

Anacortes City Council Minutes - April 17, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, and Carolyn Moulton were present. Councilmember Jeremy Carter participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Councilmembers Amanda Hubik and Bruce McDougall were absent. Ms. Moulton moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to excuse the absence of Ms. Hubik. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to excuse the absence of Mr. McDougall. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller shared an update on the A-Town magazine, which should be in mailboxes any day. He then announced that immediate Access Anacortes Fiber Internet installation appointments are available in existing service areas, Washington State Ferries are soliciting for community members to join a year-long task force to produce a new San Juan Islands schedule for 2024, and Heart Lake will open on Earth Day, April 22, 2023.

Finance Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Finance Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included the OpenGov transparency portal, the existing utility discount program, a replacement Enterprise Resource Planning software application for Eden, and improvements or suggestions for the upcoming budget cycle.

Public Works Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included four pending projects that have gone out to bid: asphalt overlays and sidewalk infrastructure improvement on Hillcrest Drive, sanitary sewer line rehabilitation, and clarifier drive installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The public works contracts will come before the Council next week. The committee also discussed the potential acquisition of a new paver at the cost of \$150,000 and possibly integrating the Traffic Safety Committee with the Public Works Committee.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee meeting held on April 13, 2023. The topics discussed included coordination of expectations and policy to avoid duplicative services and conflicting guidance in community outreach efforts to unhoused individuals and the Habitat for Humanity lease.

Planning Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the afternoon. The topics discussed included the draft lease with Arts Festival representatives for the Arts Center concept.

Public Comment

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

Public comment was given as follows:

- Sara Holahan of Anacortes addressed tree conservation in the forest lands, trees in the urban canopy, and Anacortes' status as a Tree City USA community.

- Mark McEathron and Mary Ann Ryan of Anacortes spoke about health and safety, including the presence of RVs and drug-related activity on 6th Street.
- Bruce Baglien of Anacortes addressed parking on 7th Street and M Avenue.
- Joe Lindholm of Anacortes spoke about health and safety, parking, and unhoused residents on 30th Street and T Avenue.

Consent Agenda

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

a. Minutes of April 10, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,319,986.74

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 106018 through 16072, total \$1,023,991.40

Check numbers: 106073 through 106089, total \$280,653.10

Wire transfer numbers: 3322378 through 322724, total \$15,342.24

Public Hearings

Amending the 2023-2028 Capital Facilities Plan - Continued from April 10, 2023

Mayor Miller opened the continued public hearing for amending the 2023-2028 Capital Facilities Plan and introduced Finance Director, Steve Hoglund, who mentioned that the City Clerk had not received any public comment regarding the proposed amendment. Mayor Miller mentioned that he received an in-person visit and a letter on the proposal from Mr. Ward MacKenzie, which he forwarded to the Council via email.

At 6:33pm, Mayor Miller closed the public hearing.

Parks and Recreation Director, Jonn Lunsford, outlined the grant application process. The Council discussed the proposal. Topics included design development and integration with the existing Depot facility, .09 grant funding priorities and timing, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee funding, possible event center alternative sites with the impending closure of the Transit Shed at the end of 2023, and community engagement.

Other Business

Ordinance 4047: Amending the 2023-2028 Capital Facilities Plan

Mayor Miller re-introduced Ordinance 4047: Amending the 2023-2028 Capital Facilities Plan. The Council discussed the ordinance. Topics included possible event center locations, the historical nature of the Depot site and design integration of an event center, overall project goals and timing, and project funding sources.

CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to approve Ordinance 4047 as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG. Nays - RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON. Result: Failed

Ordinance 4048: Amending the 2023 Annual Budget

Finance Director, Steve Hoglund, re-introduced Ordinance 4048: Amending the 2023 Annual Budget, detailing the proposed budget amendments for police unmanned aerial vehicles, body cameras and the purchase of Fire Station 3, adding that it would be modified to remove the recital language and \$800,000 line items for the Depot Pavilion proposal. He answered questions from the Council.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to approve Ordinance 4048 with removal of language related to the Depot Pavilion. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Opioid Settlement Agreement

City Attorney, Darcy Swetnam, introduced the Washington State Allocation Agreement Settling with Opioid Pharmacies and Manufacturers, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting. Ms. Swetnam answered questions from the Council. The topics discussed included the use and allocation of settlement funds, an Opioid Abatement Council, and reporting requirements.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to authorize the mayor to execute the allocation agreement to join the settlement. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:34 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 17, 2023 was adjourned.