

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 4, 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 (remote), Joselyn, Gothelf, Koellen, Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada.

Councilmember Joselyn requested AB25-119 – Ordinance Amending NBMC Chapter 18.06 Definitions & NBMC Chapter 18.10 Zoning Districts be pulled and deferred to a future workstudy. Mayor Miller noted the item would be remanded to a future workstudy for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of October 21, 2025

Payroll – October 20, 2025 – 77919 through **77921**, in the amount of **\$304,300.00**

Checks – November 4, 2025 – 77996 through **78052**, in the amount of **\$3,045,691.91**

AB25-115 – Resolution 2170 Accepting Infrastructure Improvements for SSHI, LLC for Harrison Court II Subdivision

AB25-116 – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Keithly On-Call Contract

AB25-117 – Motion Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to DKS On-Call Contract

AB25-118 – Resolution 2171 Awarding WWTP Fencing Project to South Sound Fencing

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Michael Thomas, North Bend resident, expressed concern about the Master Plan and SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-significance for the proposed Middle Fork Property Development in the vicinity of Truck Town, particularly the inclusion of a 25-acre site for the National Guard and its environmental impact and vicinity to residential areas. He encouraged all to attend the November 13th Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall to share their thoughts regarding the project.

Jenny Hennessy, North Bend resident, noted she agreed with Mr. Thomas' comments and expressed concerns about the deviation from the North Bend Municipal Code, parking restrictions, view obstructions and affordability relating to the 230 Main Affordable Housing project. She requested that the City Council reject the Disposition and Development Agreement proposal related to this project.

Terry Pottmeyer, Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, reminded all that the food bank was ready to serve the community and noted the following ways to support the food bank efforts: spread the word, help in distribution efforts, donate food/hosting food drives, and monetary contributions.

Debra Landers, North Bend Art & Industry, encouraged all to attend the Artists Sunday event on November 30th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Snoqualmie Middle School.

Howie Benefiel, Unincorporated North Bend, mentioned recent power outages and PSE's failure at providing reliable electric service. He requested the City Council ask for reliability data for North Bend for the past five years, outage response plans, capital improvement schedule and vegetation management expenditures.

Mayor Miller introduced local artist Bonnie Katz Sailors who has been showcasing her art at City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

Proclamation – Kindness Month **Audio: 19:59**

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring the month of November 2025 as Kindness Month in the City of North Bend. Youth Success Mentoring Program Coordinator Kathy Hyland from Empower Youth Network was present to accept the proclamation.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB25-120 – Resolution 2172 Awarding SR202 Shared Use Trail Project to **Audio: 25:12**
Interwest Construction

Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada to approve AB25-120, a resolution accepting bids and awarding the construction contract for the SR202 Shared Use Trail Project to Interwest Construction, Inc. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

AB25-121 – Motion Authorizing Contract with G&O for SR202 Shared **Audio: 30:33**
Use Trail Project Construction Management

Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve AB25-121, authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with G&O for construction management and inspection services for the SR202 Shared Use Trail Project, in an amount not to exceed \$658,700, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve AB25-122, authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Northwest Railway Museum for the Railroad Crossings Project, in a form and content approved to the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$58,140 plus sales tax. The motion **PASSED** 7-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember Torguson encouraged all to be extra diligent in looking out for pedestrians when traveling on City streets and to support local businesses during the upcoming holiday season.

Councilmember Koellen echoed Councilmember Torguson's comments.

Councilmember Tremolada thanked the Snoqualmie Police Department and Snoqualmie Valley School District for their efforts in engaging with the community about recent threats at the middle school and encouraged parents to stay engaged with their school aged children's social media presence and to report any suspicious activity.

Councilmember Rustik thanked the audience for taking the time to share their opinions on a variety of topics and noted their comments were heard and appreciated.

Councilmember Gothelf noted today was Election Day and thanked all that took the time to get out and vote.

Councilmember Joselyn mentioned the current issue regarding disbursal of Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program funds and encouraged all to donate to the local food bank.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Main Ave. S Road Closure for Railroad Crossing Project
- Arbor Day Celebration – November 14th 2 – 4 p.m. @ SF Snoqualmie River
- Caregiver Connection Conference – November 15th 8:30 a.m. @ Issaquah Senior Center
- Tips to prevent localized flooding

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk