

## **NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 15, 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.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes** – Special City Council Meeting of September 10, 2024

**Payroll** – **October 4, 2024** – 28869 through 28875, in the amount of **\$450,236.70**

**Checks** – **October 15, 2024** – 76210 through 76294, in the amount of **\$828,749.78**

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

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

**Debra Landers**, 14615 438<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, reported North Bend Art & Industry (NBA&I) would be holding an Art Supply Swap on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce and reported NBA&I has found a maker's space location at 1533 Bendigo Blvd. N.

**Karl Moser**, 409 Pickett Ave. NE, commented on local youth riding their e-dirt bikes at the pump track at Torguson Park and requested the City investigate ways to prevent the issue.

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, noted King County Department of Health was proposing changes to on-site septic system codes and encouraged the public to provide their input to the County by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Community & Economic Development Committee** – Councilmember Joselyn, Chair  
A report of the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Finance & Administration Committee** – Councilmember Elwood, Chair  
A report of the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Public Health & Safety Committee** – Councilmember Rustik, Chair  
A report of the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was provided.

**Transportation & Public Works Committee** – Councilmember Koellen, Chair  
A report of the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Council Workstudy** – Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf  
A report of the September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> Special meetings was provided.

**Planning Commission**  
A report of the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Parks Commission**  
A report of the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Economic Development Commission**  
A report of the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting** – Councilmember Gothelf  
A report of the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee** – Councilmember Tremolada  
A report of the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

**Sound Cities Association Board of Health** – Councilmember Koellen  
A report of the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided.

## **INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Presentation** – Mayor’s 2025-2026 Biennial Budget Message **Audio: 24:59**

Mayor Miller presented the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget Message.

**AB24-107 – Public Hearing Only, Presentation – 2025-2026 Biennial Budget** **Audio: 34:36**

Finance Director Chaw provided a presentation on the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. He reviewed an updated General Fund financial forecast (2025-2030) and the Mayor’s Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget which included budget development guiding principles, key assumptions, high level summary by fund family and proposed 2025-2026 appropriations.

**Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget at 8:46 p.m.**

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas**, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

**Mayor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 8:48 p.m.**

**AB24-108 – Public Hearing, Ordinance Setting 2025 Property Tax Levy      Audio: 1:48:46**

Finance Director Chaw provided the staff report.

**Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levy at 8:51 p.m.**

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

**Mayor Miller announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB24-108, to continue the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levy until the November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-109 – Resolution 2129 Approving Six Year Capital Improvement      Audio: 1:54:47**  
Plan 2025-2030

Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos 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 AB24-109, a resolution adopting the City's 2025-2030 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

**AB24-110 – Resolution 2130 Awarding Sallal Intertie Project to NW      Audio: 2:07:23**  
Cascade

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

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

**Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE**

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-110, a resolution accepting bids and awarding the construction contract for the Boxley Creek Mitigation Water Line Sallal Intertie Project to Northwest Cascade, Inc. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

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

Councilmember Gothelf noted the rainy season was approaching and encouraged all to drive safely and watch out for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Councilmember Tremolada commented on the recently completed sidewalk along the Snoqualmie River and mentioned Falling River Meats would be holding an anniversary celebration on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, he noted Bread & Bone was open for business, Trick-or-Treat Street would be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Downtown North Bend and Volition Brewery would be holding a movie night on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Koellen reported a 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> District Candidate Forum would be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at South Fork Restaurant.

Councilmember Elwood noted this upcoming weekend would be the last chance to see Valley Center Stage's production of Arsenic and Old Lace at Sallal Grange.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- West Park St. & Main Ave. Intersection Improvement Open House – October 22<sup>nd</sup> 5 p.m. @ City Hall
- Trick-or-Treat Street – October 26<sup>th</sup> 3 – 5 p.m. @ Downtown North Bend
- Arbor Day Tree Planting – November 1<sup>st</sup> 2 – 4 p.m. @ South Fork Snoqualmie River and Ribary Creek

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 9:20 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 25 minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mary Miller, Mayor

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk