

CITY OF NORTH BEND
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY NOTES
May 28, 2024

City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Brenden Elwood (remote), Alan Gothelf, Mark Joselyn, Heather Koellen, Christina Rustik, and Errol Tremolada were present. Councilmember Suzan Torguson was excused.

Staff Present: Mayor Mary Miller, City Administrator David Miller, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Finance Director Martin Chaw, Community & Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming, Human Resource Manager Erin Mitchell, Communications Manager Bre Keveren, Principal Planner Mike McCarty, Senior Planner Jamie Burrell, and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Bourlin.

Land Use & Housing Elements Ms. Deming

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided an update on the Housing and Land Use Element. She stated North Bend was in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan (2024 Comp Plan) and staff was working through each element individually. She noted the 2024 Comp Plan needed to be submitted and approved by King County by the end of the year and if not approved, the City could lose all grant money from Washington State and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PRSC).

Ms. Deming reviewed the draft zoning map amendments and the Planning Commission's recommended zoning regulation amendments that increased housing capacity including increased height limits within the Interchange Mixed Use zone from 30' to 35' (consistent with the majority of the rest of the City) and allowed upper-floor dwelling units (above commercial) within the Interchange Commercial zone.

Ms. Deming reported that citizens had been notified of potential zoning changes beyond legal requirements by mailing notices, City information booths at the Block Party and Farmers Markets, and an open house held by the Planning Commission. She informed the Council that the analysis' included in the Workstudy packet shows the King County policy and our current element; our current element has a column with suggested action for plan amendments to meet the King County policy. Ms. Deming concluded by noting King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) has already adopted the King County policy.

Police Services Contract

City Administrator Miller explained that Council approved a decision card for \$60,000 for a police services study. Mr. Miller provided a list of consultants, reviewed the timeline

and described the interview process for the study. He said the study will hopefully start in July and be completed by the end of the year. He also suggested adding some of our own consultants to include Londi Lindell and Steven Schwartz to the interview panel to select a consultant for the study.

Mr. Miller explained the purpose of the study was to identify the options and challenges for providing police services, including a minimum of four options; start our own police department, negotiate a new contract with the City of Snoqualmie, contract with King County Sheriff's Department, or contract with the City of Issaquah or another jurisdiction for police services. He then reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) and Council consensus was to move forward with the RFP process for a Police Services Study.

Mr. Miller then reviewed the current Police Services Interlocal Agreement with the City of Snoqualmie and reviewed the current contract language and advised that contract bargaining can effect final cost and stated that he believes the Mental Health Professional position will be permanent.

Finance Director Chaw reviewed a survey he prepared of police services level of service regarding budget and full time equivalent (FTE's) per capita of approximately 20 municipal police department's expenditures and municipal police department FTE's per 1,000 capita. The purpose of the survey was to compare the level of service; assessed by spending and staffing per capita. He continued to explain dollar amounts and FTE numbers using data from the latest city budget documents available to the public for 2024, using population estimates from Washington State Office of Financial Management and excluded corrections (jail) expenditures.

Adjournment

The Workstudy closed at 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alan Gothelf, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk