

Anacortes City Council Minutes - June 12, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, and Amanda Hubik were present. Councilmember Bruce McDougall participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmembers Carolyn Moulton and Jeremy Carter were absent.

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Ms. Hubik, to excuse the absence of Mr. Carter. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to excuse the absence of Ms. Moulton. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller reminded the public of the ongoing Skagit County burn ban in effect from June 9th. He then announced that with the ongoing waterline replacement work, there will be a temporary water shutdown from 9pm - 6am on June 20-21 affecting residents south of the Skyline Way and Kingsway intersection. He then reviewed the 'See-Click-Fix' application that can be used by citizens to report issues, share feedback and ask questions regarding city public services and facilities. He concluded his remarks by announcing that Mayor Pro Tempore Young would lead next week's City Council meeting due to the mayor attending the Association of Washington Cities annual conference.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee meeting held June 7th. The topics discussed included the Habitat for Humanity lease, a discussion with Steve Simmons of Community Action regarding challenges associated with outreach strategy, the upcoming June 14th Skagit Homeless Service Provider discussion group at 9am in the Burlington Library, and the 2023 legislative summary.

Planning Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included code amendments for housing options, as well as parklets and sidewalk restaurant uses.

Public Safety Committee

Ms. Hubik reported from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 6th. Fire Department topics discussed included the addition of North Sound Accountable Community of Health as an outreach partner, the pending application for a grant from the Association of Washington Cities, recruitment for entry level paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and lateral hires.

Police topics included a hiring update with lateral hires and entry-level officers coming to the academy that will fill four of the five open vacancies, and a new law enforcement training academy to be established in Skagit County with the first class commencing in November.

Port / City Liaison Committee

Ms. Hubik reported from the Port / City Liaison Committee meeting held on June 6th. The topics discussed included a Q Avenue pedestrian crossing, an interlocal agreement for cooperative construction, the RV parking lot project with groundbreaking in early July, noise complaints at the marine terminal, and finding alternate

event locations with the impending closure of the Port Transit Shed.

Wreaths Across America

Gary and Sue Follstad, co-chairs of Wreaths across America, and Darcy Storme of the Auxiliary American Legion Post 13 introduced the Wreaths Across America program, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Police Department Accreditation Award

Police Chief Dave Floyd presented the Police Department Accreditation award, detailing the accreditation cycle that transpired over the period from 2019-2022.

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

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

a. Minutes of June 5, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$926,445.27

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 106457 through 106518, total \$627,449.71

Check numbers: 106519 through 106547, total \$271,423.78

Wire transfer numbers: 325364 through 325950, total \$27,571.78

c. Street Fair Application: Gut Run Car Show

d. Contract Award: Purchase of Wide Area Mower #23-172-ERR-001

Other Business

Ordinance 4051: Title 9 Update

City Attorney, Darcy Swetnam, introduced Ordinance 4051: Title 9 Update, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Mayor Miller invited the public to comment on the agenda item. No one present wished to address the Council on the agenda item.

Discussion topics included:

- Prosecutions under the existing city code.
- Effective date of the legislation.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by AMANDA HUBIK, to approve Ordinance 4051, the first draft document in the agenda packet.

Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3021: Update to Personnel Policies

Human Resources Director, Reilly Wynn, introduced Resolution 3021: Update to Personnel Policies, referring to a slide presentation that was included in packet materials for the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- Information Technology policy summary.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, to approve Resolution 3021 adopting updated City personnel policies.

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 6:45 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 12, 2023 was adjourned.