

Anacortes City Council Minutes - February 1, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 1, 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 reported on vaccination progress and procedures in Anacortes and Skagit County. She noted the continued increasing trend in case counts.

Mayor Gere reported that the Kiwanis Aktion Club eCycle program is seeking a new space and invited the public to contact her about any potential locations.

Finance Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the Committee meeting held the previous Wednesday. The topics discussed included alternative budget reporting applications and the year end finance update that would be presented later on the evening's agenda.

Fiber Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the Committee meeting held the previous Thursday. He said the committee would meet monthly henceforth. Mr. McDougall reported that the city is waiting for word on the EDC grant award (due around February 8). He shared the status of installations in the 2020 aerial expansion areas and design of the 2021 construction area.

Public Works Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The topics discussed included contracting methodology for the wastewater treatment plant outfall project, solids handling options for the WWTP incinerator which would be presented to Council soon, the 12th Street and Commercial Avenue intersection improvement project which would be addressed later on the agenda, the water treatment plant raw water line and clearwell projects, the Deception Pass fiber project, and 2021 waterline replacements and street preservations projects.

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

- a. Minutes of January 25, 2021
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$768,057.49
The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 99186 through 99239, total \$646,766.87
Check numbers: 99185 and 99240 through 99260, total \$149,522.48
Wire transfer numbers: 278617 through 279620, total \$17,315.87
- c. Contract Modification: Periodic Review of Shoreline Master Program #19-111-PLN-001
- d. Contract Modification: Grandview Cemetery Expansion - Phase 1 #19-092-PRK-002

Other Business

Commercial Avenue Complete Streets Project Phase 1 - 11th Street to 13th Street Alternatives

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer, Engineering Project Manager Tim Hohmann, consultant Brandon Gonzalez from Alta Planning + Design and consultant Andrew Bratlien from TSI presented background information, the results of the virtual open house, traffic analysis, and intersection control evaluation for the 12th and Commercial intersection to be designed as a part of the proposed Commercial Avenue Complete Streets Project Phase 1. Mr. Hohmann's and Mr. Gonzalez's slide presentations were added to the packet materials for the meeting. The project team presented the intersection alternatives that had been evaluated and the public input on those alternatives.

The project team requested Council endorsement of a preferred alternative before moving the project to the preliminary design phase and expending resources for continuing evaluation of the alternative selected. The team recommended the roundabout alternative.

The project team responded to councilmember questions about ferry traffic volumes and the Safeway entrance. Mr. Walters asked to have repaving 11th Street between O Avenue and Commercial Avenue made part of this project. Several councilmembers urged further modeling of Safeway entrance options. The project team explained the public and business owner resistance to closing the Safeway entrance at 12th & Commercial. Councilmembers were generally supportive of the recommended roundabout alternative but requested additional modeling of Safeway entrance options and more information about the City's role in determining those entrances before the roundabout design proceeded much further. Mr. Hohmann concurred and said staff would bring back additional information in a few weeks.

Contract Award: Combined Sewer Overflow Pump Station Design #21-025-SEW-001

Mr. Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$592,279.96 to HDR Engineering, Inc. to design a new Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Pump Station including abandonment of existing CSO #4. He outlined the contract and its relationship to the larger wastewater treatment plant outfall project. Councilmembers requested a comprehensive report of all the capital projects currently projected for the wastewater treatment plant.

MATT MILLER moved, seconded by CAROLYN MOULTON, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 21-025-SEW-001 with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$592,279.96 to perform the Combined Sewer Overflow Pump Station Design. Vote: Ayes - JEREMY CARTER, ANTHONY YOUNG, RYAN WALTERS, CHRISTINE CLELAND-MCGRATH, CAROLYN MOULTON, BRUCE MCDOUGALL, MATT MILLER. Nays - None. Result: Passed

Finance Update

Finance Director Steve Hoglund provided a detailed update on the city's financial position as of the end of the 2020 fiscal year. Mr. Hoglund referred to his slide presentation which was included in the packet materials for the meeting.

Ordinance 3083: Amending the 2020 Budget

Mr. Hoglund presented Ordinance 3083 to amend the 2020 budget. Mr. Hoglund explained each line item of the proposed ordinance, following up on the finance update immediately preceding this agenda item.

ANTHONY YOUNG moved, seconded by BRUCE MCDOUGALL, to adopt Ordinance 3083 amending the 2020 budget. 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 8:48 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 1, 2021 was adjourned.