

Anacortes City Council Minutes - May 8, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik were present. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter and Christine Cleland-McGrath participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmember Anthony Young was absent.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Hubik, 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.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller shared an update on a water leak in City Hall over the weekend, the Veterans of Foreign Wars effort to lay mulch at Causland Park, and a meeting with County Prosecutor, Rich Weyrich, regarding the *Blake* decision and pending legislation to address drug possession.

Planning Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the potential acquisition of a parcel on Commercial Avenue as a stormwater park, an environmental impact statement for the Guemes Channel Trail, and the future housing options ordinance in light of recent legislation passed by the state legislature.

Public Safety Committee

Ms. Hubik reported from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 2, 2023. The topics discussed included the *Blake* decision and possible next steps, an update on police and fire staffing levels, an update from Northsound Accountable Community of Health on the social navigator program with the Anacortes Family Center, and the emergency response plan.

Confirmation of John Coleman as Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director

Human Resources Director, Reilly Wynn, introduced the prospective Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director, John Coleman. Mr. Coleman addressed the Council.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to confirm the appointment of John Coleman as Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Solarize Skagit Presentation

Planning Manager, Libby Grage, introduced Bob Raymond, Mary Wohleb and Greg Whiting of Solarize Skagit, who presented an informational briefing to the Council on their organization's activities, referring to a slide presentation that was included in the packet materials for the meeting. Ms. Wohleb asked that the City of Anacortes share the information with citizens via social media. The Council and Lori Halvorson of Anacortes asked questions. Discussion topics included installer discounts, federal (effective until 2032) and state sales tax waivers, and the organization's website.

Public Comment

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

Public comment was given as follows:

Pinky Vargas of Bellingham, representing Republic Services, addressed sustainability relative to the request for

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proposal for solid waste handling.

Consent Agenda

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

a. Minutes of May 1, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,022,102.81

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 106187 through 106233, total \$924,302.06

Check numbers: 106234 through 106248, total \$91,871.72

Wire transfer numbers: 106234 through 106248, total \$5,929.03

c. Contract Award: Multi-Function Grader Purchase #23-148-ERR-001

d. Contract Award: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Aeration Basin Mixer Replacement #23-139-SEW-001

Other Business

Contract Award: Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) Service #23-121-FBR-001

Administrative Services Director, Emily Schuh, introduced the proposed contract for Dedicated Internet Access Service #23-121-FBR-001.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to approve contract #23-121-FBR-001 as presented. 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 6:35 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of May 8, 2023 was adjourned.