

## **City Council Minutes – April 6, 2020**

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Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 6, 2020 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**

Mayor Gere announced her COVID-19 Community Briefing scheduled for April 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the electronic committee meetings the prior week. She indicated that Human Resources Director Vanessa Bronsema had reported on labor relations, the FFCRA which would be discussed later on the agenda, MOUs being negotiated with the first responders, collective bargaining, personnel policy updates, and cultural inclusion in the hiring processes.

Planning Committee: There was no report.

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting earlier in the evening at which staff provided a status update on public works projects and the department's response to COVID-19. She advised that the street maintenance program would be scaled back due to sales tax declines resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Gere announced that Library Director Ruth Barefoot was on administrative leave for the month of April and that Library Jeff Vogel was serving as Interim Director of the library.

### **Public Comment**

*Per Section 3 of Resolution 2082 Ratifying Proclamation of Emergency and Providing Temporary Procedures to Respond to the COVID-19 Epidemic, adopted by the Anacortes City Council on March 16, 2020, the public comment portion of Council meetings and any scheduled public hearings were temporarily suspended to discourage public in-person attendance of City Council meetings. The public was encouraged to comment via email or written comment addressed to: City Clerk, P.O. Box 547, Anacortes, WA 98221. Public comments received prior to the meeting become part of the record for the meeting, just as if presented in person.*

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Miller removed Item 3e, Resolution 2083: Waiving the State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of a Boom Truck, from the Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Minutes of March 23, 2020 and March 30, 2020
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$813,432.42
- c. Contract Award: 2020 WWTP Electrical Switchgear Maintenance #20-106-SEW-001
- d. Contract Modification: Municipal Broadband Network – Library to MSTs #19-175-FBR-001

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:  
EFT numbers: 96711 through 96799, total \$543,151.30  
Check numbers: 96800 through 96818, total \$248,843.98  
Wire transfer numbers: 265765 through 266858, total \$20,206.44

e. Resolution 2083: Waiving the State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of a Boom Truck

Mr. Miller urged careful consideration of any large purchases in the current financial climate caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Carter, to approve Consent Agenda Item 3e. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2084: Adopting Personnel Policy on Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)**

Human Resources Director Vanessa Bronsema presented Resolution 2084 to adopt a personnel policy that incorporated the requirements of the new federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that went into effect on April 1, 2020. Ms. Bronsema explained the key features of the act and the policy and responded to councilmember questions regarding same.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall, to adopt Resolution 2084 as presented. Vote: Ayes – Walters, Cleland-McGrath, Moulton, McDougall, Miller, Carter and Young. Motion carried.

There being no further business, at approximately 6:25 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of April 6, 2020 was adjourned.