

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 18, 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 (remote), Torguson and Tremolada.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Workstudy of January 28, 2025

Payroll – February 5, 2025 – 76747 through **76752**, in the amount of **\$418,826.16**

Checks – February 18, 2025 – 76753 through **76817**, in the amount of **\$963,795.00**

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

City Administrator Mike Chambless, City of Snoqualmie, reported Police Chief Lynch was on administrative leave and an outside investigator was being brought in to conduct an independent investigation. He noted no updates would be provided until it was appropriate to do so.

Mayor Katherine Ross, City of Snoqualmie, addressed the current police services the City of Snoqualmie provides to North Bend, ongoing contract negotiations, and noted their top priority was coming to an agreement that was fair to the taxpayers of both cities, and reflects the level of service required to keep both communities safe.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – Twin Peaks Day

Audio: 6:34

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring February 24, 2025 as Twin Peaks Day in the City of North Bend. Karl Reinsch was present to accept the proclamation.

Councilmember Rustik left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the February 18th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
No report. The February 11th meeting was cancelled.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair
A report of the January 28th meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn
A report of the January 28th Workstudy and February 11th Council Retreat was provided.

Councilmember Rustik rejoined the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair
A report of the February 4th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission

A report of the February 5th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission

A report of the January 22nd meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission

A report of the January 23rd meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf

A report of the February 13th meeting was provided. Councilmember Gothelf announced Chief Lane would be retiring at the end of the year.

Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee – Councilmember Torguson

A report of the January 30th meeting was provided.

Police Department – Police Captain Horejsi

A report of crime statistics for January 2025 was provided.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB25-013 – Resolution 2140 Accepting TIB Grant for NB Way Complete Streets Phase 1 Project **Audio: 43:01**

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

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-013, a resolution accepting a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Grant in the amount of \$1,002,519 and dedication of matching funds for the North Bend Way Complete Streets Phase One Transportation Capital Project. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB25-014 – Resolution 2141 Accepting TIB Grant for South Fork Ave. **Audio: 49:24**
Extension & Starfish Roundabout Projects

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

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-014, a resolution accepting a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Grant in the amount of \$4,244,612 and dedication of matching funds for the South Fork Avenue Extension and Starfish Roundabout Transportation Capital Projects. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf encouraged pedestrians and drivers to exercise caution when using or driving through crosswalks in the City.

Councilmember Tremolada mentioned the February 19th Middle Fork Development Pre-Submittal Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and the February 26th Shoreline Access & Trail Planning and North Bend Ballarat Plaza Workshops starting at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilmember Torguson thanked Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Rigos' efforts on the proposed Highway 18 Tunnel Project.

Councilmember Elwood thanked staff for providing a project funding breakdown for both agenda items discussed on the Main Agenda at tonight's meeting and thanked City Administrator Mike Chambliss and Mayor Katherine Ross for comments they provided during Citizen's Comments. He concluded by noting that the production "Treasure Island" was currently playing at Valley Center Stage.

Councilmember Joselyn commented on his recent attendance at City staff's Annual Chili Cook Off event and thanked staff for all of their efforts.

Interim City Administrator Larson echoed Councilmember Joselyn's comments regarding the Chili Cook Off event and thanked Council for attending the February 11th City Council Retreat. Additionally, he commented on the upcoming February 25th Council Workstudy.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Application Deadline of February 28th for EDC Vacancies

- Shoreline Access & Trail Planning and North Bend Ballarat Plaza Workshops – February 26th 6 p.m. @ City Hall
- Cancellation of March 4, 2025 City Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:02 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 thirty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 8:32 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 8:47 p.m. it was announced to audience members outside the adjournment room that the Executive Session was expected to last an additional fifteen minutes.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk