

Anacortes City Council Minutes - February 2, 2026

Call to Order

Mayor Ryan Walters called to order the February 2, 2026, Anacortes City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Luke Currier, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and TJ Fantini were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Walters delivered announcements regarding the upcoming election on February 10th, Community Development Block Grant funding applications, a Downtown Streetscapes Survey, the City Council Ward 1 vacancy process, and serving on a city board or commission, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Public Works Committee

Mr. Fantini reported from the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included a flow chart review of the public works department, the Q Avenue Crosswalk project that will require a budget amendment along with three other crosswalk projects including at D Avenue and 23 Street, at Tommy Thompson Trail and T Avenue, and 32nd Street and Storvik Park. The committee also discussed the bid opening for the Terrace Drive project, the 12th Street and Commercial Avenue intersection signals, and received an overview of the Wastewater Treatment Plant alternatives analysis. Mr. Fantini announced that associated recommendations from that analysis will be briefed at the committee level on March 2nd, suggesting that the topic might be best discussed by the full council at a work session due to the potential high cost and complexity of the issues.

Public Comment

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

Public comment was given as follows:

Pat Gardner of Anacortes commented on Downtown Streetscape ideas.

Mark Nihart of Anacortes spoke about the public comment process and the expectation for receiving a response from the council.

Consent Agenda

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

a. Minutes of January 26, 2026

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$196,856.43

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 114766 through 114799, total \$172,877.96

Check numbers: 114800 through 114809, total \$6,692.61

Wire transfer numbers: 383477 through 383804, total \$17,285.86

c. Special Event: Womens Wellness Run

d. Special Event: Shipwreck Fest

Other Business

Resolution 3201: Establishing the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for 2026

Ms. Cleland-McGrath introduced Resolution 3201 that would establish the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for 2026.

Christine Cleland-McGrath moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to approve Resolution 3201 Establishing the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3202: Confirmation of Re-Appointments to the Library Board of Trustees

Library Director Jeff Vogel introduced Resolution 3202 that would confirm the re-appointment of Alethea Fleming and Courtney Orrock to the Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term through December 31, 2030.

TJ Fantini moved, seconded by Anthony Young, to approve Resolution 3202 as presented.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3203: Planning Commission Appointments

Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director John Coleman introduced Resolution 3203, that would confirm the appointment of five commissioners: Michael Mills through February 1, 2027; William McCombs and Paul Ryan through February 1, 2028; and Frank Jeretzky and Linda Martin through February 1, 2030.

TJ Fantini moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to approve Resolution 3203 as presented with title amendment.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Portable 70kw Generator for WWTP & Sewer Lift Stations #26-048-ERR-001 & Contract Award: Portable 100kw Generator for WWTP & Sewer Lift Stations #26-050-ERR-001

Operations Manager WiL Ludemann introduced proposed contract awards #26-048-ERR-001 for a portable 70kw generator and #26-050-ERR-001 for a portable 100kw generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer lift stations.

Discussion topics included:

- Pairing load with the power source is the reason for purchasing two different size generators

Christine Cleland-McGrath moved, seconded by Anthony Young, to approve contract #26-048-ERR-001 for a portable 70kw generator as presented.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Christine Cleland-McGrath moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to approve contract #26-050-ERR-001 for the 100kw generator as presented.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Depot Market Plaza Expansion Project #24-228-PRK-003

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford introduced proposed contract award #24-228-PRK-003 for the construction of the Depot Market Plaza Expansion Project, referring to a slide presentation that was added to

the packet materials for the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- Interlocking pavers versus concrete pad.
 - Pavers require less maintenance and last longer.
 - Pavers would maintain continuity of design for the area.
 - The color tint of pavers could differ from the existing plaza.
- The 10,000 sq foot area could accommodate additional Farmers Market vendors.
- Site access controls.
- The Madrona Grove will not be affected.

Anthony Young moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to authorize the mayor to sign contract #24-228-PRK-003 with Earthwork Solutions LLC in the amount of \$310,814.10, to perform Schedule B of the Depot Market Plaza expansion project.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Ordinance 5008: Amending AMC 10.12.380 Parking — Prohibited by street segment

Interim Public Works Director Logan Lee introduced proposed Ordinance 5008 that would prohibit parking on the south side of 6th Street between M Avenue and O Avenue, referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- Guemes ferry traffic flows down the south side of the street.

Mr. Fantini moved, seconded by Ms. Moulton, without objection, that the ordinance be placed on the consent agenda for the next regular meeting.

Ordinance 5020: Amending AMC 9.16.020 Aiming or discharging weapons

City Attorney Darcy Swetnam introduced proposed Ordinance 5020 that would upgrade a weapons offense within the city limits from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor.

Discussion topics included:

- The recent shooting incident on Sixth Street.
- Public safety and deterring spurious discharge of weapons.

Mr. Fantini moved, seconded by Ms. Moulton, to waive the two-read rule for ordinances. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Carolyn Moulton moved, seconded by Anthony Young, to adopt Ordinance 5020 amending AMC 9.16.020 regarding aiming or discharging weapons.

Vote: Ayes - Carolyn Moulton, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall, TJ Fantini, Luke Currier. Nays - None. Abstentions - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 6:42 pm, the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 2, 2026, was adjourned.