

Anacortes City Council Minutes - August 14, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, and Amanda Hubik were present.

Councilmember Bruce McDougall participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Councilmember Ryan Walters was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller shared an update on summer construction projects, ongoing preparations for emergency response in the event of wildland fires, reminding the public that a burn ban is still in effect, and mentioning the '[Code Red](#)' emergency and critical community information alert system through Skagit 911.

Economic Development Committee

Mr. Young and Ms. Hubik reported from the Economic Development Committee meeting held August 8th. The topics discussed included communications and strategy with local businesses on Commercial Avenue regarding parking, parklets, bike racks, the current economic environment, and introducing the new city points of contact, Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director, John Coleman, and Planning, Community, and Economic Development Coordinator, Stephanie Snyder.

Finance Committee

Mr. McDougall and Mr. Young reported from the Finance Committee meeting held August 9th. The topics discussed included a 2024 budget preview; anticipated property tax revenues for public safety; sales tax revenue forecasts; debt service and possible use of Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for fiber, ladder truck, and Station 3; and monitoring of economic forecasts.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee meeting held August 9th. The topics discussed included a brief from Steven Simmons, Outreach Programs Manager for Community Action, on coordination meetings between providers, new office space for Community Action in downtown Anacortes, state legislation that affects housing, the recent Samish Nation purchase of a four-plex to maintain the property as affordable housing, and Community Development Block Grant reporting.

Planning Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included a requested land lease modification for the Anacortes Cinema, [Anacortes Municipal Code 19.48.020](#) updates regarding cargo containers, applications for auto repair businesses to open in the industrial zone and associated code updates to allow general services, and the Comprehensive Plan update.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held August 9th. The topics discussed included a preview of the Capital Facilities Plan for parks projects over the coming five years.

Award Presentation: Washington State Department of Ecology Outstanding Performance Award – Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mayor Miller presented the Washington State Department of Ecology Outstanding Performance Award to Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, Brian Walker.

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 August 7, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$890,371.29

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 106998 through 107035, total \$604,173.06

Check numbers: 107036 through 107066, total \$280,895.39

Wire transfer numbers: 329142 through 329491, total \$5,302.84

c. Special Event Application: Anacortes Half Marathon & 5K

d. Special Event Application: Lions Club Walk With Santa Holiday Parade

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 6:20 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 14, 2023 was adjourned.