

## NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**August 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:** Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

Mayor Miller announced AB24-076 – Motion Authorizing Contract with CPSM for Police Services Study was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Main Agenda for discussion.

Mayor Miller announced that an Executive Session to discuss performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) has been added to the end of tonight's agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes – City Council Meeting of July 16, 2024**

**Payroll – July 19, 2024 – 28840** through **28844**, in the amount of **\$308,391.10**

**August 5, 2024 – 28845** through **28850**, in the amount of **\$383,975.40**

**Checks – August 6, 2024 – 75894** through **75973**, in the amount of **\$770,878.35**

**August 20, 2024 – 75974** through **76022**, in the amount of **\$404,777.64**

**AB24-069** – Resolution 2114 Awarding 2024 Overlay Project to Becker Blacktop LLC

**AB24-070** – Resolution 2115 Setting Public Hearing Date for Property Surplus

**AB24-071** – Resolution 2116 Accepting East Grove Infrastructure Improvements

**AB24-072** – Resolution 2117 Accepting West Grove Infrastructure Improvements

**AB24-073** – Motion Authorizing Consolidated Interlocal Agreement with Si View MPD  
Regarding Parks

**AB24-074** – Motion Authorizing 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment with DFW for CED Annex Lease

**AB24-075** – Motion Authorizing Contracts with FCS Group & Pacifica Law Group for a Tax  
Increment Area Formation Study

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

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

**Jean Buckner**, 46226 SE 139th Place, discussed problematic issues with the proposed development agreement and potential auto mall in the Truck Town area and suggested alternatives for the area such as a “Gateway to the Middle Fork Park” with open space for the elk and amenities that were recreation focused.

**Debra Landers**, 14615 438th Ave. SE, provided an update on North Bend Art & Industry's summer activities and noted upcoming activities included a monthly "Write In" event on the 2nd Wednesday and a "Makers Meetup" on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at their North Bend office. Additionally, she reported on a collaboration with the King County Library System on an "Authors Mentoring" program that will be held two times per month.

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, added to Ms. Buckner's comments by discussing issues pertaining to the proposed development including concessions allowed and lack of master plan for the area. He encouraged all to consider potential uses for the area that serves as the gateway to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River such as a mixed use public park with recreational/commercial elements, relocation of the ranger station and historical museum, educational center, open space and sports retail areas.

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

##### **Introduction – North Bend Police Officers**

**Audio: 12:57**

Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Captain Gary Horejsi introduced new Police Officers Rasmussen, Bostick, Westman and Hoyla.

#### **COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community & Economic Development Committee** – Councilmember Joselyn, Chair  
A report of the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilmember Elwood, Chair  
A report of the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Public Health & Safety Committee** – Councilmember Rustik, Chair  
No report. The August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled.

**Transportation & Public Works Committee** – Councilmember Koellen, Chair  
A report of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was provided.

**Council Workstudy** – Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf  
A report of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Workstudy was provided.

**Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting** – Councilmember Gothelf  
No report.

**Planning Commission**  
A report of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Parks Commission**  
A report of the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

## **Economic Development Commission**

A report of the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

### **MAIN AGENDA:**

**AB24-077 – Public Hearing**, Ordinance 1812 Vacating Portion of Alm Way Right-of-Way **Audio: 29:38**

Deputy Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

**Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Alm Way Right-of-Way at 7:33 p.m.**

**There was no public comment and Mayor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.**

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-077, an ordinance vacating a portion of City right-of-way of Alm Way, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-078 – Resolution 2118 Granting Water Easement to Sallal Water Association** **Audio: 35:37**

City Engineer DeBerg provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-078, a resolution granting Sallal Water Association a Permanent Water Easement for siting of an Intertie Booster Station. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-079 – Resolution 2119 Authorizing Adoption of Capital Facilities Element Update for 2024 Comprehensive Plan** **Audio: 45:25**

Community & Economic Development Director Deming provided the staff report.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve AB24-079, a resolution authorizing adoption of the Capital Facilities Element Update for the 2024 North Bend Comprehensive Plan. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-080 – Ordinance 1813 Amending NBMC 13.20 Regarding No Protest Agreement Requirements** **Audio: 50:03**

Deputy Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB24-080, an ordinance amending NBMC Sections 13.20.040 and 13.20.060 to remove the No Protest Agreement requirements, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-081** – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Clark Nuber Contract **Audio: 58:43**

Finance Director Chaw provided the staff report.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB24-081, authorizing the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment #1 with Clark Nuber for a payroll analysis for 2022 and 2021, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-082** – Resolution 2120 Awarding 2024 RRFB Capital Project to **Audio: 1:02:31**  
Transportation Systems

Deputy Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-082, a resolution accepting bids and awarding the construction contract for the 2024 RRFB Project to Transportation Systems, Inc. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-076** – Motion Authorizing Contract with CPSM for Police Services **Audio: 1:08:22**  
Study

City Administrator Miller provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Jeri Taylor-Swade**, 14220 436<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-076, authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer a Professional Services Contract for a Police Services Study with Center for Public Safety Management, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

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

Councilmember Elwood welcomed the new police officers and thanked residents for their comments on AB24-076 – Motion Authorizing Contract with CPSM for Police Services Study and for their attentiveness to items coming before the City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Koellen reminded all that school was starting next Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and to exercise caution when traveling in school zones.

Councilmember Tremolada echoed Councilmember Koellen's comments regarding the start of school and encouraged all to fill out Valley Pool Together's survey to better understand how parents and caregivers in the Snoqualmie Valley are currently accessing swim lessons for their children.

Councilmember Rustik noted there was a need for bilingual and English-speaking school mentors for K-12 and encouraged those interested to send an email to [BeAMentor@empoweryouthnetwork.org](mailto:BeAMentor@empoweryouthnetwork.org).

Councilmember Joselyn commented on how refreshing and necessary the recent rain was for the river levels, particularly with the approach of Autumn.

City Administrator Miller thanked staff for their hard work on tonight's Council packet and commented on National Night Out and the Festival at Mt Si and thanked all the volunteers that helped to ensure the success of both events.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Regional Animal Services "Clear the Shelters" Campaign thru September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Festival at Mt Si and Volunteer Thank You
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Stage 1 of Water Conservation Ordinance
- Snoqualmie Valley Transportation's Valley Shuttle Weekend Service

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last thirty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 9:06 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional twenty minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Miller, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk