

## **City Council Minutes – June 10, 2019**

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Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Anthony Young, Brad Adams, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller were present. Councilmember Ryan Walters was absent. The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcements and Committee Reports**

Port/City Liaison Committee: Mr. Johnson reported from the committee meeting the prior Tuesday on topics including the successful annual boat and yacht show and the north and west basin redevelopment public meeting scheduled for September. Mayor Gere reported she had spoken at the Port Commission meeting the prior Thursday and said port and city elected officials planned on attending each other's meetings quarterly to strengthen collaboration between the bodies.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Miller reported from the committee meeting the prior Tuesday on topics including firefighter hiring, Skagit County hazard mitigation plan, renovations of Fire Station 3, wildland fire prevention, spontaneous combustion risk in domestic settings, and police officer training. Mr. Johnson added that the state fire academy was closed so the fire department was looking at lateral hires.

Mr. Johnson reported that he and Ms. Moulton had attended a meeting on affordable housing and homelessness with representatives from other jurisdictions and had shared ideas for meeting basic hygiene needs for the homeless. Mr. Miller and Ms. Moulton shared information regarding the very successful embedded social worker program in place in the Mount Vernon police department.

Planning Committee: Mayor Gere announced that the committee meeting scheduled for earlier in the evening had been cancelled.

### **Public Comment**

Doug Thurber, PO Box 159, complained about the use of city government to promote state and federal political agenda items. Mr. Thurber objected using a peace symbol on Anacortes Art Dash publicity in conjunction with the City Parks logo and to politicalization of young children on issues such as gun control. He allowed for different political opinions but objected that city government and city elected officials should not promote state and national political issues.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$418,472.95
- b. Contract Modification: 2019 Waterline Replacement Project #19-001-WTR-001
- c. Resolution 2049: Rejection of All Bids for Downtown Sidewalks Phase 4 #19-009-TRN-002

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:  
EFT numbers: 93463 through 93510, total \$293,854.87  
Check numbers: 93462 and 93511 through 93548, total \$120,773.20  
Wire transfer numbers: 250790 through 251079, total \$3,905.01

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Closed Record Decision Hearing: Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Conditional Use Permit & SEPA Environmental Review**

Senior Planner Kevin Cricchio presented an application by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for conditional use permit CUP-2019-0001 to permit an addition/expansion to an existing and permitted opioid treatment facility/clinic located at 8212 South March Point Road, Anacortes, which had been identified as an expansion to a permitted “Local” Essential Public Facility per AMC 17.75.060(A)(2). Mr. Cricchio reviewed the project history, noticing, critical areas review, SEPA environmental review, comments received, and zoning considerations, referring to his slide presentation which was added to the packet materials for the meeting. He said only one public comment had been received, in favor of approving the CUP. Mr. Cricchio reported that the Planning Commission conducted a pre-decision open-record hearing at 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2019 following a 3:00 p.m. site visit. He said that following public testimony and deliberation on the matter, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 in favor of recommending approval to City Council. He added that staff also recommended approval subject to staff’s suggested conditions of approval.

Mayor Gere invited parties of record to address the Council.

John Stephens, CEO of didg<sup>w</sup>álič Wellness Center, shared a slide presentation explaining the purpose of the expansion to be able to serve more clients (he reported a waiting list of 100 people) and providing an in depth description of the expanded services that would be offered and the staffing increases planned to provide those services. Mr. Stephens’s slides were added to the packet materials for the meeting. He said that the didg<sup>w</sup>álič Wellness Center remains the only facility in Skagit County, and in fact in the country, that provides full-service medication assisted treatment (“MAT”) and is the only MAT facility to provide fully-integrated primary care, mental health services, and counseling.

Mr. Young applauded the center and read into the record a list of entities with which the Wellness Center had engaged in direct public outreach in recent months: Skagit Community Action, Island County Jail staff, Skagit Jail staff, City Scene Magazine, Sedro Woolley, Island Hospital, Skagit County Drug Court, Skagit County Diaper Bank, Dept. of Children and Family Services Mount Vernon, Northwest Youth Services, Samish Indian Nation Housing Resources, Anacortes City and Municipal Court, Skagit District Probation, Skagit County DOC, Public Health Hub and Spoke, Ohana San Juan Behavioral Health, Terra Nouvella Workforce Washington Connection, Skagit Leadership Group, Skagit County Commissioners USDA Opioid Round Table, Family Promise, Northwest Youth Services Mental Health, Island County Hospital Wound Care.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the Swinomish Indian Tribe’s opioid treatment facility expansion CUP-2019-0001 subject to the staff’s recommended conditions of approval. Vote: Ayes – Young, Adams, Moulton, McDougall, Miller and Johnson. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Amending 2019 - 2024 Capital Facilities Plan**  
**Ordinance 3044: Amending the 2019 – 2024 CFP Budget**  
**Ordinance 3042: Amending the 2019/2020 Biennial Budget**

Finance Director Steve Hogle advised that the two week public comment period on the proposed amendment to the 2019-2024 Capital Facility Plan had concluded with no comments received. He asked the Mayor to open the advertised public hearing.

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

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to adopt Ordinance 3044 authorizing the CFP amendment and Ordinance 3042 authorizing the mid-year budget amendment. Mr. Adams confirmed with Mr. Hogle that all and only the CFP items discussed at the May 28, 2019 City Council meeting had been incorporated in Ordinance 3044. Vote: Ayes – Adams, Moulton, McDougall, Miller, Johnson and Young. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase**

**Resolution 2045: Updating the Unified Fee Schedule with New Solid Waste Rates**

Mr. Hoglund advised that Skagit County had increased tipping fees at the transfer station and that the city needed a 3% solid waste fee increase to cover that cost. He presented the proposed new rates as per draft Resolution 2045 adopting an updated unified fee schedule, noting that the commercial rate for a 21-gallon tote was presented incorrectly and would be revised to \$9.02 for signature, the same as for residential customers.

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

Councilmembers confirmed with Mayor Gere that the rate increase was strictly to cover additional costs charged to the city by Skagit County and that the proposed rate increase had been advertised both on the city's website and in its newspaper of record.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve Resolution 2045 increasing solid waste collection fees. Vote: Ayes – Moulton, McDougall, Miller, Johnson, Young and Adams. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Contract Award: Fiber Optic Telemetry HPDE Fittings and Micro Duct Purchase #14-056-IDS-011**

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested Council approval of a contract in the amount of 156,540.00 Euros to Craley Group to purchase Hydrotec PFM units and stainless steel micro duct for the water and sewer utility telemetry project in order to extend the project south of Sharpes Corner. He said the currency conversion rate from Euros to Dollars on June 4, 2019 would equate to a contract amount of \$176,162.77 US to which taxes and shipping fees would be added. Mr. Buckenmeyer summarized the project as presented in his agenda bill in the packet materials. Councilmembers requested more specific information about the taxes and shipping costs.

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

Mayor Gere asked Mr. Buckenmeyer to bring the contract back to Council for consideration and action at a future meeting with additional information about the taxes and shipping charges.

**Ordinance 3045: Amending Section 13.08.110(D) and Adding New Chapter 13.50**

City Attorney Darcy Swetnam introduced draft Ordinance 3045 and requested councilmember feedback in order to finalize the ordinance for adoption in the near future. She summarized the content of the ordinance which was intended to modify the municipal code to allow the city to bill and collect payments from fiber customers. Ms. Swetnam advised that the ordinance would be adopted in conjunction with a resolution updating the unified fee schedule to include rates for fiber. Councilmembers suggested that proposed AMC 13.50.030 contain more specific language defining the types of services that could be handled by separate service agreements outside the standard network service charges and outlining the process for negotiating and approving such agreements. Mr. McDougall observed that the mayor's contract authority had been established by City Council specifically for contracts with vendors, not customers, and asked if the same threshold properly applied in this case. Ms. Swetnam agreed to investigate that question and come back to Council with a recommendation at a future meeting.

There being no further business, at approximately 7:40 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of June 10, 2019 was adjourned.