

Anacortes City Council Minutes - January 25, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller all participated in the meeting in absentia via video conference. Councilmember Carolyn Moulton was absent.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to Excuse absence of Councilmember Moulton. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Mayor Gere removed Item 5c, Contract Award: F4 Basin Modeling 2020 - Design #20-223-STM-002, from the agenda.

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere shared current case statistics for Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington State, and the nation. She reported on vaccination progress and eligibility.

Mayor Gere introduced Interim Fire Chief Mike Ganz.

Planning Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included the International Building Code update that would be addressed later on the agenda, elements of the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) update, and legislation pending in Olympia that could affect housing.

Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from an impromptu Library Committee meeting that had been held to discuss plans for expanding library services when the City is able to move to Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan.

Mr. Young reported from the Skagit County Tourism Promotion Advisory (TPA) board which had met the prior Wednesday.

Public Comment

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of January 19, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$31,635.15
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 99150 through 99178, total \$25,662.82
Check numbers: 99179 through 99184, total \$3,293.85
Wire transfer numbers: 278977 through 279177, total \$2,678.48
- c. Contract Modification: 32nd and M Intersection Design #19-002-TRN-001
- d. Resolution 3015: Authorizing the Signature and Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City and the Teamsters Local 231

Other Business

Ordinance 3081 Updating International Building Codes to 2018 Version

Planning Director Don Measamer presented Ordinance 3081 for adoption, following its first read at the regular City Council meeting on January 11, 2021. Mr. Measamer reported that since that meeting, the Governor had decreed that the 2018 IBC would take effect in Washington State on February 1, 2021. He called Council's attention to several changes made to the draft ordinance since its initial presentation, including fire sprinkler requirements and process for appeals of the building code. Mr. Measamer noted that the adoption date had been corrected in the ordinance since its publication in the packet materials for the present meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Jack Kennedy reiterated his explanation of the rationale for fire sprinklers based on current firefighter staffing levels and state immanent rescue regulations. Chief Kennedy and Mr. Measamer responded to councilmember questions on this topic.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to Approve Ordinance 3081 as presented striking Section 903.2 on page 10 of the draft ordinance.

Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Project - Design #20-032-SEW-007

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$991,523.18 to HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform the final design of the outfall, including both the onshore and offshore portions of the outfall, along with investigations to support the outfall design for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall project. He briefly summarized the project and the scope of services for the proposed contract. Mr. Buckenmeyer recommended approval of the contract.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 20-032-SEW007 with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$991,523.18 to perform the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall - Design.

Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Contract Award: F4 Basin Modeling 2020 - Design #20-223-STM-002

Postponed to a future date.

Contract Award: Anchor QEA Master Services Agreement #21-024-LEG-001

City Attorney Darcy Swetnam requested Council consent to enter into a Master Service Agreement with Anchor QEA for both cleanup and demolition planning for the water treatment plant site under the Model Toxics Cleanup Act and to support an agreed order process with the Department of Ecology on the A Avenue Landfill site. Ms. Swetnam said the City has a good working relationship with Anchor QEA said it would be most efficient to enter into a contract with them to support the City's work on these two cleanup sites. Her slide presentation provided additional background on the two projects; her slides were added to the packet materials for the meeting. Ms. Swetnam recommended approval of the agreement with Anchor QEA.

Ms. Swetnam and Mr. Buckenmeyer responded to councilmember questions about funding sources for the two task orders and the potential need to update solid waste rates in the future.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to authorize the contract as presented with the addition of a Not To Exceed clause in the amount of \$458,400 for the entire agreement.

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Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Resolution 3014: Legislative Priorities

Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh presented draft Resolution 3014 adopting the City's legislative priorities for 2021. She provided background on the upcoming legislative session and invited councilmember feedback and revisions on the draft priorities.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by MATT MILLER, to approve Resolution 3014 adopting the City's 2021 legislative priorities, with deletion of "Support SB 5012 Short Term Rental Tax, HB 1035 Tax Exemptions for Affordable Housing" in the Housing stability assistance priority.

Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:25 PM p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of January 25, 2021 was adjourned.