

Anacortes City Council Minutes - April 13, 2026

Call to Order

Mayor Ryan Walters called to order the April 13, 2026, Anacortes City Council meeting at 6:01 p.m. Councilmembers Marcia Hunt, 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 made announcements recognizing Dean Williamson receiving the Mayor's Award of Merit, that [Spring residential cleanup day is on April 18th from 9:00am-12:00pm](#), the Meals on Wheels Aktion Club awards fundraiser that raised nearly \$44,385 for 2026, alerting the public to an online fraud attempt against a permit applicant, [Parks and Recreation spring and summer programs](#), the [Community Development Block Grant Annual Plan](#) public hearing at the April 27th regular City Council meeting, the [Guemes Island Ferry maintenance period](#) from May 4-17 with passenger-only service provided by Arrow Launch with regular parking rules remaining in effect, and the Anacortes [project information page](#), referring to a slide presentation that was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Port / City Liaison Committee

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the Port / City Liaison Committee meeting held April 7th. The topics discussed included communication strategies for economic development between the city, the Port of Anacortes and the Port of Skagit, the county economic development strategy on the [Skagit Council of Governments website](#), the Washington State ferries, the city permitting process, the event facility timeline moving toward 60% design by the end of April and the corresponding action items that the port are undertaking to support the development, and the \$515,000 state and \$250,000 federal appropriations for the event center. Mr. Young suggested that some recognition of the native cultures present in the area be incorporated in the event center design.

Finance Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Finance Committee meeting held April 9th. The topics discussed included the draft presentation for the first quarter finance update to be provided to the full council on April 20th. Mr. Fantini asked if the March financial figures would be included in the update. Ms. Moulton responded that they would be except for those in the area of sales tax, as those become available two months after the fact.

Housing Affordability and Community Services and Planning Committee

Ms. Moulton reported from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included [Executive Order 2026-02](#) regarding permitting process improvement and streamlining, which includes customization of the use of the SmartGov application, the production of checklists and standard procedures for easier process navigation for the public and staff, and permitting timelines for each stage of the permitting process, the review and processing of alley and street vacations and grading and filling permits will move from the Public Works department to the Planning department, and staff review of the unified fee schedule to ensure that permit fees cover the cost of staff processes. The committee also discussed the Shoreline Management Program that is under review by the Planning Commission, the Critical Areas Ordinance update, and consideration of allowing auto and boat repair in the industrial zone.

Public Comment

Mayor Walters 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 Ms. Hunt, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

a. Minutes of April 6, 2026

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$787,385.11

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 115285 through 115343, total \$584,650.24

Check numbers: 115344 through 115359, total \$193,498.90

Wire transfer numbers: 387043 through 387343, total \$9,235.97

c. Special Event: Oyster Run Festival

Work Session

Quarter 1 All Departments Update

Finance Director Steve Hogle, Human Resources Director Kendall Moyle, City Attorney Darcy Swetnam, Mayor Walters for Information Technology Manager Jose Cervantes, Fiber Manager Jim Lemberg, Interim Fire Chief Mannix McDonnell, Police Chief Dave Floyd, Museum Director Bret Lunsford, Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford, Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director John Coleman, and Public Works Director Logan Lee with Water System Manager Terry Nemeth presented their respective first quarter department updates, referring to a slide presentation that was included in the packet materials for the meeting.

Mayor Walters announced that Library Director Jeff Vogel was unavailable to attend the meeting, and would present the library update at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 9:18 pm, the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 13, 2026, was adjourned.