

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 7, 2025

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, Torguson and Tremolada. Councilmember Rustik was excused.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Workstudy of October 22, 2024 & City Council Meeting of December 3, 2024

Payroll – **December 5, 2024 – 28894** through **28899**, in the amount of **\$368,380.58**

December 20, 2024 – 28900 through **28905**, in the amount of **\$372,478.02**

December 31, 2024 – 28906 through **28912**, in the amount of **\$497,914.40**

Checks – **December 17, 2024 – 76488** through **76542**, in the amount of **\$551,410.89**

December 31, 2024 – 76543 through **76612**, in the amount of **\$738,675.86**

January 7, 2025 – 76613 through **76618**, in the amount of **\$43,595.79**

AB25-001 – Motion Authorizing Director Employment Agreements

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Sam White, Planning Commissioner, noted Planning Commission members would be attending more City Council meetings, City Council Workstudies and other Commission meetings to help promote more crosstalk and engagement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – National Mentoring Month

Audio: 3:36

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring January 2025 as National Mentoring Month in the City of North Bend. Kathy Hyland and Amy McGhee from Empower Youth Network were on hand to accept the proclamation.

Presentation – Parks Commission Report & 2025 Work Plan

Audio: 9:06

Parks Commissioner Braun presented the Commission's 2024 Summary Report which detailed this year's expenditures and activities. He noted the 2025 Tentative Work Plan for the Commission included input on the Shoreline Access Plan, review of the William H. Taylor Park and Ballarat Avenue Plaza projects, collaboration with Economic Development Commission on Bicycle Improvements Plan, coordination with Public Works on park and trail related improvements scheduled for 2026-2027, community engagement booth at Block Party and/or Farmers Market and coordinating Arbor Day celebration in the fall.

Introduction – North Bend Police Officer & Chaplain

Audio: 18:19

Snoqualmie/North Bend Police Chief Lynch introduced new Police Officer Wyatt Schannauer and Police Chaplain Pat Hamman.

AB25-002 – 2025 Council Standing Committee Appointments

Audio: 24:34

Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn proposed the following 2025 Council Committee appointments for Council's consideration:

Community & Economic Development Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Elwood

Members – Councilmember Koellen, Councilmember Tremolada

Budget, Finance & Administration Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Gothelf

Members – Councilmember Elwood, Councilmember Torguson

Public Health & Safety Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Rustik

Members – Councilmember Gothelf, Councilmember Torguson

Transportation & Public Works Committee:

Chair – Councilmember Koellen

Members – Councilmember Rustik, Councilmember Tremolada

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-002 confirming the 2025 appointments to the Council's Standing Committees. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

Planning Manager McCarty introduced new Associate Planner Caitlin Hepworth.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session was expected to last 20 minutes and videotaping of the meeting was paused during this time.

At 7:50 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 10 minutes.

At 8:00 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 15 minutes.

At 8:15 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 10 minutes.

At 8:26 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional 10 minutes.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Miller reconvened the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Video-taping of the meeting resumed at this time.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB25-003 – Motion Authorizing Police Services ILA Renewal Term with Snoqualmie **Audio: 30:03**

Interim City Administrator Larson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson, Pursuant to Section 3(b) of the 2019 Renewal ILA for police services between the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend, to approve a Renewal Term, beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing until the earlier of (i) June 1, 2025, or (ii) the cities' approval of a new interlocal agreement for police services. During this Renewal Term, the parties shall continue their good faith discussions toward a new interlocal agreement, and North Bend shall pay Snoqualmie an annualized fee for police services of \$2,835,674, effective January 1, 2025. If the parties are able to reach a new agreement for police services, the agreed compensation for 2025 shall be retroactive to January 1, 2025. All other provisions of the 2019 Renewal ILA shall remain in effect during this Renewal Term, including the requirement of 18 months' written notice of termination.

The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Elwood thanked Empower Youth Network for providing a mentorship program for valley youth and Parks Commission members for all of their efforts last year. Additionally, he thanked staff for their efforts regarding AB25-003 – Motion Authorizing Police Services ILA Renewal Term with Snoqualmie.

Councilmember Torguson echoed Councilmember Elwood’s comments regarding the Empower Youth Network’s mentoring program.

Councilmember Tremolada wished everyone a “Happy New Year” and encouraged all to patronize local businesses. Additionally, he commented on Planning Commissioner White’s comments about engagement/participation at future Council meetings and suggested this as a topic for the upcoming Council Retreat.

Councilmember Joselyn commented he looked forward to working with staff, Council and citizens in the year ahead.

Councilmember Gothelf wished everyone a “Happy New Year” and thanked staff for their efforts regarding AB25-003 – Motion Authorizing Police Services ILA Renewal Term with Snoqualmie. Additionally, he encouraged all to exercise caution when traveling on City streets during the winter months.

Interim City Administrator Larson thanked Council for their support in the last month and encouraged them to reach out to him if they had any questions or concerns. Additionally, he thanked staff for the warm welcome.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Wished everyone a “Happy New Year”
- City offices closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk