

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 17, 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.

Mayor McFarland recognized two Snoqualmie - North Bend Police officers who were honored with Merit Awards for life-saving actions at the October 9, 2023 Snoqualmie City Council Meeting.

In November of 2020 Officer Chase Smith responded to a North Bend business where his quick instincts and the CPR he performed saved the life of a collapsed man.

In January of 2020 Officer Austin Gutwein responded to a North Bend restaurant. His quick actions, and the CPR performed, saved the life of a man who had been choking.

Chief Lynch commented that he was proud to be able to share with the outside world what he sees everyday, the level and caliber of Officer we have in uniform for North Bend and Snoqualmie.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Workstudy of September 26, 2023 & City Council Meeting of October 3, 2023

Payroll – **October 5, 2023 – 28713** through **28719**, in the amount of **\$341,834.15**

Checks – **October 17, 2023 – 74654** through **74698**, in the amount of **\$854,272.16**

AB23-123 – Motion Authorizing ILA with Sunnyside for Jail Services

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, expressed concern about the importance of water, the City remaining in Stage 3 of the Water Conservation Ordinance, the proposed Si View Parks aquatic center, and the relationship of electeds with Si View Metropolitan Parks District.

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place, expressed concern about the National Guard Readiness Center location; Chinook Helicopter landing pad, weapons and munitions

depot, blast zone of the munition's depot, parking lot for 6,700+ vehicles and equipment, clean air standards, storm water retention, washing vehicles, water usage at the facility, the Water Conservation Ordinance, and funds to pay for infrastructure.

Jan Molinaro, City of Enumclaw Mayor, President of the Sound Cities Association (SCA), thanked the City for being a member of SCA, encouraged electeds to attend the next networking event on October 25, 2023, and the annual meeting on December 6, 2023. Additionally, he encouraged Council to consider applying for regional boards and commissions such as the Regional Transit Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council and Affordable Housing.

Debra Landers, 14615 438th Ave. SE, thanked the City for their support and spoke of the success of North Bend Arts & Industry's Art Off The Rails event on September 23, 2023 at the Train Depot. Approximately 450-600 people attended and she plans to have the event next year as well. Their next event is Artist Sunday, a nationwide art and shopping event on November 26th, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is tentatively scheduled to be located at the Outlet Mall.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Miller, Chair
A report of the October 17th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
No report. October 10th meeting was cancelled.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rosen, Chair
A report of the October 3rd meeting was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Miller, Chair
No report.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Koellen
A report of the September 26th and October 10th meetings were provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the October 12th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission
No report.

Parks Commission
A report of the September 27th meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission

A report of the September 26th meeting was provided.

KC4 King County – Cities Climate Collaboration - Councilmember Joselyn

A report of the October 12th meeting was provided.

Puget Sound Regional Committee Executive Board – Mayor McFarland

A report of the September 28th meeting was provided.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB23-124 – Motion Authorizing ILA with SCORE for Jail Services

Audio: 30:57

Interim Police Chief Lynch provided the staff report.

Councilmember Rosen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB23-124, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with SCORE for jail services, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB23-125 – Resolution Adopting Six Year Capital Improvement Plan 2024-2029

Audio: 55:57

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

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place

Councilmember Miller **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rosen to approve AB23-125, approving as a first reading a resolution adopting the City's 2024 – 2029 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan and setting a second and final reading for the November 21, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB23-126 – Motion Confirming City's 2024 Legislative Agenda

Audio: 59:58

City Administrator Miller provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB23-126, confirming the North Bend City Council Recommended 2024 Legislative Agenda to the Sound Cities Association.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Miller to amend AB23-126, to add funding support for behavioral health services and to recruit and retain Police Officers to the legislative priorities for 2024. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to remand AB23-126, to the October 24, 2023 Workstudy and bring back for future consideration at the November 21, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf advised that if property owners have concerns regarding wildfires they should contact Eastside Fire and Rescue. He commented they have a program that will evaluate your property and recommend how to protect it against wildfires.

Councilmember Elwood extended another round of gratitude to Snoqualmie - North Bend Police Officers Smith and Gutwein for saving lives and encouraged people with questions about the Water Conservation Ordinance to contact Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos. He mentioned the upcoming production of "Blithe Spirit" and "Night of the Living Dead" staged reading at Valley Center Stage.

Councilmember Joselyn addressed Mr. Thomas' concerns stated during citizen comments and noted he was available to discuss any concerns the public may have regarding his involvement with Si View Metropolitan Parks District.

Mayor McFarland spoke regarding the following items:

- City Council Position No. 4 Application deadline of November 9, 2023
- The City is also seeking applicants for a vacancy on the Parks Commission.
- PSE pole replacement at Stilson Ave SE/Cedar Falls Way to SE 134th - October 21st from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor McFarland recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss property acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last 30 minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk