

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 4, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of May 21, 2024

Payroll – May 20, 2024 – 28815 through **28821**, in the amount of **\$318,588.90**

Checks – June 4, 2024 – 75647 through **75705**, in the amount of **\$944,793.46**

AB24-054 – Resolution 2105 Accepting FHWA Funds & Authorizing LA Agreement for McClellen Street Improvements Capital Project

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

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, commented on Initiative 2066 which relates to stopping a ban on natural gas and protecting it as an energy source and encouraged citizens to visit the “Let’s Go Washington” website to find out more about the initiative and petition process.

Jeri Taylor-Swade, 14220 436th Ave. SE, commented on AB24-055 – Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Franchise Utilities Element Update for 2024 Comp Plan and requested Council consider removing the line “natural gas is not an essential service” from the Franchise Utilities Element.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – Pride Month

Audio: 09:28

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring the month of June 2024 as Pride Month in the City of North Bend. Laureli Shimayo of Eastside Pride PNW was on hand to accept the proclamation.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB24-055 – Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Franchise Utilities
Element Update for 2024 Comp Plan **Audio: 12:54**

Councilmember Tremolada **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to remand AB24-055, a resolution authorizing adoption of the update for the Franchise Utilities Element for the 2024 North Bend Comprehensive Plan back to Council Committee. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB24-056 – Resolution 2106 Setting Public Hearing Date for State Hwy
No. 2 Right-of-Way Vacation **Audio: 18:42**

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB24-056, a resolution initiating vacation process for a portion of City right-of-way of State Highway No. 2 and Setting a Public Hearing date of July 16, 2024. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB24-057 – Resolution 2107 Awarding 2024 Sidewalk Gaps Project
to Rainier Asphalt Sealing, LLC **Audio: 24:03**

Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-057, a resolution accepting bids and awarding the construction contract for the 2024 Sidewalk Gaps Project to Rainier Asphalt Sealing, LLC. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB24-058 – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to G&O Contract
For WWTP HPI Phase 1 Project **Audio: 30:03**

City Engineer DeBerg provided the staff report. Mike Johnson, President of Gray & Osborne 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 Torguson to approve AB24-058, authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment #3 to the professional services

contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for construction management of the WWTP HPI Phase I Project, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000. The motion **PASSED** 4-2 (Gothelf, Rustik).

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Torguson reminded all the North Bend Block Party was scheduled for Saturday, July 20th and encouraged residents to donate to the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank and Mt. Si Senior Center.

Councilmember Koellen thanked staff for the recent communications provided to residents about potential flooding.

Councilmember Tremolada announced the Evergreen Mountain Bike Festival would be held on June 8th & 9th at Raging River State Forest in North Bend.

Councilmember Rustik thanked Eastside Fire & Rescue and Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Department for all of their hard work ensuring the safety of citizens of North Bend.

Councilmember Joselyn noted the North Bend Farmers Market would open its season on Thursday, June 6th at Si View Park and congratulated the Mt Si High School Boys Soccer Team for winning their first state title with a victory over Camas High School in the 2024 WIAA Class 4A State Championship Games.

Councilmember Gothelf encouraged those traveling on City streets to be alert for children at play.

City Administrator Miller announced the Request for Proposals (RFP) was published for the 230 Main Ave. Affordable Housing Project and provided an update on the RFP for the Police Services Study.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Home Equipment Loan Program Relocation to Mt Si Senior Center
- North Bend Farmers Market Opening on June 6th @ Si View Park
- Youth Vacancy on Parks Commission
- Snoqualmie Food Bank's "Lunches for Littles" food drive

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:51 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 30 minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:21 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 15 minutes.

At 8:36 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 10 minutes.

At 8:46 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 10 minutes.

At 8:56 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 10 minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk