

Anacortes City Council Minutes - August 28, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, and Carolyn Moulton were present. Councilmember Amanda Hubik participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Councilmember Bruce McDougall was absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller provided an update on the ladder truck purchase, which is expected to be delivered by April 2024, and the receipt of an Association of Washington Cities grant to support the community outreach coordinator. He thanked the staff and public for their efforts in making last weekend's Open Streets a successful event. He concluded by announcing that there would be an open house on September 9th at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island from 8am-3pm.

Confirmation of Public Works Director

Mayor Miller introduced the proposed Public Works Director, Andrew Rheume, asking the Council to confirm his appointment effective as of September 11, 2023.

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Carter to confirm the appointment of Mr. Rheume as the Public Works Director for the City of Anacortes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Fiber Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Fiber Committee meeting held August 24th. The topics discussed included service installation metrics, fiber business engine use, the Economic Development Administration grant implementation, the Guemes View take rate, 2053 customers in service, a new secondary upstream provider, financing options, and a budget update.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee meeting held August 23rd. The topic discussed was the multi-family tax exemption program.

Planning Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included a community member who saved the bowling pin sign from the former San Juan Lanes and the short-term rental moratorium.

Museum Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Museum Committee meeting held August 24th. The topics discussed included the 2024 budget proposal for additional artifact storage and workspace with project design in 2024 and construction in 2025.

Public Comment

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

Public comment was given as follows:

Pat Gardner of Anacortes addressed long-term parking and the associated fines for an infraction, advocating for increased fines to deter illegal parking.

Consent Agenda

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

a. Minutes of August 21, 2023

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,038,857.02

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 107178 through 107192, total \$293,333.77

Check numbers: 107193 through 107222, total \$737,123.26

Wire transfer numbers: 329885 through 330182, total \$8,399.99

Other Business

Contract Award: Pass Lake 10-inch Watermain Replacement Project - Design #20-071-WTR-002

Interim Public Works Director, Tim Hohmann, introduced the proposed contract #20-071-WTR-002 for the Pass Lake 10-inch Watermain Replacement Project Design. He provided project details, referring to a map of the project area that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- Evaluation of an additional section of water line from Pass Lake to Harold's Market.

CAROLYN MOULTON moved, seconded by AMANDA HUBIK, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract #20-071-WTR-002 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for \$381,622.

Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, RYAN WALTERS, CAROLYN MOULTON, JEREMY CARTER, AMANDA HUBIK. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Executive Session

Potential Litigation or Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) (30 minutes)

Mayor Miller announced at 6:30pm that the City Council and the City Attorney would convene in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (i) for approximately 30 minutes to discuss litigation. Mayor Miller announced the extension of the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. The Council returned from executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:13 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 28, 2023 was adjourned.