

## NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**April 16, 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:** Elwood, Joselyn, Koellen, Torguson and Tremolada. Councilmembers Gothelf and Rustik were excused.

Mayor Miller announced the Executive Session scheduled as the last item on tonight's agenda was cancelled.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes** – Council Workstudy of March 26, 2024 & City Council Meeting of April 2, 2024

**Payroll – April 5, 2024 – 28793 through 28798**, in the amount of **\$483,510.34**

**Checks – April 16, 2024 – 75443 through 75490**, in the amount of **\$765,469.16**

**AB24-039** – Motion Approving 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

**Sarah Pirotis**, 326 E Park Street, expressed concern about off leash dogs at area parks and requested the City uphold its existing ordinances related to animal control.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:**

**Proclamation** – Small Business Week

**Audio: 6:00**

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring April 28 through May 4, 2024 as Small Business Week in the City of North Bend. Executive Director Kelly Coughlin of SnoValley Chamber of Commerce was present to accept the proclamation.

**Presentation** – Shop Local

**Audio: 9:02**

SnoValley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Coughlin provided an update on local businesses which included a reduction in retail sales, business closures and relocations, impact of Highway 18 project on valley businesses, purpose and mission of SnoValley Chamber of Commerce, Seattle 2026 FIFA World Cup, Port of Seattle and Washington State

grant opportunities, possible accreditation from Global Sustainability Tourism Council and upcoming events.

**Presentation – 2023 Financial Report**

**Audio: 34:08**

Finance Director Chaw provided a presentation on the 2023 Finance Report for the City which included the status of the General Fund, local economic conditions, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Funds, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds and select US economic indices for March of 2024. Mr. Chaw noted all funds ended 2023 within budget expectations and with fund balances in a positive financial condition.

**COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Joselyn, Chair**

A report of the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair**

A report of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair**

A report of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was provided.

**Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair**

A report of the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Planning Commission**

A report of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was provided.

**Parks Commission**

No report.

**Economic Development Commission**

A report of the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada**

A report of the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**AB24-040 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Republic for Sludge Hauling**

**Audio: 1:06:36**

City Engineer DeBerg provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-

040, authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Republic Services for hauling and disposing of WWTP sewage sludge, in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

#### **MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:**

Councilmember Joselyn thanked Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Officer Cory Hendricks and other first responders for their efforts combating the fire in Snoqualmie last Sunday. Additionally, he mentioned the April 19<sup>th</sup> ribbon-cutting event for Tennant Trailhead Park and thanked all the agencies that helped in the effort to create the new park.

Councilmember Tremolada encouraged all to support local businesses in Downtown and mentioned the upcoming April 26<sup>th</sup> Valley Innovation Project at Remlinger Farms.

Councilmember Koellen echoed Councilmember Joselyn's comments regarding the fire in Snoqualmie and expressed her sadness for the four businesses affected by the incident.

Councilmember Torguson thanked SnoValley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Coughlin for her presentation and echoed fellow Councilmember's comments regarding the fire in Snoqualmie. Additionally, she noted she would be attending the State of the Cities presentation at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Chamber Luncheon.

Councilmember Elwood echoed fellow Councilmember's comments regarding the fire in Snoqualmie and Ms. Coughlin's presentation. He noted that he has been a City Councilmember since the inception of Tennant Trailhead Park and wished to acknowledge past Councilmembers, including Councilmember Martin Volken, for their efforts in seeing this project to fruition.

City Administrator Miller mentioned the various activities in the upcoming weeks and encouraged Councilmembers to attend the State of the Cities presentation at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Chamber Luncheon.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Tennant Trailhead Park Ribbon Cutting – April 19<sup>th</sup> 12 p.m.
- Yard Waste Recycling Program – April 20<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. to Noon @ Public Works
- North Bend Beautification Days – April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Downtown North Bend
- Special Recycling Event – April 27<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ Snoqualmie Middle School
- Jazz Walk – April 27<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. – Midnight @ Downtown North Bend
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Fire in Downtown Snoqualmie Historic District

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada. The

motion **PASSED** 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mary Miller, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk