

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 2, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:

Mayor Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

City Clerk Oppedal administered the oath of office to Mayor Miller. Mayor Miller administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Brenden Elwood, Heather Koellen, Christina Rustik and Suzan Torguson.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

Mayor Miller recessed the meeting at 7:09 p.m. for a ten minute break. The meeting was called back to order at 7:24 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meetings of November 21, 2023 & December 5, 2023

Payroll – **December 5, 2023** – **28741** through **28747**, in the amount of **\$342,625.19**

December 20, 2023 – **28748** through **28754**, in the amount of **\$295,965.46**

Checks – **December 19, 2023** – **74903** through **74975**, in the amount of **\$2,077,849.67**

December 29, 2023 – **74976** through **75015**, in the amount of **\$382,478.31**

January 2, 2024 – **75016**, in the amount of **\$6,115.07**

AB24-001 – Motion Authorizing Contract with G&O for NW 8th Street Watermain Project

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – National Mentoring Month

Audio: 26:07

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring January 2024 as National Mentoring Month in the City of North Bend. Kathy Hyland and Abe Schilperoort from Empower Youth Network were on hand to accept the proclamation.

AB24-002 – Appointments to Planning Commission

Audio: 32:31

Mayor Miller recommended the appointment of Sam White to Position No. 3 and Stephen Matlock to Position No. 6 on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-002, confirming the Planning Commission appointments of Sam White to Position No. 3, term expiring May 11, 2024, and Stephen Matlock to Position No. 6, term expiring May 18, 2026. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-003 – 2024 Council Standing Committee Appointments

Audio: 39:32

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf proposed the following 2024 Council Committee appointments for Council's consideration:

Community & Economic Development Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Joselyn

Members – Councilmember Rustik, Councilmember Tremolada

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Elwood

Members – Councilmember Koellen, Councilmember Tremolada

Public Health & Safety Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Rustik

Members – Councilmember Elwood, Councilmember Torguson

Transportation & Public Works Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Koellen

Members – Councilmember Joselyn, Councilmember Torguson

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB24-003 confirming the 2024 appointments to the Council's Standing Committees. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

INTRODUCTIONS:

**AB24-004 – Motion Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with ARCH
for MFTE Services**

Audio: 42:20

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB24-004, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with A Regional Coalition for Housing, through its Administering Agency, the City of Bellevue, for

monitoring affordable MFTE rental units, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Elwood wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted he looked forward to the next four years of his term and the upcoming visioning exercise for the City. Additionally, he welcomed new Planning Commissioners Sam White and Stephen Matlock.

Councilmember Torguson noted it was an honor and privilege to serve the community and she looked forward to making a positive difference for the City in the next four years. She commented she looked forward to future collaborations with the Mayor, Council and staff and welcomed the new Planning Commissioners.

Councilmember Koellen wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed new Councilmembers and noted she looked forward to working with them.

Councilmember Tremolada congratulated Mayor Miller and new Councilmembers and reminded all to continue to support local businesses.

Councilmember Rustik wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted she was excited to join the City Council. She thanked staff for taking time out of their schedules to provide orientation training in December and thanked the new Planning Commissioners for volunteering. Additionally, she encouraged all to consider becoming a mentor for local youth.

Councilmember Joselyn wished everyone a Happy New Year and echoed fellow Councilmember comments on the enthusiasm, engagement and anticipation that lies ahead for Council in the new year. Additionally, he thanked staff for providing support to the public during the holiday season.

Councilmember Gothelf welcomed new Councilmembers and thanked Mayor Miller for a successful meeting tonight. He congratulated the new Planning Commissioners and noted he looked forward to serving as Mayor Pro Tem for 2024.

City Administrator Miller welcomed new Councilmembers and commented he looked forward to discussions on strategic planning scheduled for the February Council Retreat

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Planning Commission Land Use Element Open House – January 3rd 6:30 p.m. @ City Hall
- Boy Scout Tree Recycling – January 6th 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ City Hall
- Volunteer Opportunities – North Bend Amateur Radio Emergency Services Team

- Citizens Academy Series Start – February 5th 6 p.m. @ City Hall
- New Term as Mayor and thanks to community for support
- Congratulations to new Councilmembers & Planning Commission members

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss 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 thirty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:28 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional ten minutes.

At 8:38 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional ten minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Torguson **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rustik. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk