

Anacortes City Council Minutes - March 1, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller all participated in the meeting in absentia via video conference. Councilmember Jeremy Carter was absent. Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to excuse the absence of Mr. Carter. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements and Committee Reports

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere shared current case statistics and trends for Anacortes, Skagit County, the North region, Washington State, and the nation. She reported on vaccination progress in Anacortes and in the county, and specifically on the lack of vaccination doses being received by Island Hospital. Councilmembers expressed support for a issuing a joint letter to state officials urging more vaccine and better communication from the state.

Museum Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the roof leak at the museum, online services provided by the museum, distance staffing, and Thompson train status.

Fiber Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included likely approval of the EDA grant, staffing changes, installations in the aerial expansion zones, future expansion to the west end of the city, and take rate for the pilot zones.

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the 12th & Commercial intersection improvements, the wastewater treatment plant outfall project, wastewater solids handling options, the water system risk and resiliency report, public works staffing requests, and pending grant requests for Commercial Avenue improvements, sidewalk cuts and sewer line equipment.

Public Comment

No one present wished to address the Council on any topic not already on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Minutes of February 22, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$587,200.13
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 99450 through 99492, total \$365,376.34
Check numbers: 99493 through 99502, total \$61,873.33
Wire transfer numbers: 280750 through 280875, total \$7,452.82
- c. Resolution 3017: Fixing a time when a petition for a vacation may be heard and determined by the City Council in setting a public hearing date
- d. Resolution 3020: Sole Source Resolution to Purchase New Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator
- e. Resolution 3021: Waiving Bid Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of a Used Bucket - Boom Truck

OTHER BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Rate Study

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford introduced Ordinance 3085 which would adopt updated Parks and Recreation Impact Fees. Mr. Lunsford's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. Following Council's consideration of the rate study at its regular meeting on February 8, 2021, Jason Hennessy and Sherrie Hsu from Berk Consulting responded to councilmember questions about the rates.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to approve Ordinance 3085 revised to reflect an effective date of September 1, 2021. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Applying for SAFER Grant Funding and discussion of funding after the SAFER Grant Expires

Finance Director Steve Hogle, Interim Fire Chief Mike Ganz, and Assistant Fire Chief Jack Kennedy explained the city's opportunity to apply for funding for three full-time firefighters through the SAFER grant program through FEMA. They explained the benefits of the grant funding and the long term budget impact if the funds were to be awarded. Staff and Mayor Gere responded to councilmember questions.

BRUCE MCDOUGALL moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to authorize Mayor Gere to apply for the SAFER grant for 3 Firefighters. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: 2021 Waterline Replacements #21-006-WTR-001

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$943,392.83 to SummitX Contractors, Inc. to perform the 2021 Waterline Replacements. Mr. Buckenmeyer outlined the work to be performed, summarized the bid results, and recommended award of the proposed contract.

MATT MILLER moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 21-006-WTR-001 with SummitX Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$943,392.83 to perform the 2021 Waterline Replacements. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Modification: WWTP Outfall Project - Consultant #20-032-SEW-001

Assistant Public Works Director Eric Shjarback requested City Council consent to issue a contract modification to Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand, Inc. in the amount of \$222,240.00, increasing the total contract price to \$362,240.00, to include additional environmental consulting services and construction management services during the wastewater treatment plant Outfall Project. Mr. Shjarback briefed Council on the scope of the contract in the context of the overall outfall project. His slides were added to the packet materials for the meeting.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to authorize the Mayor to sign a modification to Contract 20-032-SEW-001 with Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand, Inc. in the amount of \$222,240.00, increasing the total contract price to \$362,240.00. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3022: Authorizing Distribution of Tourism Promotion Funds

Planning Director Don Measamer introduced Resolution 3022 authorizing distribution of \$17,188.24 of Tourism Promotion Funds as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to approve Resolution 3022 authorizing execution of the Tourism Promotion Fund Contract by and between the City of Anacortes and the COA Public Works Department. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:45 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of March 1, 2021 was adjourned.