

Anacortes City Council Minutes – October 12, 2020

Mayor Laurie Gere called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of October 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremy Carter, Anthony Young, Ryan Walters, Carolyn Moulton, Christine Cleland-McGrath, and Bruce McDougall all participated in the meeting in absentia via video conference. Councilmember Matt Miller was absent.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Ms. Moulton, to excuse the absence of Mr. Miller. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Planning Commission Appointment: Mayor Gere recommended that City Council appoint Linda Martin to the Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2024. The mayor reviewed Ms. Martin's qualifications. Mr. Young moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to appoint Linda Martin to the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COVID-19 Update: Mayor Gere shared current case statistics for Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington State, and the nation. The mayor compared Skagit County case counts to the metrics required to move to Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington Plan.

Port/City Liaison Committee: Ms. Cleland-McGrath reported on the committee meeting held October 6, 2020. She summarized the committee's discussion of COVID-19 impacts, planning for the 2021 Boat Show, progress on the Depot restroom project, progress on Port capital projects, work on a development agreement for the Port's northwest basin master plan, and damage to a Pier 2 vault.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Carter reported from the committee meeting the prior week. He summarized the committee's discussion of hiring activity in the Police Department, the department's participation on the County drug task force, an increase dog bites and campaign sign damage, and Fire Department call volume statistics and staffing levels. Ms. Cleland-McGrath added that the committee also discussed the challenges presented by nuisance properties.

Fiber Committee: Mr. McDougall reported from the committee meeting the prior Thursday. He summarized the committee's discussion of current take rates in the three pilot zones, construction status in the expansion zones, and planning for 2021. Mr. Walters added that the committee had asked staff for a memo addressing the fiber budget vis a vis the business plan.

Housing Affordability & Community Services Committee/Planning Committee: Ms. Moulton reported from the back to back committee meetings earlier in the evening. She summarized the committee's discussion with Habitat for Humanity about possibly leasing City property on West 5th Street for affordable housing, its discussion with Helping Hands about finding space for the organization to provide its drive through food distribution and other services in Anacortes, and the committee's discussion of 2021 CDBG funding, applications for Skagit Community Foundation grant funds, the strategic plan to address homelessness, and the R4 moratorium which would be discussed later on the evening's agenda. Mr. Carter offered additional information about Helping Hands's food delivery operation.

Mr. Walters observed that October 12, 2020 was Indigenous People's Day and encouraged a proclamation celebrating that event in 2021.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to address the Council on any topic not on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Young removed Item 4b, Approval of Claims in the amount of \$1,527,388.84, from the Consent Agenda. Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Carter, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Minutes of October 5, 2020
- c. Contract Award: Outside Bond Counsel Services #20-208-FIN-001

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:
EFT numbers: 98325 through 98375, total \$281,085.58
Check numbers: 98376 through 98399, total \$1,230,988.96
Wire transfer numbers: 274511 through 274711, total \$15,664.30

- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$1,527,388.84

Mr. Young requested an updated from the City Attorney on whether the state had given any guidance on possibly allowing local purchasing preferences in response to COVID-19. Ms. Swetnam reported her research on that topic which was still pending a response from state agencies. Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall, to approve Consent Agenda item 5b. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Closed Record Decision Hearing: LPS-2020-0001 - The Crossings Cottages Preliminary Plat & Site Plan

Planning Manager Libby Grage announced that the closed record decision hearing for this project had been scheduled and noticed for this meeting but that several parties of record had expressed concern about being able to participate give the widespread internet and phone outages on Fidalgo Island all day. Ms. Grage proposed to continue the hearing to November 2, 2020, the next City Council meeting the applicant would be available, in order to ensure that all parties of record could participate. Mayor Gere concurred.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 3076: Extending Ordinance 3054, an Interim Ordinance Declaring an Emergency and Adopting a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Certain Land Use Applications in R4 Zone

Planning Director Measamer presented Ordinance 3076 for public hearing, following its first reading at the regular City Council meeting on September 28, 2020.

At approximately 6:31 p.m. Mayor Gere opened the public hearing. No member of the public wished to speak. Mayor Gere closed the public hearing.

Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve Ordinance 3076 as presented. Vote: Ayes – Young, Walters, Cleland-McGrath, Moulton, McDougall and Carter. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 3005: Updating a Work Plan for Height Bonus in R4 Zone

Mr. Measamer presented Resolution 3005 which would update the work plan originally adopted by Resolution 2068 for regulations regarding Bonus Height Provisions in AMC 19.42.050 in the R4 Zone west of the Commercial Zone. He reviewed the work plan in some detail.

Ms. Moulton suggested adding Task 1.5 to the Work Plan if staff's intent was to bring the draft concepts back to City Council before taking them to the Planning Commission. Mr. Measamer concurred. Mr. Walters supported that addition and asked that no public hearings be scheduled around the Christmas holidays. He suggested that the revised Resolution 3005 come back to Council for action on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Gere concurred.

Contract Award: Grandview Cemetery Expansion - Phase 1 #19-092-PRK-002

Parks and Recreation Director Jonn Lunsford requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$214,304.34 to Tiger Construction, LTD to perform the Grandview Cemetery Expansion - Phase 1. Mr. Lunsford reported on the bid results for the subject contract. He introduced Parks Manager Nicole Johnston to explain Phase I of the project. Ms. Johnston reviewed the site work and tree removal included in the subject contract. Ms. Johnston's slide presentation was added to the packet materials for the meeting.

Ms. Moulton moved, seconded by Mr. Young, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 19-092-PRK-002 with Tiger Construction, LTD in the amount of \$214,304.34 to perform the Grandview Cemetery Expansion - Phase 1. Vote: Ayes – Walters, Cleland-McGrath, Moulton, McDougall, Carter and Young. Motion carried.

Contract Award: 2020 Asphalt Overlay Project #20-192-TRN-001

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer requested City Council consent to award a contract in the amount of \$446,190.00 to Granite Construction Company to perform the 2020 Asphalt Overlay Project. Mr. Buckenmeyer summarized the streets included in the contract and the results of the bid opening on October 1, 2020.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Ms. Cleland-McGrath, to authorize the Mayor to sign contract 20-192-TRN-001 with Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$446,190.00 to perform the 2020 Asphalt Overlay Project. Vote: Ayes – Cleland-McGrath, Moulton, McDougall, Carter, Young and Walters. Motion carried.

There being no further business, at approximately 6:48 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of October 12, 2020 was adjourned.