

NORTH BEND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 18, 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: Joselyn, Koellen, McFarland, Torguson and Tremolada. Councilmembers Elwood and Rustik were excused.

Councilmember Tremolada **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve the August 18, 2026 City Council meeting agenda as written. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – City Council Meeting of August 4, 2026 & City Council Workstudy of July 28, 2026

Payroll – August 5, 2026 – 79271 through 79276, in the amount of **\$416,491.78**

Checks – August 18, 2026 – 79268–79270 & 79277–79336, in the amount of **\$1,297,422.64**

AB26-069 – Motion Authorizing Supplement No. 2 with KPFF for NB Way/Mt Si Road Roundabout Project

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Koellen to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Debra Landers, North Bend Art & Industry, mentioned current and upcoming events including the Art in Nature Walk, September 12th Snoqualmie Valley Art Studio Tour and September 19th Art Supply Swap and introduced NBA&I Youth Board Member Evy Sinclair.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community & Economic Development Committee

Chair Councilmember Torguson provided a report of the August 18th meeting.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Meeting

Councilmember Torguson provided a report of the August 13th meeting.

Transportation & Public Works Committee

Chair Councilmember Koellen provided a report of the July 28th meeting.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Councilmember Koellen provided a report of the August 4th meeting.

Finance & Administration Committee

Councilmember McFarland provided a report of the August 4th meeting.

Planning Commission

Community & Economic Development Director Henderson provided a report of the August 5th meeting.

Parks Commission

No report.

Economic Development Commission

No report.

Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee

Chair Councilmember Torguson provided a report of the August 13th meeting.

SnoValley Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Torguson provided an update on Chamber activities.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AB26-070 – Motion Authorizing Supplement No. 2 with Parametrix for South Fork Ave. Extension & Starfish Roundabout Projects **Audio: 22:05**

Public Works Director Mohr provided the staff report.

Councilmember Koellen **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember McFarland to approve AB26-070, authorizing Supplement No. 2 to the engineering contract with Parametrix for the South Fork Avenue Extension and Starfish Roundabout Projects, in a form and content acceptable to the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$225,938.70. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

AB26-071 – Resolution 2191 Approving the Parks Element Amendments for the 2026 North Bend Comprehensive Plan **Audio: 34:06**

Planning Manager McCarty provided the staff report.

Councilmember Torguson **MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Joselyn to approve AB26-071, a resolution approving the Parks Element Amendments for the 2026 North Bend Comprehensive Plan Update. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilmember McFarland mentioned the devastation from wildfires he witnessed when driving through Spokane and reminded all to be cognizant of the impact a stray ember can have on the current dry landscape in North Bend. Additionally, he shared a few thoughts regarding Billy Joel's 1989 song "We Didn't Start the Fire" and the correlation to current events.

Councilmember Joselyn mentioned a recent malicious mischief event involving a local resident's vehicle and reminded all of the importance of looking out for and caring for our fellow citizens, especially during these challenging times.

Councilmember Torguson echoed Councilmember McFarland's comments regarding the fires in Eastern Washington and shared her daughter's harrowing experience when traveling in the area. Additionally, she noted the Snoqualmie Tribe's local gas station was offering discounts on gas on Tuesdays during August and shared comments on the Council packets being produced with the new agenda management system.

Councilmember Koellen expressed concern regarding the increased wildlife in the area and asked all to exercise caution when driving through town.

Councilmember Tremolada noted Si View MPD was having a ribbon cutting event for their new administration building located at 701 SE Cedar Falls Way on August 27th at 3:30 p.m. Additionally, he shared statistics regarding loneliness, mental health visits, and reduced stigma regarding mental health issues and reminded everyone of the importance of staying in touch with family and friends.

City Administrator Emery acknowledged summer intern Rishé Pierre for his help in the city's IT Department and provided an update on wildfire preparedness and emergency management initiatives the city shared with the local media recently.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the following items:

- October 15th Deadline for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals
- Stage 2 Burn Ban Effective August 7th
- Water Conservation Ordinance Stage 1 Restrictions
- Outdoor Recreation Preparedness

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Joselyn **MOVED** to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Tremolada. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk