

Anacortes City Council Minutes - January 10, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton and Amanda Hubik were present. Councilmember Bruce McDougall participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Miller removed Item 8b from the agenda.

Closed Session: Collective Bargaining topics per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)

Mayor Miller announced that City Council would convene in closed session for no more than 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining strategy, per RCW 42.30.140. He advised that the regular meeting would reconvene at 6:30 p.m. with no action having been taken. At approximately 6:30 p.m. the Mayor called the regular meeting back to order.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller thanked staff for extra effort to pick up extra trash following the snow event the last week of December.

Mayor Miller encouraged the community to participate in the National Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17, 2022. He reminded that the City Council meeting would occur on January 18 to allow observance of the holiday on Monday.

COVID-19 Update

Mayor Miller shared current case statistics and vaccination progress for Skagit County. He shared an update from Island Hospital regarding the recent sharp spike in case counts.

Resolution 3070: Appointment of Councilmembers to Committees

Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Young introduced Resolution 3070 confirming his appointments of councilmembers to City Council committees for 2022-2023. City Attorney Darcy Swetnam reviewed the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act that pertain to committee meetings, all of which must involve no more than three councilmembers. Councilmembers discussed the concept of alternate committee members and how best to keep the entire Council and the public informed on the work of each committee.

Mr. Hoglund noted that the purpose identified in the draft resolution for the Finance Committee did not reflect the current assignments for that committee. He suggested rewording its purpose as follows: "To make recommendations on the municipal budget, capital facilities financing, and ~~to approve transactions as authorized by municipal code.~~ other financing transactions, policies and status."

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to adopt Resolution 3070 with two changes from the draft presented: 1) remove any reference to alternate members for standing committees, and 2) change the Finance Committee purpose as proposed by Mr. Hoglund. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Personnel Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included bargaining unit negotiations, salary schedules for non-represented employees, COVID policies, and recruitment to fill vacant positions.

Planning Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the Shoreline Master Program update, the New Wilson Hotel loan to the Anacortes Housing Authority, and Fully Contained Communities proposed in Skagit County.

Public Comment

Mayor Miller invited the public to comment on any item not on the agenda. No one present wished to address the Council on any topic not already on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of January 3, 2022
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$883,584.78
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 102142 through 102177 and 102188 through 102191, total \$244,408.88
Check numbers: 102178 through 102187 and 102192, total \$625,264.89
Wire transfer numbers: 296510 through 296726, total \$21,968.93
- c. Contract Award: Wastewater Industrial Users Survey and Industrial Sewer Rate Analysis #21-226-SEW-001
- d. Interlocal Agreement: Housing Action Plan Implementation Funding Grant #22-033-PLN-001
- e. Contract Award: Housing Action Plan #22-033-PLN-002

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 4004: An Ordinance Amending AMC Ch. 3.93 Impact Fees to Specify Fee Assessment Limitations and Add Fee Exemptions for Early Learning Facilities

Planning Manager Libby Grage introduced Ordinance 4004. Ms. Grage summarized the ordinance and the rationale for adopting it following changes in State legislation. Ms. Grage's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

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

The Mayor left the public hearing open until the ordinance came back to Council for action at the January 18, 2022 meeting.

Ordinance 4008: An Interim Ordinance Extending Ordinance 3091, an Interim Ordinance to Facilitate the Development of Daycare II Facilities in the R4 Use Zone

Planning Director Don Measamer introduced Ordinance 4008. He explained the reason for the extension, referring to the packet materials for this agenda item. He recommended approval of the ordinance.

Mayor Miller invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item. No one present wished to address the Council. Mayor Miller closed the public hearing.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to approve Ordinance 4008 as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

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 and comments about construction progress and funding options.

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

Contract Modification: Municipal Broadband Network – 2021 Westside Backbone Expansion #21-094-FBR-001

Mayor Miller removed this item from the agenda.

Contract Award: Fire Ladder Truck Purchase #22-031-AFD-001

Assistant Fire Chief Jack Kennedy requested City Council consent to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,622,009.98 to Hughes Fire Equipment Inc. for the purchase of a ladder truck for the Fire Department. Chief Kennedy reviewed the packet materials explaining the purchase. He recommended approving the Purchase Order.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by AMANDA HUBIK, to authorize the Mayor to sign Contract 22-031-AFD-001 with Hughes Fire Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$1,622,009.98 for the purchase of a ladder truck for the Fire Department. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Vector Sewer Truck Purchase #22-038-ERR-001

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$497,923.05 to Owen Equipment Company for the purchase of a Vector Sewer Truck. Mr. Buckenmeyer reviewed the rationale for the purchase. His slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by JEREMY CARTER, to authorize the Mayor to sign Purchase Order 22-038-ERR-001 with Owen Equipment Company in the amount of \$497,923.05 for the purchase of a Vector Sewer Truck. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee Report on Unmet Community Service Needs

The HACS Committee reported to Council on its work to identify the social service needs of city residents in financial, emotional, or mental health crisis and develop a plan to strengthen and ensure those services or resources are provided by city or third-party providers. The committee's extensive slide presentation was added to the packet material for the meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 8:30 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of January 10, 2022 was adjourned.