

Anacortes City Council Minutes - June 28, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 28, 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. Carter had been excused in advance at the May 24, 2021 regular City Council meeting

Announcements and Committee Reports

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere noted that City Hall would be open M-F 8-5 beginning July 6. The mayor shared current case statistics and vaccination progress for Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington State, and the nation.

The mayor summarized the planned 4th of July activities and invited public donations for the fireworks display.

Finance Committee: Finance Director Steve Hoglund reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included Waste Management's request to speak to the committee about recycling services, several accounting topics that would be addressed in the budget amendment that would be presented to Council in July, ARPA funding, and Lodging Tax revenue.

Library Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the library's successful reopening to the public, resumption of services including passport service, potential enhancements to the children's section of the library, the 2022 budget, reconfiguring the teen center at the library, the library strategic plan, a possible WiFi and charging station on the library grounds and discussion of reopening the Friends of the Library book shop.

Fiber Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the WA State Broadband Office visit to Anacortes, funding opportunities, the 2021 network expansion in the west end of town, and installation statistics. Mr. Miller reported on the WA State Broadband Office visit to Anacortes earlier in the day.

Planning Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included Ordinance 3091 which would be presented later on the evening's agenda, and efforts to connect homeless individuals camping along T Avenue with social services.

Public Comment

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

Consent Agenda

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

a. Minutes of June 21, 2021

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$434,533.91

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 100460 through 100502, total \$262,167.83

Check numbers: 100503 through 100524, total \$143,592.06

Wire transfer numbers: 286047 through 286293, total \$28,556.43

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing: City of Anacortes 2021 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments

Planning Manager Libby Grage introduced a public hearing pursuant to AMC 19.16.050.C, which requires the City Council to hold a public hearing to take comments on the 2021 docket of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations. Ms. Grage's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. She noted that written comments would be accepted through June 30, 2021. Ms. Grage summarized each of the three citizen-initiated amendment requests, then invited each applicant to present his or her request in more detail.

Tom Glade spoke on behalf of the amendment requested by Evergreen Islands to regulate Short Term Vacation Rentals.

Tom Skillings presented his request to adjust parcel boundaries and zoning for properties adjacent to his home at 3506 Fidalgo Bay Road.

Ryan Walters presented his request to adopt a Comprehensive Plan goal of increasing recycling and composting to 65% of the municipal waste stream.

Mayor Gere invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item.

Walter Guterbock asked if the recycling study proposed by Mr. Walters could also determine how much of the waste stream diverted to recycling was actually being recycled.

Brian Wetcher asked Council to docket the amendment requested by Evergreen Islands.

Ms. Grage then presented a series of amendments proposed by Planning Department staff, referring to the packet materials for this item.

Mr. Miller, Mr. Young, Ms. Moulton, Ms. Cleland-McGrath and Mr. McDougall all supported docketing all the proposed amendments and following the rest of the normal public process. Ms. Grage said a draft resolution adopting the docket would be presented to Council for consideration and action at its regular meeting on July 12.

Mayor Gere closed the public hearing and reiterated that written comments would be accepted through June 30.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance 3091: An Interim Ordinance to Facilitate the Development of Day Care Facilities in the R4 Zone

Planning Director Don Measamer introduced draft Ordinance 3091 which would change "day care II facilities" (defined in AMC 19.44.010) Page 172 of 203 from a Type 4 conditional use permit to an outright permitted use, which requires no discretionary land use review in the R4 use zone. Mr. Walters invited three community members to offer their perspectives.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath spoke in support of the ordinance.

Walter Guterbock spoke in support of the ordinance.

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Eric Johnson asked Nicole Mortimer to speak about the ordinance. Ms. Mortimer spoke in support of the ordinance. Mr. Johnson then also spoke in support of the ordinance, referencing efforts by service clubs in Anacortes.

Mr. Measamer advised that the ordinance would come back to Council for an advertised public hearing on July 12, with a full public process to follow.

Resolution 3038: Extending the Duration of Resolution 2082 Providing Temporary Procedures to Respond to the COVID-19 Epidemic

City Clerk Steve Hoglund presented Resolution 3038 which had been updated per Council direction at the June 21, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Hoglund noted that the resolution in the packet did not reflect an end date of September 30, 2021, but that staff would correct that error prior to signature.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to adopt Resolution 3038 extending the COVID response procedures through September 30, 2021 with the following modifications from the version in the packet: 1) add Section 5 to the list of provisions remaining in effect, 2) modify Section 3A of Resolution 2082 to end after the word "suspended", and 3) revise the expiration of Resolution 3038 to September 30, 2021. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3040 and Contract 21-138-STM-001 Award: Fidalgo Avenue Emergency Repair

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to approval of Resolution 3040 to waive the bidding requirements for the repair of Fidalgo Avenue, and award a contract in the amount of \$275,000.00 to Welch Brothers Construction to perform the emergency repairs. He explained the emergency nature of the work, referring to the packet materials for this agenda item.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to approve Resolution 3040 declaring an emergency and waiving state competitive bidding requirements for the repair of Fidalgo Avenue, pursuant to RCW 39.04.280, and to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 21-138-STM-001 with Welch Brothers Construction in the amount of \$275,000.00 to perform the Fidalgo Avenue Emergency Repairs. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3041: Declaring an Emergency and Waiving State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite

Mr. Buckenmeyer presented Resolution 3041 and explained the nature of the emergency, referring to the packet materials for this agenda item.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to approve Resolution 3041 declaring an emergency pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 and waiving state competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite until the force majeure declared by Westlake Chemical is lifted. 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 8:13 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 28, 2021 was adjourned.