

City Council Minutes – February 10, 2020

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton and Matt Miller were present. Councilmember Ryan Walters participated in the meeting via telephone. Councilmember Bruce McDougall was absent.

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session

Ms. Moulton moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to suspend, for the duration of the executive session, paragraph 4.3(d) of the City Council Rules of Procedure adopted by Resolution 2044. The suspension was moved to allow both Mr. Walters and Mr. McDougall to participate in the executive session in absentia. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Gere announced that City Council and the City Attorney would convene in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(a)(ii) for approximately 30 minutes to discuss infrastructure and security of the city computer network. The mayor advised that the regular meeting would then resume with no action having been taken. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Christine Cleland-McGrath, Carolyn Moulton and Matt Miller attended the executive session. Councilmembers Ryan Walters and Bruce McDougall participated in the executive session via telephone.

At approximately 6:38 p.m. Mayor Gere reconvened the regular meeting. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Carter reported from the committee meeting the prior Tuesday. He elaborated on topics discussed including lost time by Fire Department staff, FEMA grants, cooperative efforts with Mount Vernon to develop a safety plan for the Boys and Girls Club, and citizen volunteer opportunities on an APD committee to address police shootings.

Port/City Liaison Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting the prior Tuesday. She summarized topics discussed including the Depot restroom project, the Critical Areas Ordinance update, the Shoreline Master Program update timeline, mutual interest in the Guemes Channel Trail, legislative priorities for both bodies, the northwest basin redevelopment plan which the Port planned to present to City Council on February 24, 2020, and planning for the new Combined Sewer Overflow outfall project. Ms. Cleland-McGrath also announced the Skagit County Maritime Symposium coming up on March 25, 2020.

Housing Affordability & Community Services Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting the prior week. She advised that the group heard a presentation from Habitat for Humanity, discussed the Affordable Housing Strategic Plan implementation, and explored adding a human services line item in the budget.

Community Center/Pool Committee: Mr. Carter reported from the committee meeting the prior week at which those present discussed funding apportionment. Mayor Gere added that the discussion included identifying space requirements for desired features to inform cost estimates to be prepared by a professional consultant.

Planning Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting earlier in the evening. She advised that those present discussed the CAO update which had been recommended by the Planning Commission and would

be presented to Council by staff on February 18, 2020. Ms. Moulton said Council would determine at that point additional opportunities for public comment. She also announced that the Planning Department would host an open house for the Shoreline Master Program update in March. Ms. Cleland-McGrath added that a planning meeting on the R4 bonus height moratorium would be held on February 25, 2020.

Mayor Gere reported from the staff visit to Legislative Day in Olympia the prior Wednesday to present and discuss the city's legislative priorities adopted by Council on February 3, 2020. The mayor added that the delegation also met with staff in the governor's office. She reported that the city's shared priorities list had been very well received.

Public Comment

Bill Perkins reiterated his comments from the January 6, 2020 City Council meeting regarding the poor condition of city streets. He mentioned the recent storm damage on Longview Avenue over the weekend. Mr. Perkins urged using budget surplus on streets sooner rather than later to avoid additional costs in the future. Mr. Perkins also warned that the temporary striping at the south end of Commercial Avenue needed to be made permanent in the correct color.

Mayor Gere assured Mr. Perkins that the Public Works department was looking for solutions for the most problematic streets. She referred the public to the recent budget issue of the *A-Town Is Our Town* magazine for more on this topic.

Doug Thurber reported a citizen complaint that Senior Center Administrator Sally Hill's name had appeared on a flyer supporting the affordable housing tax. Mr. Thurber noted that several city councilmembers were also listed as individual supporters of the ballot measure. Mr. Thurber argued that civil servants should not promote specific ballot measures. He said that Port and City officials have the right to free speech but that using their names to foster an election outcome does not fit with the non-partisan image of city offices.

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 February 3, 2020
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$335,115.02
- c. Resolution 2075: Waiving the State Competitive Bidding Requirements for the Purchase and or Replacement of Flygt Pumps and Accessories
- d. Street Fair Application: Shipwreck Day 2020
- e. Interlocal Amendment 2: BLS OTEP Training Course for AFD Training Hub #IL267

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 96195 through 96250, total \$151,575.08
Check numbers: 96194 and 96251 through 96275, total \$149,093.06
Wire transfer numbers: 263320 through 263582, total \$6,361.32

OTHER BUSINESS

State Auditor Presentation on Infrastructure and Security of City Computer Network

Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh introduced Michael Hjerstad from the Washington State Auditor's Office to provide a report on the city-requested audit of Information Technology security systems.

Mr. Hjermstad reported to Council on the widespread importance of and increasing risks to IT security across the country. He explained that back in 2017 the city had requested an IT security performance audit as part of the State Auditor's program established by Initiative 900, which provides this service to local jurisdictions at no charge. He said the auditors' primary field work was performed in 2019. Mr. Hjermstad outlined the audit processes and topics investigated: vulnerabilities in the IT environment that could lead to increased vulnerability from internal and external threats and alignment of city security practices with selected leading security controls. He said that due to the sensitive nature of the results he would not discuss them in detail in open session but that the city was found to be partially aligned with industry leading practices, had already addressed many of the issues identified and was continuing to improve. Mr. Hjermstad thanked IT Manager Jose Cervantes who was immensely helpful during the audit process.

Mayor Gere invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item. No one present wished to address the Council.

Mr. Miller suggested that the city pursue, and that Council review, regular external audits of information technology security and that the city take whatever action it can to protect against such threats. Mr. Walters concurred on the value of independent external cybersecurity monitoring and urged investigating the cost of such a service. He requested additional consideration of this topic at a Council meeting in the near future. Mr. Walters and Mr. Miller both urged adopting security controls policy.

Access - Anacortes Municipal Fiber Update (Discussion)

Municipal Broadband Business Manager Jim Lemberg presented the monthly update to Council on the Municipal Fiber network. Mr. Lemberg's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He reported up to the minute statistics on customers installed and activated and ongoing service discussions with non-GPON customers. Mr. Lemberg then introduced a pricing proposal for static IP address service which would come back to Council for consideration and action at its regular meeting on February 18, 2020.

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There being no further business, at approximately 7:35 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of February 10, 2020 was adjourned.