

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 6, 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.

Members of Cub Scout Pack 452 led the Flag Salute.

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

Mayor Miller announced a Police Department Update from Police Chief Lynch was added to tonight's agenda after Item #11 – Presentation of ACI Award for Torguson Skate Park.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to pull AB24-016 – Ordinance Amending NBMC Title 15 Buildings & Construction from the Consent Agenda and place on the Main Agenda for discussion. The motion **PASSED** 6-1 (Joselyn).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of January 16, 2024 & Council Workstudy of January 23, 2024

Payroll – January 19, 2024 – 28762 through 28767, in the amount of **\$313,044.98**

Checks – December 31, 2023 – 75027 through 75088, in the amount of **\$815,905.98**

February 6, 2024 – 75089 through 75172, in the amount of \$1,847,327.31

AB24-010 – Resolution 2098 Accepting PW Covered Equipment Shelter Project

AB24-011 – Resolution 2099 Authorizing DOE Grant for Shoreline Access Planning

AB24-012 – Motion Authorizing On-Call Contract with BHC Consultants

AB24-013 – Resolution 2100 Authorizing WA TIB Grant Agreement for 2024 Overlay Project

AB24-014 – Motion Authorizing Contract with DCG/Watershed

AB24-015 – Motion Authorizing Reimbursement to Si View MPD RE Tennant Trailhead Park Project

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Gary Stotler, 1262 Haystack Ave. SE, commented on the recent power outage as a result of icy/windy weather and requested the City reach out to Puget Sound Energy to see if

they had a plan to address shortcomings of the power grid in the Upper Snoqualmie Valley. Additionally, he mentioned a recent email he sent to Senator Hopkins about WSDOT's lack of maintenance on I-90 between Issaquah and Snoqualmie Pass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – ACI Award – Torguson Skateboard Park

Audio: 11:12

Bruce Chapman of American Concrete Institute presented an International Award of Excellence in Concrete Construction – 1st Place in Decorative Concrete Category to the City for Torguson Skateboard Park.

Presentation – Police Department Update

Audio: 15:42

Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Chief Lynch provided an update on criminal activity in the City which included details of recent incidents, crime statistics, statewide increase in crime and proposed solutions.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB24-017 – Motion Approving North Bend Way Complete Streets Corridor Plan

Audio: 50:27

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report. Consultant Fred Young of Parametrix provided a presentation on the North Bend Way Complete Streets Corridor Plan.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB24-017, approving the North Bend Way Complete Streets Corridor Plan. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-018 – Motion Authorizing Contract with G&O RE Gardiner Creek NW 8th Street Flooding

Audio: 1:11:19

Deputy Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Jeffrey Yee, 12117 SE 261st Court, Kent

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-018, authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Gray and Osborne, Inc. to prepare an Alternatives Analysis Study to remedy the Gardiner Creek / NW 8th Street flooding, in a final form and content acceptable to the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$37,900. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-016 – Ordinance 1803 Amending NBMC Title 15 Buildings & Construction

Audio: 1:11:19

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB24-016, an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the NBMC to adopt the Current State Building Code, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Elwood addressed recent power outages and commented power companies needed to be proactive with maintaining the power grid and suggested the item go to a future Public Health & Safety Committee meeting for discussion. Additionally, he suggested merchant engagement regarding crime and encouraged all to report suspicious activities.

Councilmember Torguson thanked the Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Department for all of their recent efforts regarding crime and agreed with Councilmember Elwood's suggestion regarding the discussion on power outages being added as an agenda item to a future Public Health & Safety Committee meeting. Additionally, she commented on how wonderful it was that Torguson Skateboard Park received international recognition.

Councilmember Koellen addressed the recent increase in criminal activity and noted the Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Department were doing the best they could with the tools they are allowed under state law. She encouraged those wishing to comment on the issue to contact their legislative representatives.

Councilmember Tremolada echoed fellow Councilmembers comments about the recent increase in criminal activity and encouraged neighborhood engagement regarding the issue. He encouraged all to report suspicious activity in order to send the message that criminal activity wasn't welcome in the City.

Councilmember Joselyn thanked consultant Parametrix for their work on the North Bend Way Complete Streets Corridor Plan and City staff for providing a special yard waste

recycling event for city residents. Additionally, he thanked City staff for their role in the soon to be opened Tennant Trailhead Park and addressed Council roles in public meetings, particularly the upcoming Council Retreat and concluded by sharing a quote from Anne Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament and sharing founding principles of Eastside Fire & Rescue.

Councilmember Rustik thanked Cub Scout Pack 452 for leading the flag salute and encouraged those interested in the road conditions on I-90 to contact WSDOT to share their thoughts.

Councilmember Gothelf thanked Councilmember Joselyn for his comments regarding this weekend's Council Retreat and noted he looked forward to receiving fellow Councilmember's input and discussions on future work plans. Additionally, he noted Eastside Fire & Rescue had personnel that were available to come out and assess properties that were a part of the Wildland Urban Interface.

City Administrator Miller reported the first class of the North Bend Citizen's Academy on City History and Operational Overview was held last night.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Passing of 2018 Citizen of the Year Burt Mann
- Weekend Westbound Highway 18 Closures
- Report on February 3rd Special Yard Waste Recycling Event
- North Bend Downtown Foundation Clean-Up Event – Wednesday, February 14th @ 9 a.m.
- City Council Retreat – Saturday, February 10th 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. @ City Hall

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) and 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 twenty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Elwood. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk