

Anacortes City Council Minutes - April 4, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Anthony Young and Christine Cleland-McGrath were present. Councilmembers Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter and Carolyn Moulton were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller reported that Skagit County COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations continue to drop.

The mayor reported on the very successful First Friday Art Walk on April 1.

The mayor observed that National Library Week had begun.

The mayor noted that Washington State Ferries was not resuming the international ferry run at this time. He invited the public to fill out the ferry survey available from the City's website.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The meeting included planning for a presentation at the Anacortes Senior Center in June, an update from the AFC community outreach specialist, discussion of the Housing Action Plan, and a report from the Anacortes Housing Authority.

Public Works Committee: Mr. Young reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the WWTP outfall project, the 32nd Street and M Avenue roundabout, and 12th and Commercial intersection improvements.

Library Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the resumption of live programming, circulation statistics, ways to serve housing insecure library patrons, student library cards, and the recent public library conference in Portland.

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 Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Minutes of March 28, 2022
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$320,110.93
 - The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
 - EFT numbers: 102843 through 102888, total \$302,047.28
 - Check numbers: 102889 through 102901, total \$9,360.21
 - Wire transfer numbers: 301082 through 301396, total \$8,663.44

CLOSED RECORD DECISION HEARING

SDP-2021-0012 Port of Anacortes JKL Lot Improvements (shoreline substantial development permit and site plan)

Planning Manager Libby Grage introduced SDP-2021-0012, a shoreline substantial development permit and site plan review application made by the Port of Anacortes for improvements to an existing gravel parking lot associated with J, K, and L docks at the Cap Sante Marina. Ms. Grage's slide presentation had been included in the packet materials for the meeting. She reported that on March 23, 2022, after an open record public hearing on the application, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the permits subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Ms. Grage noted that there were no parties of record other than the applicant.

Councilmembers asked staff to ensure that the project provided ADA-accessible sidewalks. Brad Tesch from the Port of Anacortes explained that the southwestern corner of the site is ADA accessible, as is the southeast corner.

CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH moved, seconded by RYAN WALTERS, to approve SDP-2021-0012, a shoreline substantial development permit and site plan application for the improvements to the JKL Park Lot located at the Cap Sante Marina subject to the conditions contained within the staff report of record. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

OpenGov Budget and Transparency Solution Demonstration

Finance Manager Philip Steffen introduced Monica Cook and Andrew Kercado from OpenGov to present a demonstration of their budget and transparency solution software. The OpenGov slide presentation had been included in the packet materials for the meeting. Ms. Cook and Mr. Kercado responded to councilmember questions about implementation strategy, staff training, and data integration with the city's current financial software.

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

EDASC Presentation

Planning Director Don Measamer introduced John Sternlicht, CEO of the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County. Mr. Sternlicht updated Council on the value EDASC brings to Anacortes as well as its various programs available for businesses in Skagit County. Mr. Sternlicht'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.

Contract Award Update: Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Relocation - Upland Phase

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer updated Council on the status of the funding and contract award constraints for the referenced project. Referring to his report at the March 28, 2022 Council meeting, Mr. Buckenmeyer advised that the city was still waiting on information from FEMA.

Ordinance 4019: Creating a New Chapter 2.48, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Mr. Measamer invited Council to continue consideration of draft Ordinance 4019 which had first been considered by Council at its regular meeting on March 28, 2022. Mr. Measamer noted that alternative versions

of the ordinance had been circulated to councilmembers earlier in the day, one proposed by Ms. Cleland-McGrath and one by Mr. Walters. Mr. Measamer said Ms. Cleland-McGrath's version would be easy for staff to administer.

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

Jesica Kiser, Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, summarized the Chamber's extensive support of tourism in Anacortes.

Pam Allen referred to her letter to Mayor and Council, which was added to the Council packet. Ms. Allen said her understanding was that voting members of the committee should be half people who collect lodging tax and half people receiving allocations. She said the alternative versions of the ordinance were not in compliance with the intent of the law. Ms. Allen also said that conflicts of interest language was probably not necessary.

Councilmembers discussed proposed section 2.48.020 at considerable length.

Pam Allen clarified that she would not object to broadening the committee membership to include citizens at large as long as those other persons were non-voting members.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to adopt the version of Ordinance 4019 that had been published in the packet for the meeting.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to amend the motion to alter 2.48.020.A(3) to read "Two persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under RCW Chapter 67.28;" Vote: Ayes - Walters, Cleland-McGrath, McDougall, Hubik, Young. Nays - None. Result: Motion carried.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to amend the motion to add paragraph 2.48.020.D: "Per RCW 67.28.1817(1), the number of members who are representatives of businesses required to collect tax under this chapter shall equal the number of members involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter." Vote: Ayes - Cleland-McGrath, McDougall, Hubik, Young and Walters. Nays - None. Result: Motion carried.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to amend the motion to alter 2.48.040.F to read: "Conflict of interest. An LTAC member may not cast a vote, influence, or attempt to influence another LTAC member, on an allocation to an entity that LTAC member represents, owns, or is employed by." Vote: Ayes - McDougall, Young, Walters, Cleland-McGrath. Nays - Hubik. Result: Motion carried.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath moved to amend the motion to alter 2.48.020.A(4) to add " ... who will serve on the committee as non-voting members." Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Young called for the vote, seconded by Mr. Walters. Vote: Ayes - Young, Walters. Nays - Hubik, Cleland-McGrath, McDougall. Result: Motion failed.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to amend the motion to delete 2.48.020.A(4). Vote: Ayes - Cleland-McGrath, McDougall, Hubik. Nays - Young, Walters. Result: Motion carried.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Hubik, to amend the motion to change "two" to "three" in 2.48.020.A(2) and in 2.48.020.A(3). Vote: Ayes - Walters, Cleland-McGrath, McDougall, Hubik, Young. Nays - None. Result: Motion carried.

Mr. Walters moved to amend the motion by unanimous consent to delete 2.48.020.C and renumber 2.48.020.D accordingly. Motion carried.

Mr. Walters moved to amend the motion by unanimous consent to change 2.48.050.C to remove the phrase "plus 1". Motion carried.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to Adopt Ordinance 4019 as amended. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 9:15 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 4, 2022 was adjourned.