

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 20, 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.

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

Mayor Miller announced Item #8 – Presentation on Recent Power Outages was cancelled by Puget Sound Energy and will be rescheduled to a later Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of February 6, 2024

Payroll – February 5, 2024 – 28768 through 28773, in the amount of **\$372,833.72**

Checks – February 20, 2024 – 75173 through 75258, in the amount of **\$1,358,740.70**

AB24-019 – Ordinance 1804 Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule RE Building Permit Fees

AB24-020 – Resolution 2101 Approving Development Agreement with Peak View

AB24-021 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Terracon for Geotechnical Support

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

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, commented on the Open Public Meetings Act and remote public comment option for those that request accommodation. Additionally, he expressed concerns regarding Puget Sound Energy and their efforts to reduce wildfire and spark hazards and whether the current infrastructure was sufficient to supply demand.

Debra Landers, 14615 438th Ave. SE, thanked the City Council for their grant for North Bend Arts & Industry and mentioned the funding will support their writer’s program that meets twice a month at the North Bend Library and the Art off the Rails event scheduled for June 15th at the William H. Taylor Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – Twin Peaks Day

Audio: 8:43

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring February 24, 2024 as Twin Peaks Day in the City of North Bend. Karl Reinsch was present to accept the proclamation.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Joselyn, Chair
A report of the February 20th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the February 13th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair
A report of the February 6th meeting was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair
A report of the January 23rd meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf
A report of the January 23rd Workstudy and February 10th Council Retreat was provided.

Planning Commission
A report of the February 7th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission
A report of the January 24th meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission
A report of the January 23rd meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the February 8th meeting was provided.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada
A report of the February 14th meeting was provided.

Sound Cities Association Board of Health – Councilmember Koellen
A report of the February 15th meeting was provided.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB24-022 – Ordinance 1805 Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule RE **Audio: 24:42**
Solid Waste & Recycling Rates

Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report. Consultant Jeanette Jurgensen with Epicenter Services was on hand to answer questions.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-022, an ordinance increasing solid waste and recycling rates and amending the City's Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 4-2 (Rustik & Torguson).

AB24-023 – Motion Authorizing MOU RE Snoqualmie Valley Economic Audio: 41:37

Economic Development Manager Henderson provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Kelly Coughlin, 615 Ogle Avenue

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Robyn Balcom, 246 Olallie Place

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB24-023, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding creating the Snoqualmie Valley Economic Alliance, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 5-1 (Torguson).

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Koellen thanked Puget Sound Energy and Tanner Electric for working to restore power during the recent icy and windy weather.

Councilmember Tremolada echoed Councilmember Koellen's comments regarding PSE and Tanner Electric and mentioned little league baseball season was starting and encouraged all to exercise caution when traveling near area parks/fields.

Councilmember Gothelf echoed fellow Councilmember's comments regarding local power companies and the start of the baseball season. Additionally, he commented on the February 10th Council Retreat and noted he looked forward to working with Council on the work plan items for this year.

Councilmember Rustik thanked City staff for their participation in the February 10th Council Retreat and encouraged all to support local girl scouts during their upcoming cookie fundraiser sale.

Councilmember Joselyn echoed fellow Councilmember's comments about the February 10th Council Retreat.

City Administrator Miller noted Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos was working with the State regarding utility grid reinforcement and thanked Council for their work at the February 10th Council Retreat. Additionally, he mentioned a recent request he submitted to the City of Snoqualmie regarding police staffing time and noted he would share the information at a future Public Health & Safety Committee meeting.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Twin Peaks Festival – February 23rd through 25th
- Chat with the Chiefs – March 7th 10 – 11 a.m. @ Hartwood Café
- Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive – February 26th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ EFR Headquarters

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Torguson. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk