

Anacortes City Council Minutes - November 15, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce McDougall called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of November 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton and Bruce McDougall attended the meeting in Council Chambers. Councilmember Jeremy Carter participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmembers Anthony Young and Matt Miller were absent.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Moulton, to excuse the absence of Mr. Miller. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Moulton moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to excuse the absence of Mr. Young. 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) (20 minutes)

Mayor Pro Tem McDougall announced that City Council and the City Attorney would convene in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (i) until 6:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation or litigation. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton and Bruce McDougall attended the executive session.

At 6:20 p.m. Council reconvened in regular session. Mr. McDougall advised that Council had just come out of executive session on potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), where no action was taken.

Resolution 3061: Supporting Litigation To Abate A Public Nuisance By William Coleburn And Denise Coleburn

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Walters, to amend the agenda to add Resolution 3061, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Anacortes Authorizing Litigation to Abate a Public Nuisance by William Coleburn and Denise Coleburn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to approve Resolution 3061, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Anacortes Authorizing Litigation to Abate a Public Nuisance by William Coleburn and Denise Coleburn. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Announcements and Committee Reports

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

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting earlier in the evening. The meeting focused on response to current flooding alerts for the Skagit River, particularly at the Water Treatment Plant in Mount Vernon.

Public Comment

Mr. McDougall invited the public to comment on any item not on the agenda.

Joe Kunzler addressed Council regarding proposed SKAT route changes for 2022. Mr. Kunzler urged Anacortes and Mayor Gere as the Anacortes representative on the SKAT board to strongly support the proposed new Shopper Shuttle route between the Washington State Ferries terminal in Anacortes and shopping districts in

Mount Vernon and Burlington. Mr. Kunzler indicated that without that support routes in Burlington would likely be prioritized over the Anacortes route. Mr. Walters asked Mr. Kunzler to resend his referenced email to the entire Council.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of November 8, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$649,380.49
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 101700 through 101745, total \$335,308.04
Check numbers: 101746 through 101773, total \$159,752.65
Wire transfer numbers: 293584 through 293957, total \$154,319.80

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution 3057: A resolution reaffirming Ordinance 3095 and confirming the 6 month duration of the interim regulations contained therein concerning the acceptance of certain land use applications in the Commercial Use Zone related to Self Service Storage Facilities and adopting a work plan

Planning Director Don Measamer presented Resolution 3057 for public hearing and action. Mr. Measamer explained the resolution, referencing the packet materials for the agenda item.

Mr. McDougall opened the advertised public hearing. No members of the public expressed a desire to speak on this topic. Mr. McDougall closed the public hearing.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to approve Resolution 3057 as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3058: A resolution updating the work plan adopted in Resolution 3005 regarding bonus height provisions in the R4 Use Zone west of the Commercial Use Zone related to Ordinance 3097, a moratorium on the acceptance of certain land use applications related to the bonus height provisions of AMC 19.42.050 C, small units

Mr. Measamer presented Resolution 3058, referencing the packet materials for the meeting.

Mr. McDougall opened the advertised public hearing. No members of the public expressed a desire to speak on this topic. Mr. McDougall closed the public hearing.

CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to approve Resolution 3058 as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL. Nays - None. Result: Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Housing Authority Board Appointment

Mr. McDougall requested Council confirmation of Mayor Gere's reappointment of William French to the Anacortes Housing Authority for a term effective through December 2026. Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Moulton, to confirm the reappointment of William French to the Housing Authority Board. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Museum Advisory Board Appointment

Mr. McDougall requested Council confirmation of Mayor Gere's appointment Pat Dunn to the Museum Advisory Board for a term effective through December 2023 (completing the unexpired term of Kay Reinhardt). Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to confirm the appointment of Pat Dunn to the Museum Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution 3059: Authorizing Distribution of Tourism Promotion Funds

Mr. Measamer presented Resolution 3059 approving the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation for Lodging Tax awards for 2022. Mr. Measamer described the LTAC meetings leading up to the recommendation and responded to councilmember questions regarding several of the items and future directions for this funding source.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath announced that she would abstain from voting on the resolution because she sits on the board of the Anacortes Arts Festival, one of the proposed recipients.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to approve Resolution 3059 authorizing execution of Tourism Promotion fund contracts between the City of Anacortes and recipient agencies to promote tourism and attract visitors to Anacortes. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL. Nays - None. Abstain - CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH. Result: Passed

Conservation Easement Program: New Parcels

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford requested City Council's input on adding acreage to the Conservation Easement Program, specifically 5 parcels of land that are part of the Forest Lands but were added after 1998, when the Conservation Easement Program began. Mr. Lunsford's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He responded to councilmember questions about specific acreage and about procedures moving forward. Councilmembers generally supported including the additional acreage in the program.

Brian Wetcher commended City and Skagit Land Trust staff for the extensive efforts to consolidate the easements. Mr. Wetcher encouraged adoption in the near future.

2022 Annual Budget Continued Discussion

Finance Director Steve Hoglund invited Council to continue its examination of the proposed 2022 budget. Mr. Hoglund's slide presentation regarding revenue streams was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He responded to councilmember questions about revenue streams and about the proposed purchase of the ladder truck. Mr. Walters urged authorizing the purchase of the ladder truck to take advantage of the significant cost savings for early ordering, taking the 1% property tax increase allowed by law, and further investigating proposed facilities projects,

Police Chief Dave Floyd asked Council to consider adding an additional police officer to the 2022 budget. Chief Floyd provided the rationale for the request, citing ever increasing procedural demands on officers due to new legislation. Several councilmembers supported that request.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:57 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of November 15, 2021 was adjourned.