

The main motion then **PASSED AS AMENDED** 6-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Rosen noted that although Council does not typically endorse a ballot measure they are available to answer any questions the public may have on them. He mentioned the recent anniversary of 9/11 and encouraged all to remember those that lost their lives on that day.

Councilmember Joselyn mentioned the new sidewalks in New Si View which were a part of the 2023 Annual Sidewalk Repair Project and noted how much he appreciated the commonsense approach to the project that helped maintain certain trees in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Elwood commented on a strong City team, creatively funded updates to improve the community and addressed comments made by the public regarding lack of fiscal responsibility. He addressed the City's efforts on affordable housing by creating the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund, Housing Action Plan with specific Council preamble and requested the Mayor Pro Tem add a discussion on the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to a future workstudy agenda.

Councilmember Miller mentioned the NBDF ribbon cutting event on Thursday, September 21st at 4 p.m. at the North Bend Train Depot followed by the Scott Rinckenberger ribbon cutting event at 106 W North Bend Way from 5 – 6 p.m. Additionally, she mentioned the Kinship Dog Training ribbon cutting event on Thursday, September 28th at 2 p.m. at 320 Mt Si Blvd.

Councilmember Gothelf noted that although the wind has shifted smoke out of the area there was still a risk of fire. He reminded all that the City was still in Stage 3 of the Water Conservation Ordinance and encouraged all to drive carefully since darkness was falling earlier in the day.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- Saturday, September 23rd Events: Mt Si Hill Climb, Art Off the Rails & Blues Walk
- Community Shred Event – Saturday, September 30th 8 a.m. – Noon @ City Hall
- Meet Up with the Mayor – Saturday, September 30th 10 – 11 a.m. @ Huxdotter's Coffee Shop

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk