

Anacortes City Council Minutes - July 10, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik were present.

Councilmember Christine Cleland-McGrath was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller shared an update which included an updated population for the city from the Washington State Office of Financial Management at 18,020; he also recognized Public Works Director, Henry Hash, in his last days with the City, and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Walters also provided an update of the meeting he held with the Northstar project.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee meeting scheduled to be held earlier in the evening was cancelled.

Fiber Committee

Mr. McDougall reported from the Fiber Committee, reporting that the Fiber department now has exceeded 2000 customers, and exceeded a 35% take rate.

Finance Committee

Mr. McDougall reported from the Finance Committee meeting held on June 28. The topics discussed included procurement of additional police cars for the coming year when lead times are such that orders for the year need to be ordered on a single day that orders are taken, and that order window is many months before the budget will be adopted. Mr. Walters provided additional information on the subject.

Public Works Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the water main leak that will be discussed further later in the meeting; there was also some discussion around the sewer outfall project, as well as discussion on the old WTP cleanup, as well as 12th and Commercial roundabout.

Planning Commission Appointment: Paul Ryan

Mayor Miller presented the proposed appointment of Paul Ryan to the Planning Commission filling the remainder of Jack Curtis' term ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Carter, to approve the appointment. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment

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

Patti Pattee of Anacortes addressed the Council, expressing dismay and displeasure at the amount of purchasing done by the City with online vendors. She reminded the Council of the many vendors in town that can provide many of the same products being purchased by online vendors. She also asked the Council about the attendance requirements of City Council.

Mayor Miller thanked her for her comments and assured her the Council Procedures would be published that illustrated those requirements.

Consent Agenda

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

a. Minutes of June 26, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$485,358.45

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 106665 through 106731, total \$273,848.72

Check numbers: 106664 through 106732, total \$197,499.41

Wire transfer numbers: 326843 through 327359, total \$13,968.74

c. Special Event/ Street Fair Application: Good Bagels Block Party 8/12/2023

Other Business

Community Action of Skagit County Quarterly Update

Administrative Services Director, Emily Schuh, introduced Sandi Phinney, the Executive Director of Community Action of Skagit County. Ms. Phinney gave a presentation to the Council, referring to a slide presentation that was included in the packet materials for the meeting. Several councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Phinney, resulting in an informative and lively discussion.

Interlocal Agreement #22-213-TRN-001 with Samish Indian Nation for Funding of Public Street Improvements for the Early Learning Center

City Attorney, Darcy Swetnam, introduced interlocal agreement #22-213-TRN-001 with the Samish Indian Nation for Funding of Public Street Improvements for the Early Learning Center.

Councilmember Walters pointed out a change to the original agreement that came to Council in January that was not included in the summary. He asked if there were other omissions from the summary, and Ms. Swetnam indicated no other material omissions had been made.

Steve Lange from the Engineering department engaged Mr. Walters and Ms. Moulton on the expected flow of traffic, and other expectations, in that area after the improvements were made.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDUGALL, to authorize the mayor to execute Interlocal Agreement #22-213-TRN-001 with the Samish Indian Nation. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Abstentions: RYAN WALTERS. Result: Passed

Temporary Access Easement: Dike District 17

City Attorney, Darcy Swetnam, introduced the temporary access easement with Dike District 17. Mr. Walters asked clarifying questions about the access easement.

BRUCE MCDUGALL moved, seconded by AMANDA HUBIK, to grant Dike District 17 the temporary access easement as presented. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Interlocal Agreement #23-184-IDS-001 with the Port of Anacortes for Reciprocal Property Access

Mayor Miller recognized Port of Anacortes Executive Director, Dan Worra, who was attending the meeting. City Attorney, Darcy Swetnam, introduced interlocal agreement #23-184-IDS-001 with the Port of Anacortes for Reciprocal Property Access.

Mr. Worra expressed the Port's support of the agreement. Mr. Walters expressed concern over the spending threshold of the agreement being \$300,000, which would exceed the mayor's signature authority; Ms. Moulton

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expressed concern over the same issue. Ms. Swetnam suggested a revision could be made to clarify those cost allowances. Ms. Hubik asked how the budget would be affected and illustrated by this agreement. Ms. Swetnam explained related expenditures would be approved by the Council through the existing invoice approval process. Several councilmembers made clarifying comments around the agreement. Ms. Swetnam suggested she could make changes to the agreement to address the spending threshold and bring it back for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Resolution 3125: Declaring an Emergency and Waiving State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Repair of the 36" Water Transmission Line

Public Works Director, Henry Hash, introduced Resolution 3125: Declaring an Emergency and Waiving State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Repair of the 36" Water Transmission Line. Director Hash explained the nature of the water main leak, and why the nature of the repair did not allow for a typical bidding process for a public works project. Mr. Walters expressed that this break and emergency repair showed the importance of the water line repair and replacement program, and the need to ensure that program continues, not just at the current rate, but ideally at an accelerated rate of repair.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by JEREMY CARTER, to approve Resolution 3125. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3126: Lodging Tax award to Oyster Run

Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director, John Coleman, introduced Resolution 3126: Lodging Tax award to Oyster Run.

Mr. Coleman explained the committee met and discussed and unanimously approved the recommendation to commit up to \$10,000 to the Oyster run to help pay the costs of public safety overtime incurred by the event.

Mr. Young described the passion and interest shown by the Oyster Run participants, as well as the committee members, and what a positive experience the committee meeting was.

Several council members discussed the intent and the language of the resolution. Mr. Walters requested the title of the resolution be amended to read: A resolution authorizing Tourism Promotion funds for the Oyster Run.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by AMANDA HUBIK, to approve Resolution 3126 with amended title. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:42 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of July 10, 2023 was adjourned.