

## **Anacortes City Council Minutes – June 8, 2020**

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 8, 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 announced that on Friday, June 5, 2020 Skagit County was approved to enter Phase 2 of the Safe Start Washington plan. The mayor briefly summarized the activities allowed and still prohibited during Phase 2.

Mayor Gere commented on the challenge of systemic racism that had been in focus locally and nationally. The mayor emphasized that Mayor and Council support the right of citizens of peacefully assemble and also support the exceptional service of the Anacortes Police Department.

Port/City Liaison Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting the prior week. She listed topics discussed including impacts of COVID-19, the city's Small Business Stabilization Grant program, major Port projects scheduled to continue in spite of revenue reductions, the Maritime Strategic Plan which would be presented to the Port Commission in August, status of the Depot restroom project and interim alternatives for public restrooms, and potential NW basin redevelopment grant funding. Mr. Young added that the annual boat and yacht show in July would be a virtual show in 2020.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Carter reported from the committee meeting the prior week. He reported that Fire and EMS calls were back to normal levels and that PPE supplies were adequate. He also reported that Citizens Auxiliary Patrol activity had been suspended due to COVID-19. Ms. Cleland-McGrath added that many citizens had asked about fingerprinting services and that staff may pursue CARES Act funding to obtain digital fingerprinting technology.

Fiber Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the committee meeting the prior Thursday. He shared the current statistics for active customers, the revenue mix, and the current favorable comparison with the business model for revenue per customer. He reported that the Fiber team was scoping and designing aerial installation areas and said customers were already signing up in those areas.

Housing Affordability and Community Services Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported from the committee meeting earlier in the evening. She reported on the Small Business Stabilization Grant program, noting that 49 applications had been submitted of which 16 were qualified to meet HUD standards. Ms. Cleland-McGrath said evaluation committee review would follow and added that staff was researching the timing of disbursing the funds.

Planning Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the committee meeting earlier in the evening. She reported on the high level of activity in the Building and Planning departments, on advance planning for the Critical Areas Regulations update and the Shoreline Master Program update which were both on hold until a robust public process could be undertaken in conformance with social distancing requirements, and on downtown economic recovery efforts currently being planned.

### **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 1, 2020
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$533,760.47
- c. Revised Contract Approval: Master Service Agreement with NoaNet for Communication Services #20-133-FBR-001

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment: EFT numbers: 97291 through 97340, total \$361,644.73 Check numbers: 97341 through 97356, total \$167,095.54 Wire transfer numbers: 269189 through 269449, total \$5,409.60
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There being no further business, at approximately 6:25 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 8, 2020 was adjourned.