

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 4, 2026

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, Koellen, McFarland (remote), Rustik, Torguson and Tremolada. Councilmember Joselyn was excused.

Councilmember Tremolada **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Rustik to approve the August 4, 2026 City Council meeting agenda as written. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of July 21, 2026

Payroll – July 20, 2026 – 79215 through 79218, in the amount of **\$395,033.72**

Checks – August 4, 2026 – 79219 through 79267, in the amount of **\$602,859.90**

AB26-063 – Ordinance 1859 Authorizing Franchise Agreement with Comcast

AB26-064 – Ordinance 1860 Authorizing Franchise Agreement with Level 3 Communications

AB26-065 – Motion Authorizing Schedule 51 Lighting Removal Agreement with PSE for North Bend Way/NW 8th Street Roundabout Project

AB26-066 – Motion Authorizing 1st Amendment to FCS Group/Bowman Contract for Non-Residential Impact Fee Update

AB26-067 – Motion Authorizing 2026 Blanket Purchase Orders

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jacqueline Goodbar, North Bend Downtown Foundation, reported on the recent 4th of July parade and Downtown Block Party and noted upcoming events included the August 11th Cleanup event at 4 p.m. at the Train Depot, August 15th through September 15th valley wide Sunflower Festival and September 27th Disc Golf Fundraiser at South Fork Landing.

Sandy Knauft, North Bend resident, related an incident that happened to a disabled family member that was evacuated during the Old Trails Fire in Spokane and suggested the city consider incorporating in its emergency medical plan the communication of specific medical needs of people during an evacuation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS:

AB26-068 – Youth Appointment to Parks Commission

Audio: 9:50

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

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Torguson to approve AB26-068, confirming the reappointment of Eyleen Eusebio to Youth Member Position No. 5 on the Parks Commission, term expiring August 31, 2027. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember McFarland encouraged community members to attend this weekend's Festival at Mt Si. He shared a few verses from The Youngblood's 1967 song "Get Together" and noted this year Council would be challenged to make decisions that are the best for the community and to be mindful of using the resident's tax dollars as effectively as they can.

Councilmember Elwood thanked Ms. Eusebio for volunteering for another year as the Parks Commission youth member. Additionally, he commented on the degrading air quality due to wildfire smoke and encouraged all to check out the News Section of the city website for tips on how to reduce exposure during the event.

Councilmember Koellen expressed her concern about the fires in Spokane and thanked those that were involved in the timely and coordinated evacuation response. Additionally, she thanked Ms. Knaft for her comments earlier in the meeting.

Councilmember Rustik echoed Councilmember Koellen's comments and noted the King County Wildfire Ready Toolkit was available on the city website and at City Hall.

Councilmember Tremolada echoed fellow Councilmember's concerns about the poor air quality and mentioned the importance of talking with neighbors and family about preparedness and limiting outdoor activities. Additionally, he noted Snoqualmie Valley for Responsible Energy's website has information regarding the upcoming public comment period regarding the proposed Cascadia Ridge Battery Energy Storage System Facility.

City Administrator Emery encouraged all to follow city of North Bend social media for updates on air quality and thanked Ms. Knaft for her comments.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- Election Day & Ballot Drop Box @ North Bend Library
- Chat with Mayor & Chief Hall – August 6th 11 a.m. @ SnoValley Chamber Office

- Festival @ Mt Si – August 7th – 9th
- Human & Community Services Grant Application accepted through September 14th
- Recent wildfires in Spokane

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Elwood **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada. The motion **PASSED** 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk