

Anacortes City Council Minutes - August 9, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller were present. Councilmember Jeremy Carter participated in the meeting via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere shared the latest announcements from the Governor's office regarding vaccination requirements. The mayor reported current case statistics and vaccination progress for Anacortes, Skagit County, and Washington State. She reiterated that masks are required for all people in all City of Anacortes facilities.

Mr. McDougall advised that due to the increasing case counts, he would be participating remotely in the next few City Council meetings

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Miller reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the Blake decision and the resulting challenges for law enforcement, police department body cameras, initial successes of the new community paramedic program, and fire department staffing.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the Unite Washington online referral program, involuntary custody of residents in danger of harming themselves or others, new law enforcement legislation, a webinar regarding emerging issues in homelessness, and the weekly meeting schedule for the committee.

Planning Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included pull in parking on 3rd through 10th Streets and Planning Department staffing.

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 August 2, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$881,286.94
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 100840 through 100884, total \$818,497.82
Check numbers: 100885 through 100899, total \$54,330.73
Wire transfer numbers: 288269 through 288474, total \$8,458.39
- c. Contract Award: Water Treatment Plant Filter Anthracite #21-074-WTR-001

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 3094: Amending the Capital Facilities Plan 2021 - 2026

Mayor Gere opened the advertised public hearing on Ordinance 3094. Finance Director Steve Hoglund presented Ordinance 3094 amending the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Plan. The ordinance had been introduced for a first reading at the July 26, 2021 regular City Council meeting. Mr. Hoglund clarified that the CFP must be amended in conjunction with the budget.

No one present wished to comment. Mayor Gere closed the public hearing.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to adopt Ordinance 3094 amending the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Plan. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance 3093: Amending the 2021 Budget

Mr. Hoglund presented Ordinance 3093 amending the 2021 budget. The ordinance had been presented for a first reading at the July 26, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Gere invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item. No one present wished to address the Council.

BRUCE MCDOUGALL moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to adopt Ordinance 3093 amending the 2021 budget. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Access Anacortes Fiber Internet Update

Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh provided the regular monthly update on Access Anacortes Fiber Internet. Ms. Schuh's slides were added to the packet materials for the meeting. Ms. Schuh responded to councilmember questions about recommended redundancy provided through Wave Cable and about the west end expansion.

CDBG & CDBG-CV Funding Update

Planning Director Don Measamer reported on total funding received and allocated through the Community Development Block Grant program during the 2020 program year, referring to the packet materials for this agenda item. Councilmembers thanked Mr. Measamer and PCED Program Coordinator Joann Stewart for their extraordinary efforts to get the funds directly and efficiently to those in need in the local community.

Resolution 3048: Approving the Fidalgo Island Water System asset transfer and improvement agreement between the City and Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer introduced Water System Manager Brian McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel presented Resolution 3048 approving the Fidalgo Island Water System asset transfer and improvement agreement. Mr. McDaniel's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He reported on the state of the South Fidalgo water system, the risks and benefits of incorporating that system into the Anacortes Water System, and the details of the proposed agreement between the City and Skagit PUD #1. Councilmembers requested reassurance that the anticipated capital and labor costs to run the system were solid.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to approve Resolution 3048, approving the Fidalgo Island Water System asset transfer and improvement agreement between the City and Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County and its execution by the mayor of the city; and providing for related matters. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Sensus Water Meter Software #21-136-WTR-001

Mr. McDaniel requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$195,712.16 to Ferguson Waterworks for Sensus Water Meter Software. He provided an overview of the meter project. Mr. McDaniel's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Mr. Walters suggested postponing action on the contract pending a comprehensive business case for the upgrade. Mr. Miller asked to see this project in the context of the 2022 CFP to compare the benefits of this project to other potential projects. Ms. Cleland-McGrath concurred. Mayor Gere invited staff to bring the contract back to Council with additional information.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:45 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 9, 2021 was adjourned.