

Anacortes City Council Minutes - August 2, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller were present. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter and Anthony Young were absent. Mr. Carter had been excused in advance at the May 24, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Ms. Moulton moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to excuse the absence of Mr. Young who was unwell. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Police Chief Confirmation and Swearing In: Mayor Gere asked City Council to confirm her appointment of David Floyd as Police Chief, effective immediately.

MATT MILLER moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to confirm the appointment of Dave Floyd as Police Chief for the City of Anacortes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Gere administered the oath of office to Police Chief Dave Floyd. Chief Floyd expressed his appreciation to Mayor Gere, City Council and his colleagues in the Police Department.

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere explained current Centers for Disease Control guidance for masking. Mayor Gere shared current case statistics and vaccination progress for Anacortes, Skagit County, and Washington State and listed a number of vaccination opportunities for the public.

Mr. McDougall asked if City Council meetings should revert to virtual only until the current increasing case trend ends. Councilmembers agreed that the meetings would continue in person but that councilmembers would be encouraged to attend remotely.

Finance Committee: Mr. Walters reported from the Committee meeting held the previous Wednesday. The topics discussed included a request from Waste Management for changes to its contract with the city for recycling and organics collection.

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the potential transfer of the South Fidalgo Water System to the City of Anacortes which would be presented to Council at its August 9 meeting. The committee also discussed the current chlorine supply for water treatment.

Public Comment

No one present wished to address the Council on any topic not already on the agenda. Public comments submitted electronically prior to the meeting by Beth Griggs were added to packet materials for the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Moulton removed Item 5c, Street Fair Application: Outdoor Music Event, from the Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Minutes of July 26, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$563,614.22
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 100756 through 100807, total \$367,701.01
Check numbers: 100808 through 100839, total \$180,299.40
Wire transfer numbers: 278858 through 288116, total \$15,690.31
- d. Street Fair Application: Anacortes Half Marathon
- e. Contract Modification: WWTP Annual Incinerator Compliance Emissions Performance Test #21-100-SEW-001
- f. Resolution 3046: Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirement for WWTP Mercury Modules.
- g. Resolution 3047: Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirement for WWTP Incinerator Repairs

c. Street Fair Application: Outdoor Music Event

Ms. Moulton announced that she had submitted the subject street fair application so she would abstain from voting on it. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to approve Consent Agenda Item 5c. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Ms. Moulton abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Department Update

Police Chief Dave Floyd provided an update on changes in Washington State legislation and how they affect the Anacortes Police Department and on the Anacortes Police Department's pilot program with the Anacortes Family Center pursuant to Agreement 21-061-IDS-001. The chief referred to the extensive packet materials for this agenda item. Chief Floyd responded to councilmember questions about the Family Center program metrics and suggestions for additional measurements moving forward. Councilmembers engaged in extended discussion with Chief Floyd about the challenges posed by the new legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 3045: A resolution authorizing and directing execution of an agreement by and between the City of Anacortes, Washington, USA and the City of Comarnic, Romania

Mayor Gere introduced Resolution 3045 authorizing and directing both parties to sign an agreement between the City of Anacortes and the City of Cormanic uniting them in a formal Sister City relationship. Mayor Gere asked members of the Sister City Association to address the Council.

Brad Adams, representing the Sister City Association, related the history of the city's relationship with Cormanic over the past decade. He spoke in support of the agreement.

John Lovric, President of the Sister City Association, provided background on Sister Cities International. He spoke in support of the agreement.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to adopt Resolution 3045 as presented. Vote: Ayes - RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:18 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 2, 2021 was adjourned.