

City Council Minutes – February 21, 2017

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the regular Anacortes City Council meeting of February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams and Matt Miller were present. Councilmembers Ryan Walters, Liz Lovelett and John Archibald were absent. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation Committee: Mr. Adams reported from the committee meeting the prior week. He said committee members were joined by Mayor Gere and Parks Department staff for discussion of the sculpture park proposed for the madrone grove at the Depot, the upcoming remodel of the upper men's restroom at Washington Park, ongoing construction of the Storvik Park spray pad, and plans to address milfoil and algae in Heart Lake.

Public Works Committee: Mr. Johnson reported that the regular Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for earlier in the day had been cancelled.

Public Comment

No one present wished to address Council on any topic not already on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Adams removed Item 5c from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Pickett, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Minutes of February 13, 2016
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$541,294.29

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
Check numbers: 83862 through 83901, total \$122,700.98
EFT numbers: 83824 through 83861, total \$289,295.74
Wire transfer numbers: 212695 through 213296, total \$123,929.34

- c. Contract Award: LED Lighting Products, Fixtures & Lamps for City Facilities (17-023-RES-001)

Mr. Adams invited staff to elaborate on the funding for the lighting conversion project. Finance Director Steve Hoglund explained the PSE-sponsored projects which fund lighting retrofits with energy cost savings. He said that the proposed project would pay for itself in three years with electricity cost savings but that the up front cash cost would be largely covered by a \$62K PSE rebate from the street light retrofit completed in the past. Mr. Miller asked staff to monitor and report back on reliability of the LED bulbs and energy savings over time. Resource Conservation Manager Russ Pittis reported that a recent PSE audit found the city is already saving over \$50K annually on street lighting costs since switching to LEDs. He added that the proposed project would replace bulbs in City Hall and the Wastewater Treatment Plant first and that the PSE rebate for those two buildings would provide cash for the remainder of the project. He added that Schedule 258 funds will likely fund the lighting retrofit at the Water Treatment Plant at no cost to the city.

Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Consent Agenda Item 5c, Contract Award for LED Lighting Products, Fixtures & Lamps for City Facilities. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Closed Record Public Hearing: CUP-2016-1004, Conditional Use Permit Application to Permit Lot #2 of a Proposed Two-lot Short Plat to be Served by a Twenty Foot Wide Private Street within a Twenty-two Foot Wide Private Easement

Associate Planner Kevin Cricchio presented an application from Joey and Holly Goss for a Conditional Use Permit to permit lot #2 of a proposed two lot short plat at 2520 J Avenue to be served by a twenty (20) foot wide private street within a twenty-two (22) foot wide private easement. Mr. Cricchio's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He summarized the proposal, the zoning and surrounding uses, and the background and chronology of the application. Mr. Cricchio reported that following an open record public hearing before the Planning Commission on January 25, 2017, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the CUP with conditions to City Council. He said that no public comments nor any appeals had been received. Mr. Cricchio recommended approval of the CUP subject to staff's suggested conditions.

Mr. Cricchio responded to councilmember questions regarding street width, parking requirements, and responsibility for street maintenance.

Mr. Miller disclosed *ex parte* oral communication with the applicant on January 24, 2017, which Mr. Miller terminated immediately upon realizing the potential for a future quasi-judicial hearing. He said the conversation would not influence his ability to hear the matter impartially.

Planning Director Don Measamer elaborated on suggested conditions 10 and 11 regarding fire zone marking of the private street and private ownership and maintenance of the on site water quality facility.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Pickett, to approve CUP-2016-1004 subject to staff's recommended conditions of approval. Vote: Ayes – Pickett, Adams, Miller and Johnson. Motion carried.

There being no further business, at approximately 6:25 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 21, 2017 was adjourned.