

Anacortes City Council Minutes - March 14, 2022

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller confirmed that the governor had lifted the indoor mask requirement on Saturday. He reported that COVID case counts and hospitalizations continued to decline.

Skagit County Law & Justice Council: Mayor Miller announced that the regularly scheduled meeting had been canceled so there was no report.

Finance Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included fiber funding, a wildland firefighting vehicle, Fire Station 3 planning, and redistricting of city wards.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The meeting features a presentation by Didgwalic Wellness Center staff.

Planning Committee: Mr. Walters reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the Planning Department website, the Bellingham for Everyone presentation by Whatcom Housing Alliance, Commercial Avenue parklets, the 2021 comprehensive plan amendments, critical areas regulations updates, and shoreline master program updates.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival: Cindy Verge, Executive Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, presented Mayor Miller with a framed poster for the 2022 festival featuring an image by Camano Island artist Jack Gunter. Ms. Verge thanked the City for its longstanding support of the festival.

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 March 7, 2022
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$644,287.41
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 102668 through 102715, total \$226,751.82
Check numbers: 102716 through 102731, total \$254,720.66
Wire transfer numbers: 2991132 through 300302, total \$153,721.57
- c. Contract Modification: Grand View Cemetery Expansion - Phase 2 #19-092-PRK-003
- d. Resolution 3077: Display of Russian Flag

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 revenue by month, pending orders and take rate, operating cash flow, west end expansion progress and community partnerships.

Resolution 3076: Conservation Easement Program Contract

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford introduced Resolution 3076 which would update the ACFL Conservation Easement Program and revoke and replace Resolution 1492. Mr. Lunsford summarized the history of the program and the proposed changes addressed in the resolution, referring to his slide presentation which had been added to the packet materials for the meeting. Michael Kirshenbaum of Skagit Land Trust endorsed Mr. Lunsford's comments and offered to answer questions.

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

Brian Wetcher thanked the Land Trust, the Friends of the Forest and the City for their work to update the documents and for their longstanding support of the program. He urged adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Walters asked about the editorial comments in the packet materials. Mr. Lunsford offered to bring the clean, final language back on the consent agenda the following week.

Ordinance 4014: Amending Anacortes Municipal Code Table 19.41.050, Principle Uses permitted in mixed use and industrial zones, to eliminate "Self Service Storage" as a permitted use in the Commercial Use Zone

Planning Director Don Measamer introduced Ordinance 4014 which would amend AMC Table 19.41.050 to eliminate Self Service Storage as a permitted use in the Commercial Use Zone. Mr. Measamer summarized the history of this ordinance, referring to the packet materials for this agenda item. He reported that at its February 23, 2022 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council to amend AMC Table 19.41.050 to eliminate Self Service Storage as a permitted use in the Commercial Use Zone.

Mr. Walters suggested also striking AMC 19.45.050(b). Mr. Measamer agreed.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDUGALL, to approve Ordinance 4014 amending AMC Table 19.41.050 to eliminate Self Service Storage as a permitted use in the Commercial Use Zone as presented, with the addition of deletion of AMC 19.45.050(b). Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Modification: Water Quality Assessment and Planning Project #21-184-WTR-001

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to issue Modification 2 to contract 21-184-WTR-001 with Confluence Engineering Group LLC to execute Phase 2 of the project, which will involve development of Water Quality Monitoring Plans for the Skagit River Source Water, the Filtration Facility, and the Water Distribution System. Mr. Buckenmeyer explained the rationale for and extent of the modification.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to authorize the Mayor to sign a modification to contract 21-184-WTR-001 with Confluence Engineering Group LLC in the amount of

\$99,978.00, increasing the total contract price to \$144,960.00. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 6:55 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of March 14, 2022 was adjourned.