

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 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, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of January 7, 2025

Checks – December 31, 2024 – 76623 through 76671, in the amount of \$711,724.55
January 21, 2025 – 76672 through 76690, in the amount of \$28,635.65

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Simone Greyling, Tannerwood Neighborhood, spoke regarding several issues she had with the Snoqualmie Police Department and encouraged the City Council to reconsider the contract with the City of Snoqualmie for police services.

Debra Landers, 14615 438th Ave. SE, thanked Council for the grant awarded to North Bend Art & Industry and noted upcoming activities included the June 21st Art Off the Rails event, Art Supply Swap in September and Artists Sunday on November 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation – 2024 Year End Financial Status Report

Audio: 8:21

Finance Director Chaw provided a presentation on the 2024 Year End Finance Status Report for the City which included a regional economic forecast from King County, ending fund balances, status of General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Monthly Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) distributions and transactions. Mr. Chaw noted nearly all funds ended 2024 with balances in a positive financial condition.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the January 21st meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
A report of the January 14th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair
No report.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair
No report.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn
No report.

Planning Commission
A report of the December 18th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission
A report of the November 21st meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission
A report of the November 14th meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the January 9th meeting was provided.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada
A report of the January 8th meeting was provided.

Police Department – Police Chief Lynch
A report of crime statistics for December 2024 was provided.

MAIN AGENDA:

AB25-004 – Motion Authorizing 2025 Renewal ILA with Snoqualmie for Police Services **Audio: 40:21**

Interim City Administrator Larson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Rustik **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-004, authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer the 2025 Renewal Interlocal Agreement with the City of Snoqualmie for continued police services for the period January 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Torguson encouraged pedestrians to wear light or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking at night to increase visibility.

Councilmember Koellen thanked all first responders for their efforts during the recent wildfire event in Southern California and echoed Councilmember Torguson's comments regarding pedestrians wearing reflective vests or clothing.

Councilmember Tremolada congratulated Ignite Dance on the awards they received at a recent event and noted Snoqualmie Valley Little League would be holding assessments for baseball and softball players during the next two weekends.

Councilmember Joselyn noted Recology King County did not provide garbage services on Monday due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and encouraged better messaging regarding garbage services pickup during the holidays. Additionally, he spoke regarding the Department of Fish & Wildlife's prompt response regarding an ill elk in the greenbelt near Si View Park and elaborated on the underlying level of service provided by state and local governments.

Councilmember Rustik noted the sale of Girl Scout cookies would begin soon and encouraged all to support their fundraising efforts.

Councilmember Gothelf echoed fellow Councilmember's comments regarding increased visibility for pedestrians at night and the effort of first responders in Southern California.

Interim City Administrator Larson thanked Councilmembers for participating in the recent National Guard Readiness Center briefings and noted staff would have a wrap up meeting with the National Guard in the upcoming weeks.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Saturday Night Fever Pub Crawl Fundraiser – January 25th 5 p.m. @ Downtown
- Meet Up with the Mayor – January 29th 4 p.m. @ Trail Youth Coffee
- Free Youth Heart Screenings – February 5th 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ Mt Si High School

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:55 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 sixty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:56 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional fifteen minutes.

At 9:12 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional ten minutes.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk