

# **Anacortes City Council Minutes - June 15, 2026**

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Ryan Walters called to order the June 15, 2026, Anacortes City Council meeting at 6:00 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 provided information on the changes to the Building & Planning department, as well as the city's adopt-a-drain program.

He also provided multiple pieces of information on the update on the 4th of July programs.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported that she as well as other council and staff members went on a tour with City Downtown Alliance members to view the City of Snohomish downtown area to see the light displays downtown, which are done in partnership with their downtown alliance and the City of Snohomish.

## **Finance Committee**

Ms. Moulton provided an update on the Finance Committee meeting held the prior Thursday. The update included information on the Enterprise Resource Planning software implementation and remarks on the May month-end budget to actual update provided at the committee meeting.

## **Public Works Committee**

A Public Works Committee update was provided by Mr. Fantini about the committee meeting held prior to the council meeting. The update included information on right of ways around the city. Also, information about the 2 streams in town that run through stormwater pipes through town down to the bay.

## **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**

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

a. Minutes of June 8, 2026

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,248,342.38

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:

EFT numbers: 115834 through 115872, total \$773,813.28

Check numbers: 115873 through 115890, total \$459,650.04

Wire transfer numbers: 390288 through 390332, total \$14,879.06

c. Contract Award: RC Mower R-60 Purchase #26-189-ERR-001

## **Other Business**

### **STAR Center Update**

Interim Fire Chief Mannix McDonnell introduced Mary Schroeder, who joined online, to provide a presentation of the STAR center. She went on to introduce several members of her team and provided an update of what treatment and services the STAR center provides.

Mr. Fantini asked them to clarify the STAR center referenced in Eastern Washington, which they said was the

originally in Spokane.

Ms. Schroeder volunteered that they are happy to provide tours of the facility.

Mayor Walters asked several clarifying questions about the facilities and services provided by the STAR center. Mr. Young made positive comments and asked clarifying questions about the nature and quality of services provided by the STAR center.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath made positive comments about the presentation as well as the facilities and services provided by the STAR center.

Ms. Moulton thanked the visitors for the well-informed presentation.

**Interlocal Agreement #26-045-ASC-002 with Skagit County for the Senior Services Program July-December 2026**

Parks Director Jonn Lunsford addressed the Council on an interlocal agreement with Skagit County to provide payment to the city for continued programming at the Anacortes Senior Activity Center (ASAC), which does not include Meals on Wheels. This agreement covers ASAC services provided by city staff.

Carolyn Moulton moved, seconded by Anthony Young, to Approve.

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

**Contract Modification: 17th Street Drainage Improvement Project- Design #25-166-STM-001**

Stormwater Manager Aaron Esterholt presented a slide deck providing information on a contract modification to the existing 17th street drainage improvement project.

Ms. Hunt asked about the timing of the project.

Anthony Young moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to Approve.

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

**Contract Award: Ben Root Skate Park Restroom & Parking Lot Project - CXT Unit #25-136-PRK-003**

Parks Director Jonn Lunsford presented a slide deck and provided Council information on the contract award before them for consideration for a CXT prefabricated restroom that will be located at the Ben Root Skate Park. He clarified the approval of the contract will enable city staff to order the unit and get it into the production firing order, with the intent of finishing off the project before September 31, 2026.

Mr. Fantini asked clarifying questions about the date of the unit delivery, and qualifying conditions of delivery.

Ms. Hunt asked a clarifying question about bike racks located at the Skate Park.

Marcia Hunt moved, seconded by Anthony Young, to Approve.

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

**Contract Modification: Commercial Avenue Enhancement Project- Design #19-097-TRN-001**

Public Works Director Logan Lee presented a slide deck to provide more information to Council on a contract modification on Commercial Avenue enhancements that will provide bulb outs and ADA ramps at the intersections on Commercial Avenue that have streetlights (17th, 22nd, and 32nd Streets).

Ms. Moulton asked clarifying questions about the bulb outs, and pointed out biking is safer on Q Avenue than Commercial Avenue, at least when considering the south end of those streets.

Mr. Fantini asked clarifying questions about the project, and the funding and timing of said project.

Ms. Hunt asked if the design was complete and could build part of the project if needed.

Mr. Young asked and made clarifying comments about resources for this et. al. transportation projects in the city.

Mr. Currier made clarifying comments regarding transportation projects in the city, and asked if there would be

additional modifications to this contract.

Mayor Walters clarified that the South Commercial Avenue Project resource profile has changed over time. Ms. Hunt noted that the design portion appears to be nearly complete aside from this modification.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath noted the intersections identified in this modification are highly traveled by pedestrians, making this somewhat of a common-sense modification to the existing scope of work.

Luke Currier moved, seconded by Bruce McDougall, to Approve.

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

After the vote Mayor Walters asked Mr. Lee to provide an update on the existing Commercial Ave and 12th St intersection project, which is still in waiting mode for the poles, which have shipped to the State, but now need to be inspected and released by the State before they can be installed at the intersection.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Walters adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.