

## **City Council Minutes – August 14, 2017**

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Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the regular Anacortes City Council meeting of August 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Erica Pickett, Liz Lovelett, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller were present. Councilmembers Ryan Walters and Brad Adams were absent. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcements and Committee Reports**

Mr. McDougall said that he would miss the August 21, 2017 City Council meeting due to business travel.

Ms. Lovelett commented on “what unfolded in Virginia this last week” and asked the community to come together to condemn “these acts by violent white supremacists”. She said racism continues to happen as long as people don’t call it out and that it is incumbent to talk about it and “be the change we want to see in the world.” She asked those present to observe a moment of silence “for what’s transpiring in these places that have much deeper systemic inequality” than Anacortes suffers.

Planning Committee: [The regularly scheduled committee meeting had been cancelled earlier in the day.]

### **Public Comment**

Rosemary Stevens, 2410 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, asked Council to address traffic safety on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street west of D Avenue. Ms. Stevens said that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street speed limit is 30 mph on both sides of D Avenue but that west of D Avenue is a quiet residential neighborhood with children at play and no sidewalks. She reported that cars often travel that segment at 30 mph, expecting the street to continue through to Skyline, then turn around and exit at speed when they discover that it terminates. Ms. Stevens asked Council to lower the speed limit on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street west of D Avenue and add signage at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and B Avenue to advise that the street does not go through and that children are at play. She also asked for intersection improvements at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and D Avenue to help those trying to get across D Avenue. Mr. Miller reported that those topics were on the agenda for the Traffic Safety Committee meeting the following day and that he would relay her concerns. Mayor Gere invited Ms. Stevens to attend the committee meeting.

Anthony Young, 2020 27<sup>th</sup> Place, echoed Ms. Lovelett’s earlier comments. Mr. Young praised Anacortes but observed that at this time society can pivot left or right, towards or away from one another. He asked Council and the community to remain hyper vigilant to be ever inclusive and always consider opposing viewpoints. He challenged Council as leaders in the society to speak forward and challenge the norms that would sometimes be so exclusive to others.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Minutes of August 7, 2017
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$404,646.38
- c. Resolution 1994: Declaring Sole Source Purchase of TranStar Pipeline Inspection Camera & Tractor

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:  
EFT numbers: 86005 through 86046, total \$210,544.61  
Check numbers: 86047 through 86086, total \$183,869.37  
Wire transfer numbers: 219455 through 220107, total \$18,551.36

There being no further business, at approximately 6:12 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of August 14, 2017 was adjourned.