

Anacortes City Council Minutes - February 14, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Christine Cleland-McGrath and Amanda Hubik were present. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Carolyn Moulton and Bruce McDougall 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.

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

Mayor Miller announced that City Council and the City Attorney would convene in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (i) for approximately 15 minutes until 6:15 p.m. to discuss potential litigation or litigation. The mayor advised that the regular meeting would then resume. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik attended the executive session.

At 6:23 p.m. the mayor called the meeting back into regular session. He confirmed that no action had been taken in the executive session.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath moved, seconded by Mr. Walters, to amend the agenda to add Item 3b, a Partial Settlement Agreement between Evergreen Islands and the City of Anacortes in the Growth Management Hearings Board Appeal of the City's Critical Area Ordinance in Case 21-2-0002C. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Carter, to approve the partial settlement agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller reported on COVID case statistics and vaccination progress in Skagit County and Washington State.

Mayor Miller reported on his attendance at the Mayor's Exchange in Olympia the prior week.

Finance Committee: Mr. Walters reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the upcoming CFP and budget amendment for the skate park and for 32nd Street and M Avenue improvements, January month end figures, 2021 year end reports, storm fund balance, a potential amendment to the donation acceptance code, fiber funding options, water and utility bond refunding, revisions to the chart of accounts, and preparing for fiber build out.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The meeting was a kick off session with consultant Makers for the Housing Action Plan.

Planning Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included COE permission to clean up the burn site at the end of 5th Street, the Anacortes Cinema, self-service storage code revisions heading to the Planning Commission, flood plain management updates heading to the Planning Commission, the FCC letter which appeared later on the evening's agenda, and the status of the Shoreline Master Program update.

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

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

- a. Minutes of February 7, 2022
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$522,542.65
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 102426 through 102485, total \$261,178.49
Check numbers: 102486 through 102501, total \$109,134.20
Wire transfer numbers: 298548 through 298897, total \$149,785.73
- c. Contract Award: Whites Addition Block 2 – Public Right-Of-Way Construction #14-040-STM-001

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. She reported on customer counts and market share, revenue curves, cash flows, construction progress in the west end expansion area and other active and planned service areas, continued exploration of funding options, and special projects. Ms. Schuh responded to councilmember questions.

Outfall Project Contracting Update

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer provided an update on the referenced project, including the contracting methods to be used and the contracting and construction schedule. Mr. Buckenmeyer's slide presentation was included in the packet materials for the meeting.

Mayor Miller invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item.

Tom Glade referred to a non-profit corporation in Thurston County that reclaims treated water for irrigation. He suggested pursuing a similar cooperative arrangement in the Skagit valley for agricultural irrigation.

Letter to Skagit County regarding Fully Contained Communities

Mr. Walters introduced a proposal to authorize Mayor Miller to send a letter to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners on behalf of the City Council that would thank the Commissioner for suspending work on the FCC Comp Plan amendments, reiterate the city's support for regional growth to occur in the cities and towns, rather than in the rural areas, and renew the city's commitment to regional planning through the process envisioned in the 2002 GMA Framework Agreement. Mr. Walters briefly summarized the detailed packet materials for this agenda item. He proposed an edit to one sentence in the proposed letter that had been included in the City Council packet:

We should be finding ways to build compact, livable cities that encourage people to live and work in those communities.

We should especially avoid, constructing new bedroom communities that would result in impacts such as increased traffic in rural areas, pressures on our resource lands, and acceleratedd demand on city services.

Mayor Miller invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item.

Marlene Finley, speaking on behalf of Evergreen Islands, encouraged Council to approve the letter. She thanked the Planning Committee for initiating this action.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to authorize the mayor to send the letter with the proposed edit. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: 2022 Waterline Replacements #22-040-WTR-001

Mr. Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$771,403.97 to C Johnson Construction Inc. to perform the 2022 Waterline Replacements. He described the scope of work to replace old distribution piping on Sands Way, Parkside Drive, Sandra Court, Curtis Court and Lea Place, referring to the packet materials for this agenda item.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by JEREMY CARTER, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 22-040-WTR-001 with C Johnson Construction Inc. in the amount of \$741,403.97 to perform the 2022 Waterline Replacements. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:35 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 14, 2022 was adjourned.