

Anacortes City Council Minutes - February 7, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Christine Cleland-McGrath and Carolyn Moulton were present. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmember Anthony Young was absent.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall, 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.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller reported on COVID-19 case statistics and vaccination progress in Washington.

Mayor Miller reported that the Anacortes Water Treatment Plant had recently received the State Department of Health Treatment Optimization Award.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous Thursday. The topics discussed included a presentation from Friendship House and preparation of the Housing Action Plan.

Fiber Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the Committee meeting held January 27, 2022. The topics discussed included the official award of the EDA grant to fund construction east of A Avenue in the next year, construction costs, current take rates which are far exceeding the business plan, and total customer count of over 1000 in service to date.

Public Safety Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The Fire Department staff reported on staff vacancies, SAFER grant applications, the Guemes boat, and Station 3. The Police Department reported on the legislative session, staff openings, services to homeless citizens, and the success of the School Resource Officer program.

Port/City Liaison Committee: Ms. Hubik reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the Maritime Strategic Plan, mutual access and assistance, and the 2nd Street agreement.

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included decommissioning of the former water treatment plant, the 10-year update of the Water System Plan, and the wastewater outfall replacement project.

Public Comment

Mayor Miller invited the public to comment on any item not on the agenda.

Barbara Nitis, Public Information Officer for the Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance, invited the public to apply for FEMA assistance for businesses and residents affected by the November floods. Ms. Nitis distributed fact sheets that were added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Dan O'Donnell, 328 North 3rd, La Conner, spoke in opposition to the recent water rate reconciliation. Mr. O'Donnell shared a number of slides in support of his position. The Mayor indicated that staff would review the allocations.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Moulton removed Items 5c and 5d from the Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Minutes of January 24, 2022
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,657,437.20
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 102320 through 102388, total \$858,627.33
Check numbers: 102389 through 102425, total \$99,357.82
Wire transfer numbers: 297611 through 298371, total \$702,702.83

Consent Agenda 5c: Contract Award: 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500 Service Body Truck #22-046-ERR-001

Ms. Moulton observed that the staff had selected the bid that was lower by \$91. She said Ms. Swetnam said there is an RCW that allows considering sales tax impacts when making purchasing decisions. Ms. Moulton asked if the contract could be evaluated in that light before Council took action. Fleet and Operations Manager Wil Ludemann noted that the sales tax only affected Item 5c, not 5d. Council declined to act on Item 5c pending further review by staff.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Walters requested unanimous consent to reconsider this agenda item, advising that the RCW in question would not apply to this case. RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to approve Consent Agenda Item 5c. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Consent Agenda 5d: Contract Award: 2022 Chevy MD 5500 Truck with Service Body #22-047-ERR-001

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to approve Consent Agenda Item 5d. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2nd Street Right of Way Use Agreement with the Port of Anacortes

City Attorney Darcy Swetnam recapped this agreement that had been considered by Council on December 20, 2021. Ms. Swetnam's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for this agenda item. She advised that on January 6, 2022 the Port of Anacortes Commissioners reviewed and approved the agreement.

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.

The Council declined to take any further action subsequent to its December 20, 2021 vote.

Resolution 3072: Reaffirming Ordinance 4008 and confirming the 6 month duration of the interim regulations therein concerning the development of daycare in the R4 Use Zone as a permitted use and adopting a work plan

Planning Director Don Measamer introduced Resolution 3072 reaffirming Ordinance 4008 and confirming the 6 month duration of the interim regulations therein concerning the development of daycare in the R4 Use Zone as a permitted use and adopting a work plan. Mr. Measamer briefly summarized the work plan as presented in the packet materials for this agenda item.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to approve Resolution 3072 as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Contract Award: Fire Station Planning and Design Services - Phase 1 #21-134-AFD -001

Assistant Fire Chief Jack Kennedy requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$126,546.00 to TCA Architecture Planning Inc. to perform Phase 1 of the Fire Station Planning and Design Services. Chief Kennedy provided an overview of the selection process and the scope of work. His slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. Chief Kennedy responded to councilmember questions about the contract and the project overall.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by Amanda Hubik, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 21-134-AFD-001 with TCA Architecture Planning Inc. in the amount of \$126,546.00 to perform the Fire Station Planning and Design Services - Phase 1. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:10 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 7, 2022 was adjourned.