

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 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 7:02 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Elwood, Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Workstudy July 23, 2024 & City Council Meeting of August 20, 2024

Payroll – August 20, 2024 – 28851 through 28856, in the amount of \$317,234.32

Checks – September 3, 2024 – 76023 through 76079, in the amount of \$974,769.22

AB24-083 – Resolution 2121 Authorizing Contract with Wescon Enterprises, Inc. for Gardiner Weeks Park Improvements

AB24-084 – Motion Authorizing Purchase of Solid Waste Cans from Securr

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Linda Reid, 702 Maloney Grove Ave. SE, mentioned safety concerns with the recently redesigned Maloney Grove/SE Cedar Falls Way intersection and requested the City consider public input prior to any improvement or redesign of an intersection.

Martin Volken, 909 NE 6th Street, requested the City look into vehicles speeding on W. 2nd Street between Bendigo Boulevard N. and Main Ave. N. and expressed concern about the odor emanating from the storm drain on W. 2nd Street.

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place, mentioned potential features of a gateway/park to the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River with a recreation focus which included benefits of a park, connectivity with West End/Downtown of North Bend, transportation plan, and other recreation opportunities.

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, elaborated on Ms. Buckner's comments and spoke regarding the benefits of making Exit 34 the natural resource gateway to the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River with amenities similar to those offered at Exit 32 on the way to Rattlesnake Lake Park.

Peter Nissen, 46235 SE 140th Street, discussed the natural beauty of the parcel in the EP2 Zone that is under consideration for development and noted it would be a horrible waste to pave/develop the property and suggested Council visit the parcel before making any decisions on the development agreement related to the parcel.

Jason Ritchie, 2802 SE 16th Street, requested Council, when contemplating police services, consider what the City was getting for its money and what they expect of the police service. Additionally, he challenged Council, when thinking about new development, to consider fiscal sustainability for the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB24-085 – Youth Appointment to Parks Commission

Audio: 19:02

Mayor Miller recommended the appointment of Ethan Eusebio to Youth Position No. 5 on the Parks Commission.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-085, confirming the appointment of Ethan Eusebio to Youth Member Position No. 5 on the Parks Commission, term expiring August 31, 2025. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

Proclamation – Senior Center Month

Audio: 24:54

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring the month of September 2024 as Senior Center Month in the City of North Bend. Mt Si Senior Center Executive Director Susan Kingsbury-Comeau was on hand to accept the proclamation.

Presentation – Mt Si Senior Center Community Needs Assessment

Audio: 27:44

Mt Si Senior Center Executive Director Susan Kingsbury-Comeau provided a presentation on the results of the Mt Si Senior Center's recent survey on community needs. She reviewed the methodology used, summary of findings including demographics, community needs, participation in Mt. Si Senior Center activities and engagement.

Presentation – 2nd Quarter Financial Status Report

Audio: 48:08

Finance Director Chaw provided a presentation on the 2024 Year-To-Date Financial Status January-June 2024 which included review of General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds. Mr. Chaw noted all funds ended with a positive balance, with the General Fund ending balance of \$6.3 million dollars being sufficient to cover expenses totaling \$5.5 million dollars.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB24-086 – Public Hearing Only, Presentation – 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Audio: 57:12

Finance Director Chaw provided a presentation on property taxes and revenues sources for the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget at 8:43 p.m.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Jason Ritchie, 2802 SE 16th Street

Mayor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m.

AB24-087 – Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement with Middle Fork Property Development, LLC

Audio: 1:47:12

Economic Development Manager Henderson provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Jean Buckner, 46226 SE 139th Place

Martin Volken, 909 NE 6th Street

Jodi Laakso, 450 NE 4th Street

Susie Martin, 13719 461st Place SE

Bob Power, 165 NE Juniper Street, Issaquah

Kathy Golic, 13705 460th Ct. SE

Jason Ritchie, 2802 SE 16th Street

Peter Nissen, 46325 SE 140th Street

Gina Volken, 909 NE 6th Street

Fiona Himka, 47527 SE 137th Street

Eddie Schoen, 17215 432nd Ave. SE

Will Russack, 8602 378th Ave SE, Snoqualmie

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Pamela Weisman, 13713 460th Ct. SE

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to postpone AB24-087, a resolution authorizing a Development Agreement between the City of North Bend and Middle Fork Property Development LLC to the October 1, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Miller recessed the meeting at 10:10 p.m. for a ten-minute break.

Mayor Miller called the meeting back to order at 10:19 p.m.

The motion **PASSED** 5-2. (Torguson, Tremolada)

AB24-088 – Ordinance 1814 Amending NBMC 1.20 RE Code Enforcement **Audio: 3:10:33**

City Attorney Rosenberg and Building Official Mercer provided the staff report.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve AB24-088, an ordinance amending NBMC Sections 1.20.060, 1.20.080 and 1.20.100; adopting a new Section 1.20.105 relating to appeals in Code Enforcement, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-089 – Motion Authorizing Contract with PH Consulting for the 2025 **Audio: 3:15:37** Sidewalk Gaps Project

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

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-089, authorizing a contract with PH Consulting for design of the 2025 Sidewalk Gaps Project, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$574,400. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Elwood thanked those that provided public comment at tonight's meeting. Additionally, he thanked Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Chief Lynch and Captain Horejsi for presenting the Public Health & Safety Committee with the pink badges that they will be wearing on their uniforms in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and for their calling attention to this very important issue.

Councilmember Torguson echoed Councilmember Elwood's comments about Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged those interested to donate the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank and Mt Si Senior Center.

Councilmember Tremolada announced the Snoqualmie Valley Little League Golf Tournament was being held on September 20th at Mt Si Golf Course for those interested.

Councilmember Rustik echoed fellow Councilmember's comments about the pink badges provided for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Councilmember Gothelf echoed fellow Councilmember's comments about Breast Cancer Awareness Month and thanked the public for providing comments on AB24-087 – Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement with Middle Fork Property Development, LLC. Additionally, he reminded all to slow down when traveling in neighborhoods where children were at play.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Meet Up with the Mayor – September 4th 10 a.m. @ Hartwood Café
- King County Regional Animal Services “Clear the Shelters” Campaign thru September 10th
- Yard Waste Recycling Program – September 14th 8 a.m. to Noon @ Public Works
- Community Shred Event – September 14th 8 a.m. to Noon @ City Hall
- Sip, Suds & Si Event – September 14th 6 – 9 p.m. @ Downtown North Bend

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 10:40 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 twenty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk