

Anacortes City Council Minutes - October 11, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of October 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, and Matt Miller participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmembers Carolyn Moulton and Bruce McDougall were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to excuse the absences of Ms. Moulton and Mr. McDougall. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements and Committee Reports

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

Port/City Liaison Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included COVID impacts on both jurisdictions, the upcoming State of the Port address, and ongoing project coordination by the City and the Port.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Miller reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed for the Fire Department included captain exams, tactical SOPs, contract negotiations, and the SAFER grant application. Police Department topic discussed included departmental staffing and recruiting to fill open positions, impacts of recent legislation on law enforcement agencies, contract negotiations, and body camera implementation.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Mr. Walters reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included services provided at the Burlington First Steps Center, the Anacortes Family Center 21-unit residential project, and planning for the committee's meeting with State Representative Alicia Rule in the week ahead.

Planning Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included projects heading to the Planning Commission and then eventually to City Council and updates to the flood code in response to sea level rise.

Public Comment

Kate Clark commended the mayor on the proclamation of Indigenous Peoples Day and urged councilmembers to consider additional events celebrating the day in future years. Ms. Clark suggested language for future documents.

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 October 4, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$728,320.75

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 101374 through 101429 and 101446, total \$573,344.08
Check numbers: 101430 through 101445, total \$130,742.39
Wire transfer numbers: 291394 through 291737, total \$23,981.48

- c. Resolution 3054: Extending Time allotted to Thompson Family to Retrieve Train Equipment

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing on Budgeted Revenue Sources, including 1% Property Tax Increase

Finance Director Steve Hoglund explained the mechanics and net effect of the proposed 1% property tax increase.

Mayor Gere opened the public hearing on budgeted revenue sources at 6:21 p.m. No one wished to address the Council on this agenda item. Mayor Gere closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 3097: An Interim Ordinance Extending Ordinances 3076, 3069, 3054 and 3088, A Moratorium on the Acceptance of Certain Land Use Applications in the R4 Use Zone West of Commercial Avenue

Planning Director Don Measamer presented Ordinance 3097 for a public hearing. Mr. Measamer explained that Ordinance 3097 would immediately extend for six months the moratorium enacted by Ordinance 3076, 3069, 3054 and 3088 on the acceptance of applications for land use permits or building permits in the R4 Use Zone West of Commercial Avenue proposing to use the bonus height provisions of AMC 19.42.050. C. The moratorium would not apply to AMC 19.42.050.D the affordable units option.

Mayor Gere opened the public hearing on Ordinance 3097 at 6:28 p.m. No one wished to address the Council on this agenda item. Mayor Gere closed the public hearing.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to approve Ordinance 3097 Extending a Moratorium on accepting certain land use applications in the R4 Use Zone West of Commercial Avenue for bonus height provisions. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Anacortes Arts Commission Update

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford introduced Lisa Rhodes, chair of the Anacortes Arts Commission, to provide a brief update on Arts Commission activities and events. Ms. Rhodes's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Resolution 3055: Waiving the State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of Craley Sensing PermaSense Leak Monitor

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer presented Resolution 3055. He explained the project and the rationale for the sole source purchase. Mr. Buckenmeyer's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. Mr. Buckenmeyer responded to councilmember questions about the technology.

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

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to approve Resolution 3055 waiving the bidding requirements for the purchase of the Sensing PermaSense Leak Monitoring and Asset Security System, and authorizing sole source purchasing and installation from Craley Group Limited due to a

single source of supply. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Sensing PermaSense Leak Monitoring and Asset Security System #21-242-WTR-001

Mr. Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$385,495.00 to Craley Group Limited for the purchase and installation of the Sensing PermaSense Leak Monitoring and Asset Security System.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 21-242-WTR-001 with Craley Group Limited in the amount of \$385,495.00 to perform the Sensing PermaSense Leak Monitoring and Asset Security System. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3052: Establishing the City's use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Mr. Hoglund presented Resolution 3052, alternative versions of which had previously been considered by City Council at its regular meetings on September 20, 2021 and October 4, 2021.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to approve Resolution 3052 as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3056: Committing City Funds to support Anacortes Family Center Affordable Housing Project

Mr. Hoglund presented Resolution 3056 and reviewed the rationale for the resolution, which had been suggested by councilmembers at the October 4, 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.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath announced that she would abstain from voting on the resolution because she sits on the board of the Anacortes Family Center.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to adopt Resolution 3056 committing City funds to support the Anacortes Family Center's affordable housing project. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan, Part 2 of 2, Departments other than Public Works

Mr. Hoglund continued the review of the draft 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan which had begun at the regular City Council meeting on October 4, 2021. Mr. Hoglund, Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh, Fire Chief Bill Harris and Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford responded to councilmember questions about specific capital projects and additional information councilmembers asked to have reflected in the CFP.

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

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. She reported on customers in service, pending orders, revenue received, the take rate by district, improving cash flow, and new grant funding

opportunities. Ms. Schuh also reported on the status of construction by zone; special projects; and financial and network expansion projections for 2021 and 2022.

Contract Modification: Residential Recyclables and Residential Organics Collection, 2015-2025 #15-102-SAN-001

Mr. Hoglund requested City Council consent to issue a contract amendment to contract 15-102-SAN-001 with Waste Management in order to change the annual CPI inflator from Seatacbrem All Urban CPI to the Water Sewer Trash index. Councilmembers discussed the proposed amendment at length. Several councilmembers requested additional information on the projected net effect on actual costs to ratepayers over time. Mayor Gere asked Mr. Hoglund to bring the amendment back to Council for further consideration and possible action with the requested information.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 8:38 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of October 11, 2021 was adjourned.