

Anacortes City Council Minutes – June 22, 2020

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 22, 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

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere reported current case statistics for Skagit County. She advised that Skagit County was still in Phase 2 of the Safe Start Washington sequence but planned to apply for Phase 3 on June 26 if case numbers held steady. The mayor reported on current plans and ongoing planning for modified reopening of city facilities concurrent with Phase 3. She invited the public to her weekly televised briefing on Wednesday afternoon.

Fiber Committee: Mr. Miller reported from the committee meeting prior Thursday but deferred to the staff report later on the agenda.

Planning Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting earlier in the evening. She indicated that the group had discussed upcoming conversations with the Port of Anacortes about its planned events center; Small Business Stabilization grants for which funding should be available to award as early as July 4; the Lakeside Industries lease with the city for quarrying rock; the schedule for City Council review of the Critical Areas Ordinance update during the summer; the schedule for Planning Commission review of the Shoreline Master Program update during the summer; and Resolution 2094 scheduled to come before City Council for consideration and action on July 6.

Mr. Young thanked the community and elected officials for demonstrating commitment to inclusivity.

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

- a. Minutes of June 15, 2020
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$492,138.79

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 97433 through 97463, total \$329,060.81
Check numbers: 97464 through 97482, total \$32,048.57
Wire transfer numbers: 269617 through 277038, total \$130,368.47

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance 3072: Amending Ordinance No. 3032 Adopted on December 3, 2018, Entitled “An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for All Municipal Purposes and Uses for the 2019/2020 Biennium”

Finance Director Steve Hoglund presented the ordinance for action, explaining the revisions that had been made per Council’s direction after initial presentation of the ordinance at the regular City Council meeting on June 15, 2020. Mayor Gere clarified that the budget amendment had been prepared in response to actual and projected revenue shortfalls arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Moulton, to approve Ordinance 3072. Vote: Ayes – Young, Walters, Cleland-McGrath, Moulton, McDougall, Miller and Carter. Motion carried.

Fiber Update

Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh provided the regular monthly update on Access Anacortes Fiber Internet. Ms. Schuh’s slides were added to the packet materials for the meeting. She announced that Access Anacortes Fiber staff had celebrated activating the 200th paying customer the prior week. Ms. Schuh reported on customer order counts and take rate by zone, reiterated the COVID-19 Jobsite Guidelines in effect to allow installations to continue while observing social distancing, outlined the planned expansion to aerial installation areas over the summer, summarized non-GPON customer transactions under way and pending, and discussed budget preparation for the upcoming biennium.

There being no further business, at approximately 6:40 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 22, 2020 was adjourned.