

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 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 (remote), Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of April 16, 2024

Payroll – April 19, 2024 – 28799 through 28807, in the amount of \$314,543.99

Checks – May 7, 2024 – 75491 through 75587, in the amount of \$1,579,952.98

AB24-041 – Ordinance 1807 Amending NBMC Section 18.30.040 Nonconforming Uses

AB24-042 – Ordinance 1808 Amending NBMC Chapter 15.18 RE International Fire Code

AB24-043 – Motion Authorizing 4th Amendment to Perteet Contract for Floodplain Support

AB24-044 – Motion Authorizing Contract with PH Consulting for SR202 Sidewalk Gap Project

AB24-045 – Motion Authorizing Contract with West Coast Signal, Inc.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Kate Leen, 980 Mountain View Blvd., presented a petition signed by valley residents asking elected officials to work together on a regional public pool. She mentioned Si View MPD pool, past propositions for pool facilities, decreased access to local pool facilities, increased rates of drowning in local bodies of water and a letter from City of Snoqualmie to North Bend requesting partnership in their YMCA Community Center Expansion Project. She concluded by clarifying the signatories to the petition supported a public non-member based regional aquatic center based on a shared vision of regional stakeholders.

Debra Landers, 14615 438th Ave. SE, mentioned the North Bend Art & Industry's Art Off the Rails event taking place on Saturday, June 15th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Bend Depot. Additionally, she commented on interviews for the Youth Board Member for North Bend Art & Industry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB24-046 – Appointments to Planning Commission

Audio: 7:49

Mayor Miller recommended the reappointments of Brian Fitzgibbon to Position No. 1, Juliano Pereira to Position No. 2 and Sam White to Position No. 3 on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB24-046, confirming the Planning Commission appointments for Juliano Pereira to Position No. 2, Sam White to Position No. 3, both terms expiring May 11, 2028 & Brian Fitzgibbon to Position No. 1, term expiring May 18, 2028. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

Proclamation – Building Safety Month

Audio: 12:54

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring the month of May, 2024 as Building Safety Month in the City of North Bend. Building Official Mercer was on hand to accept the proclamation.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB24-047 – Motion Authorizing Payment to SPU Related to Saving Water Partnership

Audio: 16:10

City Engineer DeBerg provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-047, authorizing payment to Seattle Public Utilities for the City's membership in the Saving Water Partnership, in an amount not to exceed \$30,750. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-048 – Resolution 2104 Authorizing TIB Grant for 2024 Sidewalk Gaps Project

Audio: 24:28

Deputy Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve AB24-048, a resolution authorizing a Transportation Improvement Board Grant Agreement for Sidewalk Gaps, Multiple Locations Project. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Torguson mentioned the Mt Si Senior Center would be holding a Benefit Dinner & Auction event on Saturday, May 11th from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Mt Si Senior Center

and the North Bend Downtown Foundation's Sip, Suds & Si event was scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 6 – 9 p.m. in Downtown North Bend.

Councilmember Koellen wished all teachers a happy "National Teachers Day" and noted she appreciated all they do for the community.

Councilmember Tremolada thanked Mayor Miller for her leadership during the recent event involving a missing zebra in North Bend and congratulated Councilmember Koellen for running in the upcoming race for State Legislative District 12. He commented he shared this news with his young daughters and noted how wonderful it was to work with strong women leaders.

Councilmember Joselyn mentioned the \$500,000 grant for sidewalk gaps approved earlier this evening and thanked City Staff for securing this grant and all past grants which enhance the quality of life for community members. He concluded by commenting on the recently installed zebra crossing signs at South Fork.

Councilmember Rustik commented on the missing zebra and mentioned the upcoming sunny weather and encouraged all to exercise caution when recreating near the river.

Councilmember Elwood echoed Councilmember Tremolada's thoughts on Mayor Miller's leadership and congratulated Councilmember Koellen on her run for State Representative for District 12. Additionally, he commended staff for all grant funding they secured for various projects and thanked IT Manager Phil Davenport, Human Resources Manager Erin Mitchell and Communications Manager Bre Keveren for all of their efforts in ensuring a seamless online component to the City Council meetings.

Councilmember Gothelf commented on the missing zebra story making national news and concurred with Ms. Leen on the need for a regional pool. Additionally, he discussed the longer daylight hours and encouraged all to exercise caution when traveling in areas where children were at play.

City Administrator Miller commented on a humorous phone call he received from the City Manager of North Bend, Oregon regarding the missing zebra and thanked staff for their efforts in upgrading audio/visual in the Council Chambers to enhance the online user experience for meetings.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Sip, Suds & Si – Saturday, May 18th 6 – 9 p.m. @ Downtown
- Missing Zebra's Successful Capture and Return to Owner
- Happy Mother's Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last fifteen minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk