

Anacortes City Council Minutes - February 8, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller all participated in the meeting in absentia via video conference.

Announcements and Committee Reports

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere shared current case statistics for Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington State, and the nation. The mayor remarked on the continuing increasing case trend in the region. She reported on vaccination progress in Anacortes and in Skagit County, noting that supply chain problems were hampering vaccination administration in Skagit County.

Port/City Liaison Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting held the previous Tuesday. The topics discussed included ongoing COVID impacts and the Port's marine terminal modernization plan.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Miller reported from the committee meeting held the previous Tuesday. The topics discussed included sprinkler requirements in the proposed International Building Code, the role of Interim Fire Chief Mike Ganz, two new hires in the police department, and social service delivery.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting held the previous Wednesday including staff from the Police, Planning and Parks departments and the Anacortes Family Center. The group explored having the AFC community resources manager coordinate delivery of social services. It also discussed compilation of an inventory of existing social services in the community. A report to full Council was anticipated in the near future.

Public Comment

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of February 1, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$124,140.16
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 99261 through 99303, total \$84,527.42
Check numbers: 99304 through 99316, total \$36,456.69
Wire transfer numbers: 279371 through 279882, total \$2,928.36
- c. Interlocal Agreement: Bartholomew Road Fiber Extension #21-027-FBR-001

OTHER BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Rate Study

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford presented a draft ordinance that would raise Parks and Recreation revenue by increasing the current impact fee on residential development and adding an impact fee on commercial development. Mr. Lunsford observed that Parks and Recreation Impact fees had last been updated

in 1998. He reviewed the Anacortes Parks Impact Fees Rate Study prepared by Berk Consulting, LLC. Mr. Lunsford's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He collected councilmember feedback and questions to be addressed by the consultant at a future presentation of this topic prior to Council taking action. Mr. Walters and Mr. McDougall urged staff to have the consultant investigate means of indexing residential impact fees to expected number of residents in the home.

Washington Park Fee Rate Update

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Bob Vaux presented a proposed fee increase at Washington Park to provide additional revenue for improvements at the Park and its campground. Under the proposal, City residents would continue to pay a reduced rate for park services compared to out of town visitors. Mr. Vaux requested Council direction on implementing the proposed fee increase. Mr. Lunsford advised that the fees would need to be adopted by resolution to add them to the City's Unified Fee Schedule. Councilmembers were generally supportive of the proposed rates.

Resolution 3016: Wastewater Plant Outfall Competitive Bidding Waiver

City Attorney Darcy Swetnam presented draft Resolution 3016 which would authorize the replacement and relocation of the existing wastewater plant outfall pipe, construction of an associated combined sewer overflow pump station, and decommissioning of associated existing infrastructure without following competitive bidding requirements in awarding the contract. Ms. Swetnam summarized the RCWs that allowed this course of action.

Ms. Swetnam noted that in response to councilmember feedback, she had revised the resolution earlier in the day, after publication of the packet. She reviewed the revisions, which were indicated in red on the revised resolution. Ms. Swetnam and Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer responded to councilmember questions.

RYAN WALTERS moved, seconded by ANTHONY YOUNG, to approve Resolution 2016 as presented by the City Attorney. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None.
Result: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business, at approximately 7:10 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 8, 2021 was adjourned.