

Anacortes City Council Minutes - June 20, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tempore Anthony Young called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting for June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Carolyn Moulton was present. Councilmembers Bruce McDougall, Christine Cleland-McGrath and Jeremy Carter participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmembers Amanda Hubik and Ryan Walters were absent.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Pro Tempore Young announced that the Washington State Transportation Commission will meet on Wednesday at 9am to discuss changes to ferry fares at the San Juan County Council Chambers located at 55 2nd Street in Friday Harbor. The meeting will be open to public comment virtually and in person. The Commission's proposed fare changes will then be subject to public review and comment until July 30th. He continued by announcing that Fourth of July parade applications are open on the city website. He concluded by announcing that the Oyster Run event may not be held this year. Police Chief, Dave Floyd, confirmed that event organizers had sent an email requesting that their street fair permit for this year's event be pulled.

Finance Committee

Mr. McDougall reported from the Finance Committee meeting held the 14th of June. The topics discussed included possible modifications to the contract review process, contract and materials approval thresholds, combining the Fire and Emergency Medical Services funds for streamlining processes and additional flexibility, and capital project updates.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Ms. Moulton reported that the committee meeting was canceled.

North Star Project Learning Session

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported on the North Star Project learning session held on June 13th at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon. The topics discussed included the strengths and challenges of Skagit County communities in handling homeless, behavioral health and addiction issues. Mr. Young added that it was a great opportunity for local leaders to form collaborative relationships and combine resources in dealing with the issues.

Public Works Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the procurement of a new vehicle for a newly established facilities position and the contract for water reliability system upgrades that has been in the Capital Facilities Plan since 2020.

Economic Development Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held the previous week. The topics discussed included past developments and a future vision that revealed the need for a deep dive to determine committee goals for the city's economic strategic plan. Mr. Young added that this was an important meeting with new Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director, John Coleman, and that the

committee is open to working with all stakeholders to help the community thrive.

Public Comment

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

a. Minutes of June 12, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$326,323.75

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 106548 through 106591, total \$273,106.56

Check numbers: 106592 through 106616, total \$32,504.72

Wire transfer numbers: 325942 through 326429, total \$20,712.47

c. Street Fair Application: Fourth of July Parade

d. Street Fair Application: Whale of a Sale

Other Business

Temporary Access Easement: Dike District 17

City Attorney, Darcy Swetnam, announced that the temporary access easement with Dike District 17 was pulled from the agenda to finalize needed adjustments to the legal description for the easement area, and that the matter would be brought back before the Council in a couple of weeks.

Contract Award: Water Plant System Reliability Upgrades - Phases 4 & 5 #23-173-WTR-001

Water System Manager, Brian McDaniel, and Isaac Brunk, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, introduced the contract for Water Plant System Reliability Upgrades - Phases 4 & 5 #23-173-WTR-001.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to authorize the mayor to sign contract #23-173-WTR-001 with Quality Controls Corporation. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Washington Park Prefabricated Restroom Purchase #23-071-PRK-002

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Vaux, introduced the contract for Washington Park Prefabricated Restroom Purchase #23-071-PRK-002, referring to a presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by JEREMY CARTER, to authorize the mayor to sign contract #23-071-PRK-002 with CXT Inc. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Approval: Reimbursement Agreement Between Administrative Office of the Courts & City of Anacortes for Blake Decision #23-183-MCT-001

Administrative Services Director, Emily Schuh, introduced the Reimbursement Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Courts and the City of Anacortes #23-183-MCT-001. The agreement extends the current contract by one year and allows the city additional time to use those funds, as no funds have yet been expended under the agreement.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to authorize the mayor to sign contract #23-183-MCT-001 with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE

MCDUGALL. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tempore Young thanked the community, city staff and organizers for the successful Pride Parade over the past weekend. There being no further business, at approximately 6:40 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 20, 2023 was adjourned.