

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2, 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, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada. Councilmember Joselyn was excused.

Mayor Miller announced AB25-085 – Motion Authorizing Amendment to SCORE Jail Services Contract would be pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to the end of tonight's Main Agenda for discussion.

Mayor Miller announced the Executive Session scheduled for the end of tonight's meeting was cancelled.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of August 5, 2025

Payroll – August 5, 2025 – 77572 – 77574, 77655 – 77660, in the amount of **\$419,009.69**
August 20, 2025 – 77664 – 77666, in the amount of **\$321,192.85**

Checks – August 19, 2025 – 77661 – 77663, 77667 – 77727, in the amount of **\$2,403,402.96**
September 2, 2025 – 77728 – 77760, in the amount of **\$1,612,026.04**

AB25-086 – Resolution 2159 Accepting Public Works Generator Contract

AB25-087 – Resolution 2160 Accepting Snoqualmie Valley Athletic Center Phase 1
Infrastructure Improvements

AB25-088 – Motion Authorizing Contract with PH Consulting for 2026 Sidewalk Gaps
Project

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gary Fancher, unincorporated North Bend, commented on the addition of a semi-truck turnaround feature at the future 468th Ave. SE/SE Middle Fork Road Roundabout. He expressed concern about the health and safety of school children walking to/from Twin Falls Middle School and recommended alternatives such as redirecting commercial truck traffic to other streets and increased police presence during peak hours.

Anne Herman, North Bend resident, invited all to attend the Park Run each Saturday morning at Tollgate Farm Park and noted the organization was seeking volunteers to assist with the events.

Tony Giulian, North Bend resident, expressed concern about the excessive speed of vehicles traveling on Ballarat Avenue and suggested the City consider speed bumps or cameras in the area.

Michael Thomas, North Bend resident, requested the City map septic systems that were within 500 feet of the proposed 2026 Sidewalk Gaps Projects and allow for more citizen comment of proposed e-motorbike and e-bike laws. Additionally, he expressed support for Mr. Fancher's earlier comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB25-089 – Youth Appointment to Parks Commission

Audio: 12:41

Mayor Miller recommended the appointment of Eyleen Eusebio to Youth Position No. 5 on the Parks Commission.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Elwood to approve AB25-089, confirming the appointment of Eyleen Eusebio to Youth Member Position No. 5 on the Parks Commission, term expiring August 31, 2026. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

Presentation – King County Search & Rescue

Audio: 18:25

King County Search & Rescue Executive Director Carrie Lee Gagnon provided a presentation on King County Search & Rescue Association which included the history and background of the association, timeline/evolution of King County Search & Rescue in response to mission needs, member units in search and rescue ecosystem, search and rescue statistics in and around North Bend, Rapid Alpine Deployment (season of May – September), state statistics on search and rescue associations, effects of population density and tourism, operational expenses and funding, current projects, King County 4x4 Search & Rescue, Seattle Mountain Rescue, and Regional Special Vehicles Unit.

Proclamation – Senior Center Month

Audio: 48:14

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring the month of September 2025 as Senior Center Month in the City of North Bend.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB25-090 – Ordinance Amending NBMC Chapter 10.20 Motorized Foot Scooters

Audio: 49:46

Community & Economic Development Director Henderson provided the staff report.

Councilmember Gothelf **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to postpone AB25-090, an ordinance amending NBMC Chapter 10.20 to define and regulate electric motorcycles and electric scooters to the September 23, 2025 Council Workstudy and for legislation to come back to the regular City Council meeting on October 7, 2025. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

AB25-085 – Motion Authorizing Amendment to SCORE Jail Services Contract

Audio: 1:26:46

Interim Police Chief Horejsi provided the staff report.

Councilmember Rustik **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Gothelf to approve AB25-085, authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with SCORE for jail services, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Gothelf encouraged all to slow down when traveling on city streets and expressed the importance, particularly as it relates to public safety, of passing legislation regarding e-scooters and e-motorcycles.

Councilmember Rustik encouraged all to donate food items to the “Apple Cup Food Drive” and noted donations boxes were available at City Hall until September 20th. Additionally, she reported Empower Youth Network was looking for mentors for the 2025/2026 school year and a Mentor Meet-up would be held on September 16th at 10 a.m. at Starbucks on Snoqualmie Ridge.

Councilmember Tremolada reported on the negative impacts two recent car accidents had on businesses in the QFC Shopping Center area and encouraged all to patronize those businesses and other local businesses that are affected by the slower than average shopping that occurs in the late summer/early fall.

Councilmember Koellen thanked King County Search & Rescue for their presentation and encouraged all to travel slowly through school and construction zones.

Councilmember Torguson reminded all to clean yard debris to prevent flooding and noted debris can be disposed of at the September 13th Yard Waste Recycling event from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Public Works Shop.

Councilmember Elwood expressed his gratitude and appreciation for King County Search & Rescue volunteers and thanked Ms. Eusebio for volunteering for the Youth Parks Commission position.

City Administrator Emery provided an updated image of the proposed King County Sheriff's Office patches for North Bend. Council expressed support for the updated patch.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Thrasher Ave. NE Sidewalk Project
- Blood Drive – September 3rd 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. @ City Hall
- Sip, Suds & Si – September 13th 6 – 9 p.m. @ Downtown
- Water Conservation Ordinance Stage 2

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk