

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 19, 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 Council Workstudy of October 8, 2024

Payroll – November 5, 2024 – 28882 through **28887**, in the amount of **\$358,162.60**

Checks – November 19, 2024 – 76367 through **76415**, in the amount of **\$306,616.58**

AB24-120 – Resolution 2131 Designating 2025 Paper of Record

AB24-121 – Motion Authorizing ILA with King County for Jail Services

AB24-122 – Ordinance 1820 Amending 2023-2024 Budget

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE, commented that tonight's meeting should be cancelled due to the weather and public safety concerns and noted the Board of Health has deferred revisions to the onsite septic code until the end of January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB24-123 – Appointment to King County Landmarks Commission

Audio: 5:41

Mayor Miller recommended the reappointment of Kevin Burrows as Special Member to the King County Landmarks Commission.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve AB24-123, confirming the reappointment of Kevin Burrows as the City of North Bend Special Member to the King County Landmarks Commission, term expiring December 31, 2027. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Joselyn, Chair

A report of the November 19th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair

A report of the November 12th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair

A report of the November 5th meeting was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair

A report of the October 22nd meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf

A report of the October 22nd Workstudy was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf

A report of the November 14th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission

A report of the October 16th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission

A report of the October 23rd meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission

A report of the October 24th and November 14th meetings were provided.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada

A report of the November 13th meeting was provided.

MAIN AGENDA:

Councilmember Torguson stated the following: “I am abstaining from AB24-124 as to the recommended motion in the Agenda Bill. If there are amendments unrelated to my interest in my docket request and my specific properties, I am able to vote on such an amendment and I intend to do so this evening.”

AB24-124 – Resolution 2132 Authorizing Adoption of Land Use Element
Update for 2024 Comprehensive Plan

Audio: 22:26

Principal Planner McCarty provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Hannah Thiel, 1366 Bandera Ave. SE

Jeri Taylor-Swade, 14220 436th Ave. SE

Jeffrey Yee, 12117 SE 261st Court, Kent

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB24-124, a resolution authorizing adoption of the Land Use Element for the 2024 North Bend Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to amend Figure 1-2, “Land Use Designation Map” to revise the land use designation from Residential to Employment Park consistent with the City’s current land use designation, and to amend Figure 1-4 “proposed Zoning Map” from Low Density Residential to Business Park, consistent with the City’s current zoning designation (as renamed from Employment Park 1 to Business Park). The motion **FAILED** 2-5 (Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson, Tremolada)

The main motion **PASSED** 5-1 (Gothelf) (Torguson abstained).

AB24-125 – Resolution 2133 Authorizing Adoption of Housing Element Audio: 1:06:56
Update for 2024 Comprehensive Plan

Senior Planner Burrell provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Hannah Thiel, 1366 Bandera Ave. SE

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB24-125, a resolution authorizing adoption of the Housing Element for the 2024 North Bend Comprehensive Plan. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-126 – Public Hearing, Ordinance Adopting 2025-2026 Biennial Audio: 1:16:05
Budget

Finance Director Chaw provided the staff report.

Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget at 8:24 p.m.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Jeri Taylor-Swade, 14220 436th Ave. SE

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Mayor Miller announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the December 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-126, to continue the Public Hearing and move forward for second reading at the December 3, 2024 City Council Meeting the ordinance adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-127 – Public Hearing Cont., Ordinance 1821 Setting 2025 Property Tax Levy Audio: 1:29:52

Finance Director Chaw and Deputy Finance Director Morse provided the staff report.

Mayor Miller announced the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levy was opened at the November 5, 2024 City Council meeting and continued to tonight's meeting.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Rachel Johnston, 1310 LaForest Drive SE

Mayor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB24-127, an ordinance adopting the 2025 Regular Property Tax Levy, as set forth in Option Number 1 (1.0% Increase), and the Excess Levy, as a second and final reading.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to earmark the 1% increase for public safety costs. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

The main motion then **PASSED AS AMENDED** 7-0.

AB24-128 – Ordinance 1822 Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule RE Solid Waste & Recycling Rates Audio: 1:46:22

Deputy Finance Director Morse provided the staff report.

The following individuals commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Alissa Campbell, Recology Government & Communications Relations Manager, 801 S. Fidalgo St., Seattle

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB24-128, an ordinance increasing the Solid Waste & Recycling Rates, effective January 1, 2025, and amending the Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB24-129 – Motion Authorizing Contract with Avidex for AV Equipment Audio: 1:55:24

IT Manager Davenport provided the staff report.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

Michael Thomas, 1231 LaForest Drive SE

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB24-129, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract in the amount of \$113,087.09 with Avidex to upgrade the existing audio-visual equipment in the Council Chambers, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor Miller presented outgoing City Administrator Miller with a plaque in recognition of his seven years of service with the City. Mayor Miller and Council thanked him for his exceptional service and dedication to the citizens of North Bend and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Councilmember Koellen addressed the current windy weather and encouraged all to drive safely on the way home.

Councilmember Tremolada encouraged all to help any neighbor that may need a hand after the windstorm.

Councilmember Gothelf noted he appreciated all the hard work staff put into the element updates for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and commented on the robust Council discussion on the elements presented recently.

City Administrator Miller thanked Council for tonight's action related to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Application Period Open for 2025 Citizen's Academy
- Cancellation of November 26th Workstudy

- City Offices Closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day
- Cancellation of December 17th City Council Meeting & December 24th City Council Workstudy

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk