

Anacortes City Council Minutes - April 25, 2022

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik were present. Councilmember Anthony Young participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller reported that COVID case rates continue to fall locally.

Mayor Miller noted that April 26 is the 100th anniversary of the Anacortes-Sidney ferry run, which is not scheduled to run in 2022.

Mayor Miller announced that April 30 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. He said drugs can be dropped off for disposal at the Anacortes Police Station.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Committee meeting held the previous week. He said Jennifer Johnson from Skagit County Public Health joined the group to discuss distribution of the public safety sales tax in the county.

Planning Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included revisions to the Critical Areas regulations, the sea level rise report being prepared for the floodplain management plan update, a citizen request for a map of current development projects, a development project on 5th Street, and regulatory measures for Commercial Avenue parklets.

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

Minutes of April 15, 2022 and April 18, 2022

Approval of claims in the amount of \$324,623.76

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 103035 through 103075, total \$108,943.22

Check numbers: 103076 through 103096, total \$197,757.04

Wire transfer numbers: 302212 through 302614, total \$17,923.45

Interlocal Agreement #22-081-AFD-001 with Washington State Department of Natural Resources for Fire District Assistance

Contract Award: Boom Mower Replacement Purchase #22-128-ERR-001

Public Hearings

CDBG 2022 Annual Action Plan

Planning Director Don Measamer presented the Anacortes Community Development Block Grant 2022 Annual Action Plan. The complete materials had been included in the packet materials for the meeting. Mr. Measamer recommended leaving the hearing open until Monday, May 9, 2022 at which point the plan would come back to Council for final action.

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

Resolution 3078: City Council Ward Redistricting Plan

Finance Director Steve Heglund reviewed the resolution that had been opened for public hearing on April 11. He said no public comments had been received since the April 11 meeting. Mr. Heglund noted that the resolution had been edited since the prior meeting per a request from councilmembers.

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 JEREMY CARTER, to adopt Resolution 3078 adopting the City's redistricting plan. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Closed Record Decision Hearings

Closed Record Decision Hearing: CUP-2022-0002 - Samish Early Learning Center

Senior Planner Emily Morgan presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit with Site Plan Review from the Samish Indian Nation for an Early Learning Center. Ms. Morgan summarized the project, referring to the extensive packet materials for this project. Ms. Morgan reported that the project meets all code requirements and that no public comments were received. Ms. Morgan reported that PC recommended approval. Staff also recommended approval.

Mayor Miller invited the only party of record (the applicant) to address the Council. The applicant declined.

Mr. Walters advised that he would abstain from voting because he had been employed by the Samish Indian Nation at the time the CUP application had been filed.

CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to approve CUP-2022-0002, a conditional use permit with site plan review for the Samish Early Learning Center subject to the conditions of approval within the staff report of record. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Abstain - Walters. Result: Passed

Other Business

Skagit 911 Interlocal Agreement

Assistant Fire Chief Jack Kennedy opened discussion of a proposed modification to the interlocal agreement between agencies in Skagit County for 911 dispatch services. He introduced Helen Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Skagit 911 center, to summarize the proposed changes to the ILA and the rationale for asking the public to vote on a 0.1% public safety sales tax increase to fund critically needed capital infrastructure. Ms. Rasmussen's slides were included in 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.

Council nodded that the Mayor can tell 911 board that they can go to the voters.

Community Youth Center Update

Parks Director Jonn Lunsford introduced former mayor Laurie Gere to present a proposal for a Community Youth Center adjacent to the current skate board park on R Avenue. Ms. Gere's slides were included in 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.

Mr. Young, Mr. Walters, Ms. Moulton, Ms. Cleland-McGrath, Mr. McDougall, Ms. Hubik and Mr. Carter enthusiastically supported the proposal.

Grand View Cemetery Fee Update

Mr. Lunsford introduced a discussion of fee adjustments for Grand View Cemetery as the new expansion area opens for lot sales. Mr. Lunsford referred to his slides which had been included in 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 Modification: Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall - Design #20-032-SEW-007

Interim Public Works Director Brian McDaniel requested City Council consent to award a contract modification in the amount of \$217,406 to HDR Engineering, Inc., increasing the total contract price to \$1,208,929.18, to include the construction management services for the marine portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall project.

BRUCE MCDOUGALL moved, seconded by JEREMY CARTER, to authorize the Mayor to sign a modification to contract 20-032-SEW-007 with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$217,406.00, increasing the total contract price to \$1,208,929.18. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3080 Establishing the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for 2022

Mr. Measamer presented Resolution 3080 which would establish the members of the LTAC for 2022. Mr. Measamer clarified the RCW requirements for membership on the committee. Mr. Young, chair of the LTAC, endorsed the resolution as presented.

Ms. Hubik asked the duration of the terms for the slate of members if approved. Mr. Measamer clarified that the appointments are for the calendar year, though members are eligible for reappointment in future years.

Mr. Walters asked the spelling of "lodging" be corrected and that the actual RCW language for the two categories be used. Mr. Measamer agreed.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to amend Resolution 3080 to strike Christy Lyman and replace with Nancy Ryland-Carey. Vote: Ayes - RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, Amanda Hubik. Nays - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG. Result: Passed

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to amend Resolution 3080 to strike Anastasia Brencick and replace with Jennifer Wilson. Vote: Ayes - RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH. Nays - CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, Amanda Hubik, JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG. Result: Failed

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by JEREMY CARTER, to approve Resolution 3080 as amended and with correction of spelling and conforming to RCW language. Vote: Ayes - RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, Amanda Hubik, JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 8:35 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 25, 2022 was adjourned.