

CITY OF NORTH BEND
CITY COUNCIL WORKSTUDY NOTES

June 24, 2025

City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

Mayor Pro Tem Joselyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Brenden Elwood, Alan Gothelf, Mark Joselyn, Heather Koellen, Christina Rustik, Suzan Torguson and Errol Tremolada.

Staff Present: Mayor Mary Miller (Remote), Interim City Administrator Bob Larson, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Community & Economic Development Director James Henderson, Finance Director Martin Chaw, Administrative Services Director Lisa Escobar, Communications Manager Bre Keveren, IT Manager Phillip Davenport, and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Bourlin.

Vision & Strategic Planning Discussion

Community & Economic Development Director Henderson introduced the Vision & Strategic Planning Discussion. He discussed the purpose and value of having a visioning session. Council and staff discussed the following concepts to be included in a vision statement:

- Preserving Small Town
- Mountain Town Character and Natural Beauty
- Quality of Life
- Define “Highly Livable”
- Include Diversity
- Strong Sense of Belonging
- Community Connections
- Add a Residential Perspective
- Public Transportation

Council continued to discuss issues they felt were important such as aesthetic appeal regarding design standards, avoiding creating a narrow vision that could inhibit tax revenue, aesthetic appeal regarding design standard and code changes and prioritizing infrastructure and referenced the example of the Complete Streets project.

Several Councilmembers noted that it may be prudent to wait on determining the need for a facilitator until the cost was determined. Council expressed the desire to tour the City as a walking or driving tour that included key staff, possibly to occur before the August 26, 2025 Workstudy.

It was noted that the July 1, 2025 Council Meeting was cancelled and a discussion about Regional Committee Appointments was added to the July 22, 2025 Workstudy.

Adjournment

The Workstudy closed at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mark Joselyn, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Bourlin, Deputy City Clerk