

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 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 – Council Workstudy of April 22, 2025 & City Council Meeting of May 6, 2025

Payroll – May 5, 2025 – 77160 through **77166**, in the amount of **\$397,818.29**

Checks – May 20, 2025 – 77167 through **77228**, in the amount of **\$454,291.25**

AB25-045 – Ordinance 1828 Adopting NBMC 10.04.080 Rules of the Road

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

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee – Councilmember Elwood, Chair
A report of the May 20th meeting was provided.

Finance & Administration Committee – Councilmember Gothelf, Chair
A report of the May 13th meeting was provided.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting – Councilmember Gothelf
A report of the May 8th meeting was provided.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Councilmember Rustik, Chair
A report of the May 6th meeting was provided.

Council Workstudy – Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn
A report of the April 22nd Workstudy was provided.

Transportation & Public Works Committee – Councilmember Koellen, Chair
A report of the April 22nd meeting was provided.

Planning Commission
A report of the May 7th meeting was provided.

Parks Commission

A report of the April 30th meeting was provided.

Economic Development Commission

A report of the April 24th and April 30th meetings was provided.

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Councilmember Tremolada

A report of the May 14th meeting was provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the regular meeting for an Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session was expected to last twenty minutes and recording of the meeting was paused at this time.

At 7:41 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 7:57 p.m.

MAIN AGENDA:

**AB25-046 – Public Hearing, Resolution Adopting Six Year
Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2026-2031**

Audio: 20:31

City Engineer DeBerg provided the staff report.

Mayor Miller opened the Public Hearing on a Resolution Adopting the Six Year TIP 2026-2031 at 8:01 p.m.

The following individual commented on the agenda item:

George Anderson, North Bend resident

Mayor Miller announced the Public Hearing would remain open until the June 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB25-046, a resolution adopting the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2026 – 2031, as a first reading, and continuing the public hearing until the June 17, 2025 City Council

Meeting. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB25-047 – Ordinance 1829 Amending Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule & NBMC 15.31.050 Regarding Fire Permit Fees **Audio: 29:22**

Building Official Mercer and Eastside Fire & Rescue Fire Marshal Hicks provided the staff report.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-047, an ordinance amending NBMC Chapter 15.31 relating to Building and Construction Fees, and amending the City's Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule, as a first and final reading. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB25-048 – Resolution 2149 Approving Development Agreement with PJO NW Development LLC **Audio: 48:03**

Senior Planner Burrell provided the staff report. Phil O'Sullivan of PJO NW Development, LLC was on hand to answer questions.

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve AB25-048, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer a Development Agreement between the City of North Bend and PJO NW Development LLC. The motion **PASSED** 5-2 (Elwood, Gothelf).

AB25-049 – Motion 18 Month Notice of Termination of ILA with Snoqualmie for Police Services **Audio: 1:05:55**

Interim City Administrator Larson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB25-049, authorizing the Mayor to provide the 18-month notice of termination of the ILA with Snoqualmie for police services. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

Mayor Miller recessed the meeting for a ten minute break at 8:45 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:58 p.m.

AB25-050 – Motion Authorizing ILA with King County Sheriff's Office for Police Services **Audio: 1:08:51**

Interim City Administrator Larson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-050, authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an Interlocal Agreement with the

King County Sheriff's Office for provision of police services for the City of North Bend, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB25-051 – Motion Authorizing First Amendment to Interim City Administrator Employment Contract

Audio: 1:14:11

Administrative Services Director Escobar provided the staff report.

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to remand AB25-051, authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Interim City Administrator Robert Larson, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney, to the May 27, 2025 Workstudy. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Elwood thanked staff for their assistance with the weighty topics that have come before Council for consideration recently and thanked King County Sheriff's Office representatives for attending tonight's meeting. Additionally, he noted the production "The Comedy of Errors" would begin on May 30th at Valley Center Stage.

Councilmember Torgeson reported a presentation on the 2026 FIFA World Cup would be provided at the May 28th SnoValley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and encouraged all to attend.

Councilmember Koellen thanked Councilmembers Joselyn and Tremolada for running for another term.

Councilmember Tremolada mentioned Ignite Dance Studio would be holding their 15th anniversary dance recital on Sunday, June 1st at Mt Si High School and noted the Farmers Market would open on Thursday June 5th at Si View Park.

Councilmember Joselyn thanked Councilmember Gothelf regarding his kind words on serving as Mayor Pro Tem and thanked staff, particularly Interim City Administrator Larson and Finance Director Chaw, for their efforts regarding the police services contract.

Councilmember Rustik mentioned the May 7th ribbon cutting event for the new Reclaim Facility for unhoused individuals and acknowledged the contributions provided by the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie towards this organization.

Councilmember Gothelf noted the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend and encouraged all to travel safely.

Interim City Administrator Larson reported the third conference room at City Hall was almost complete and thanked Public Works staff for their efforts in cleaning up and beautifying the City.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- June 20th Deadline for Applications for Youth Parks Commission Vacancy
- Late May/Early June Intermittent Lane Closures on North Bend Way for Dahlgren RRFB Project
- City Offices Closed May 26th in observance of Memorial Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Miller recessed the meeting for an Executive Session at 9:21 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 ten minutes and videotaping of the meeting ceased.

At 9:31 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 9:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk