

Anacortes City Council Minutes - August 16, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Carolyn Moulton and Matt Miller were present. Councilmember Bruce McDougall participated in the meeting via Zoom. Councilmember Christine Cleland-McGrath was absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session: Potential Litigation or Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) (30 minutes)

Mayor Gere announced that City Council and the City Attorney would convene in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (i) for approximately 30 minutes until 6:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation or litigation. The mayor advised that the regular meeting would then reconvene with no action having been taken. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller attended the executive session.

At 6:33 the mayor reconvened the meeting in regular session. No final action was taken.

Announcements and Committee Reports

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere shared current case and vaccination statistics for Anacortes, Skagit County, and Washington State.

Personnel Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the personnel policies that would be presented to Council later on the agenda, proposed Fire Department promotions, and open positions in the Human Resources Department. Mr. McDougall also reported on police candidate interviews held earlier in the day.

Finance Committee: Mr. Walters reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included seeking a new bank, revenue streams, fiber budget, proposed changes to the Waste Management contract, and the Anacortes Cinema building.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included long waiting lists for federal aid-funded services due to lack of service providers, involuntary care and discharge therefrom, and designated crisis responders in Skagit County.

Skagit County Law & Justice Council: Mr. Miller reported from the LJC meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included introduction of Anacortes Police Chief Dave Floyd and juvenile detention in the state.

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the Samish water service agreement, the Craley leak detection system and alternatives to that system, 12th & Commercial intersection improvements, and the appointment of Street Department supervisor Brandon Lowry.

Public Comment

Rochelle Kealoha asked if Anacortes would require vaccination for city employees and implement a citywide mask mandate. Ms. Kealoha indicated the importance of ensuring that the City vaccinates and masks all taxpayer funded positions. Mayor Gere responded that the City was following Skagit County and CDC guidelines.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of August 9, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$809,439.96
 - The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
 - EFT numbers: 100900 through 100946, total \$466,166.94
 - Check numbers: 100947 through 100955, total \$209,685.40
 - Wire transfer numbers: 288556 through 288754, total \$133,352.46

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 3049: Personnel Policies

Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh introduced Resolution 3049 to adopt revised Personnel Policies. Ms. Schuh summarized the proposed changes, referring to the packet materials for the meeting.

Mr. Miller asked that Policy 213, Comment 5 regarding employment references, be corrected to refer to the Human Resources *Director* rather than the Human Resources *Department*. Ms. Schuh agreed to do so.

JEREMY CARTER moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to adopt Resolution 3049 adopting the City's revised Personnel Policies with the corrections to Policy 213 requested by Mr. Miller. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:05 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 16, 2021 was adjourned.