

Anacortes City Council Minutes - February 12, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers TJ Fantini, Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, and Bruce McDougall were present. Councilmember Amanda Hubik participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller thanked Dakota Creek Industries for hosting the christening of the spill response vessel *Allison Creek*, provided an R Avenue Improvement Project update, and reminded the public of Adventure Day at the library on February 17th.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee meeting held on February 8th. The topics discussed included the upcoming section on housing in the *A-Town is Our Town* publication, the January outreach report from the Anacortes Family Center, the recent Dine and Shop to End Homelessness event, and the county-wide North Star Project to Address Behavioral Health and Homelessness.

Planning Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included tree preservation, grants associated with the coming Comprehensive Plan update, and public participation opportunities in the Comprehensive Plan process.

Public Safety Committee

Mayor Miller reported that the Public Safety Committee did not meet as scheduled.

Port / City Liaison Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Port / City Liaison Committee meeting held February 6th. City topics discussed included the R Avenue Improvement project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall project, the Maritime National Heritage area designation, and the West Basin event space proposal. Port topics included electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot near Anthony's restaurant, the recruitment plan for the next executive director, 2024 legislative priorities, and how affordable housing could impact the marina.

Finance Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Finance Committee meeting held on February 8th. The topics discussed included the 4th quarter budget amendment and the amount of funds spent on sidewalks in 2023.

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

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

a. Minutes of February 5, 2024

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,109,250.18

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 108539 through 108580, total \$767,683.41

Check numbers: 108581 through 108606, total \$280,591.09

Wire transfer numbers: 340509 through 341065, total \$60,975.68

Other Business

Ordinance 4068: Amending the 2023 Budget

Finance Director Steve Hoglund re-introduced Ordinance 4068: Amending the 2023 Budget, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Mayor Miller invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item. No one present wished to address the Council.

Discussion topics included:

- The nature of increased professional services expenses.
- Implementing measures to have invoices put toward the appropriate fund upon initial processing.
- Funding source for Washington Park re-roof project - Washington Park versus Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds.
- The need for further discussion of the allocation of funds for the Washington Park re-roof project at the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Resolution 3146: 2024 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointments

Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director John Coleman introduced Resolution 3146: 2024 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointments, explaining the primary function and purpose of the committee. Mr. Walters, the committee chair, explained the application review and vetting process for eligible candidates.

Discussion topics included:

- How to maximize the talents and abilities of those in the community.
- Mayor and Council communication and cooperation through the selection process.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to adopt Resolution 3146. Vote: Ayes - ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, AMANDA HUBIK, TJ FANTINI. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Public Works 2024 Department Update

Public Works Director Andrew Rheaume provided the Public Works 2024 Department Update, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Mayor Miller invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item. No one present wished to address the Council.

Discussion topics included:

- Visibility and accessibility of dumpsters.
- Water quality and "forever chemicals".
- The selection process for determining which streets are to be paved.
- Re-surfacing Commercial Avenue.
- Unfunded liability for maintaining and re-surfacing streets.

- Establishment of a dedicated pavement management fund.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:30 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 12, 2024 was adjourned.