

Anacortes City Council Minutes - December 1, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Matt Miller called to order the December 1, 2025, Anacortes City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers TJ Fantini, Ryan Walters, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Amanda Hubik were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Miller announced that the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting at 6pm and the First Friday Art Walk from 6-9pm on Friday, December 5th, and that the annual Holiday Parade (10am), Lighted Boat Parade (6pm), and Santa Run(8:30-10:30am) would be on Saturday, December 6th.

Public Works Committee

Mr. Walters reported from the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the updated utility plans, including the Stormwater Plan that is pending a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) appeal; the Water System Plan final draft is nearly complete and must be sent to the State Department of Health in January for a 3–6 month review; and the Wastewater System Plan that requires SEPA and State Department of Ecology reviews. Mr. Walters noted that Volume II of the Comprehensive Plan contains summaries of utility systems for Growth Management Act compliance, and that there are no capacity constraints that would prevent the Comprehensive Plan from being realized. The committee also discussed capital projects that were scheduled for 2025 and will be undertaken in 2026, including the Q Avenue pedestrian crossing near Safeway, a mid-block crossing on 32nd Street at Storvik Park, and crossings at the Tommy Thompson Trail and T Avenue, and 23rd Street and D Avenue. The committee also discussed the Whistle Lake Dam and its addition to the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan, the replacement of the 29th Street drinking water reservoir, the Pass Lake water main project that is pending Washington Department of Transportation approval, the South Commercial Avenue project, and the intake station at the Water Treatment Plant.

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 November 24, 2025

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$164,447.58

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 114186 through 114213, total \$151,557.64

Check numbers: 114214 through 114222, total \$10,496.12

Wire transfer numbers: 380220 through 380496, total \$2,393.82

c. Special Event Application: Anacortes Santa Run

Other Business

Resolution 3188: City Council Procedures

City Attorney Darcy Swetnam re-introduced Resolution 3188 that would revise City Council procedures as provided for under [Resolution 3094](#) and [Resolution 3141](#).

Discussion topics included:

- Individuals providing public comment remotely with cameras on at 8.(d)(4).
 - Add neutral background requirement.
- Merge public comment restrictions and prohibited disruptions into a single section for easy reference by the meeting chair.
- Council committee membership 11.3.(a)
 - Same composition for no longer than 2 years or 2 terms.

Ms. Swetnam remarked that she would incorporate the council's desired edits and bring the resolution back for consideration at a future meeting.

Contract Award: HVAC Maintenance and On-Call Repair Services 2026-2028 #26-013-FAC-001

Interim Public Works Director Logan Lee introduced proposed contract #26-013-FAC-001 with Blythe Mechanical, Inc. for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning maintenance and on-call repair services from 2026 through 2028 not to exceed a total of 3 years or \$400,000.00, whichever comes first.

Discussion topics included:

- Similar in scope to past contracts for these services.

Ryan Walters moved, seconded by TJ Fantini, to approve contract #26-013-FAC-001 with Blythe Mechanical, Inc. as presented.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, Amanda Hubik, TJ Fantini. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Unit-Priced Electrical Services 2026-2028 #26-014-FAC-001

Mr. Lee introduced proposed contract #26-014-FAC-001 with VECA Electric & Technologies for unit-priced electrical services at all city facilities from 2026 through 2028 not to exceed a total of 3 years or \$400,000.00, whichever comes first.

Discussion topics included:

- Number of responsive bids.
- Bid solicitation process.
- Cost of services versus past contracts.
- Explanation of unit-priced services.

Anthony Young moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to authorize the mayor to sign contract #26-014-FAC-001 with VECA Electric & Technologies in the amount of \$400,000 to perform the unit-priced electrical services 2026-2028.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, Amanda Hubik, TJ Fantini. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3192: 2026 North Star Funding Allocation

Ms. Swetnam introduced Resolution 3192 that would set the funding allocation for North Star Skagit at \$250,000 for 2026 to fund the STAR Center, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- The right thing to allocate the remainder of non-allocated available funds after the budget process.

- The community feedback indicates that this is the highest and best use of these funds.
- Receive public input and council consideration for future allocations.
- Ensure the funds are actually allocated for the STAR Center.
 - Additional interlocal or contract that will specify where those funds are allocated.
- One-time commitment for 2026 to get the STAR Center up and running.
 - Additional funding requests from Skagit County should be for 2027.
- The ongoing commitments of detox bridge housing and additional recovery housing are not included in this allocation.

Ryan Walters moved, seconded by Anthony Young, to approve Resolution 3192 as presented.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, Amanda Hubik, TJ Fantini. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Interlocal Agreement #25-287-LEG-001 for the Formalization of the North Star Collaborative

Ms. Swetnam introduced interlocal agreement #25-287-LEG-001 with Skagit County and the cities of Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Sedro Woolley for the formalization of the North Star Collaborative referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- Principal prongs of the agreement are homelessness and housing, and behavioral health and substance abuse.
- Vision statement that no one lives in Skagit County in their car on the street.
- Improved public visibility and transparency.
 - Annual report.
- Emphasis on leadership.
- Perpetual term with opt-out provisions.
- Concentration on prevention.
- Inclusive of all affected age groups.
- The community is already paying for services (e.g. EMS, law enforcement) related to these challenges.
- Collaborative effort from leadership.
- Removed mention of vital conditions and commitment to pooling revenues.

TJ Fantini moved, seconded by Amanda Hubik, to authorize the mayor to execute interlocal agreement #25-287-LEG-001 with Skagit County and the Cities of Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Sedro Woolley for the formalization of the North Star Collaborative.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, Amanda Hubik, TJ Fantini. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:13 pm, the Anacortes City Council meeting of December 1, 2025, was adjourned.