

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 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: Gothelf, Joselyn, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada. Councilmember Elwood was excused.

Mayor Miller announced the State of the City address scheduled for tonight's meeting would instead be delivered at the May 6, 2025 City Council meeting.

Mayor Miller announced an Executive Session would be added to the end of tonight's agenda to discuss the performance of a public employee, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Council Workstudy of March 25, 2025 & City Council Meeting of April 1, 2025

Payroll – April 4, 2025 – 77003 through 77009, in the amount of **\$457,768.77**

Checks – April 15, 2025 – 77010 through 77086, in the amount of **\$490,758.57**

AB25-036 – Ordinance 1826 Amending 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance 1823

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Kelly Coughlin, Chief Executive Officer of SnoValley Chamber of Commerce, requested Council pause any decisions regarding the police contract until after the November, 2025 elections and noted local businesses were happy with the services provided by Snoqualmie Police Department.

Alyssa Sprague, North Bend business owner, spoke in support of the Snoqualmie Police Department and commented on the benefits provided to the community.

Lena Baunsgard, North Bend business owner, spoke regarding the benefit of the Snoqualmie Police Department substation at the Outlet Mall. Additionally, she noted her business Treasures in Heaven has donated over \$585,000 to humanitarian and local non-profits in the last four years.

Quinn Gere, North Bend resident, noted he appreciated the service provided by Snoqualmie Police Department and encouraged the Council to retain them as the provider for police services.

Ken Hearing, unincorporated North Bend, former North Bend Mayor, spoke regarding the contracts for police services proposed by City of Snoqualmie and King County Sheriff's Office. He noted a contract with KCSO was non-negotiable unlike a contract with Snoqualmie and noted there was no advantage to returning to KCSO for police services.

Craig Glazier, North Bend business owner, echoed Ms. Coughlin's sentiments regarding taking time to consider a contract for police services and to consider the possibility of the City starting its own police force in the future.

Rob McFarland, North Bend resident, former North Bend Mayor, noted both KCSO and Snoqualmie Police Department have provided great services to the City. He encouraged Council to consider whether they can rebuild trust with Snoqualmie, whether they could trust KCSO contract provisions would keep the City adequately covered considering cuts in unincorporated areas and concluded by encouraging Council to bargain hard regardless of the vendor.

Dorie Ross, North Bend business owner, echoed Ms. Coughlin's comments regarding taking time to consider a contract for police services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Introduction – North Bend Police Officer

Audio: 18:36

Snoqualmie/North Bend Acting Police Chief Horejsi introduced new Records Technician Sherri Tye and Police Officer Daniel Buerger.

AB25-037 – Appointments to Economic Development Commission

Audio: 25:50

Mayor Miller recommended the appointments of Anne Granderson to Position No. 2 and Tad Haas to Position No. 5 on the Business & Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-037, confirming the appointments of Anne Granderson to Position No. 2 for the remainder of Position No. 2's current term, expiring on December 31, 2027 and Tad Haas to Position No. 5, term expiring on December 31, 2028, on the Business & Economic Development Commission. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

Presentation – Police Services

Audio: 31:47

Finance Director Chaw provided a presentation on the Police Services Request for Proposals scored results which included the averaged final score for City of Snoqualmie

(121.25) and King County Sheriff's Office (117.30), non-scored items, proposal recaps and cost comparisons per officer with both agencies. Mr. Chaw concluded by noting the topic will be discussed at the upcoming April 22, 2025 Council Workstudy and May 6, 2025 City Council meeting.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the April 15th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
A report of the April 8th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair
A report of the April 1st meeting was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair
A report of the March 25th meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn
A report of the March 25th Workstudy & April 8th Special Workstudy was provided.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada
A report of the April 9th meeting was provided.

Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee – Councilmember Torguson
A report of the March 27th meeting was provided.

SnoValley Chamber of Commerce – Councilmember Torguson
A report of recent Chamber activities was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the April 15th meeting was provided.

Planning Commission
A report of the March 19th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission
The March 26th meeting was cancelled.

Economic Development Commission
A report of the March 27th meeting was provided.

Police Department – Police Captain Horejsi
A report of crime statistics for March 2025 was provided.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Koellen commented on the nice weather and encouraged all to exercise caution when recreating near lakes and rivers in the area.

Councilmember Tremolada thanked Public Works staff for their efforts on the recently finished Middle Fork Overlook Park and congratulated Finance Director Chaw and his staff on receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Councilmember Joselyn echoed Councilmember Tremolada's comments regarding the award received from GFOA.

Councilmember Rustik echoed fellow Councilmembers comments regarding the award received from GFOA and noted since local schools were on spring break to please be aware of children at play when traveling through town.

Councilmember Gothelf echoed fellow Councilmembers comments regarding the award received from GFOA and encouraged all to slow down and pay attention to children at play in area neighborhoods.

Interim City Administrator Larson echoed Councilmember's comments on the award received from GFOA and thanked all directors for their daily efforts on behalf of the City. Additionally, he thanked Public Works employee Bart Kelly for assisting in the retrieval of a lost item and encouraged the community to participate in the Cleanup Event scheduled for April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the Depot.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- Yard Waste Recycling – April 19th 8 a.m. to Noon @ Public Works
- Jazz Walk – April 26th 6 p.m. to Midnight @ Downtown
- Spring Recycling Event – May 3rd 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ Snoqualmie Middle School
- Friends of the North Bend Library Book Sale – May 1st – 3rd @ North Bend Library

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee (*However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public , and when a*

governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public), pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). No action was anticipated as a result of the Executive Session, which was expected to last thirty minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

City of Snoqualmie Mayor Katherine Ross, City Administrator Mike Chambless and City Attorney Dena Burke attended the Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk