City Council Minutes – July 3, 2006

The Mayor called the regularly scheduled meeting of July 3, 2006 to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call found present: Loren Hoboy, Nick Petrish, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Bill Turner, and Cynthia Richardson. Absent: Brian Geer Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Petrish moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the minutes as corrected. Vote: Ayes – Richardson, Picket, Hoboy, Turner. Motion carried.

Citizen Hearings

No citizens present wished to testify on matters not on the agenda.

Mayor/Council Communication

American Red Cross – Caring for Kids:

Mayor Maxwell presented the program by the American Red Cross – Caring For Kids. This is a program to help assure that every child on Fidalgo Island starting the first day of school is equipped with clothing, shoes and supplies. Caring for Kids is run through the local Red Cross. They have a list of items they are seeking. Anyone wishing to help should contact either Kelly Highberg or Michele Hanson at the Anacortes American Red Cross.

Comprehensive Plan – Transportation:

The Mayor emphasized that the City Council will be going though the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan and making revisions. The 2006 Comprehensive Plan has not been approved by the City Council as of yet.

Kisakata, Japan:

Mr. Petrish presented a letter from the Mayor of Kisakata, Japan, inviting Brian Geer to represent the City of Anacortes to a ceremony to celebrate the building of a monument in honor of the sister city relationship between Anacortes and Kisakata.

Unfinished Business

Public Works Citizens Advisory Board:

Mr. Hyde, Public Works Director, asked to reactivate the Public Works Citizens Advisory Board that would help Public Works and Mayor determine the effectiveness and functions of public works projects. A new committee consisting of five people has been approved. The nominees include Lynn Folsom as Chair along with John Polk, Kirk Kennedy, Jim Pemberton and Ken Wilson. Ms. Folsom will also be a member of the Public Works Sub-Committee (in addition to the three council members) that meets once a month on the first Friday. She will be the link to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Petrish moved to appoint the nominees, seconded by Mr. Hoboy. Ayes: Richardson, Pickett, Turner and Adams. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Ms. Pickett, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Vote: Ayes – Turner, Richardson, Petrish and Hoboy. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers/Cancellation of Warrants:

Council voted unanimously that the following vouchers/warrants audited and certified by the City's Auditing Officer (Finance Director) and subsequently reviewed and approved by the Council

Finance Committee on June 22, 2006 and June 29, 2006 are approved for payment as of this date April 17, 2006.

Claim Warrants
June, 2006: Warrant Numbers 36927 through 37086 in the total amount of $541,901.10
EFT Claims
June, 2006: EFT Numbers 36922 through 36926 in the total amount of $448.00
Payroll Warrants
Payroll #1 for the June 16, 2006 in the total amount of $462,100.93
Warrant Numbers 29263 through 29334 in the total amount of $71,289.15
Direct Deposit Numbers 18737 through 18887 in the total amount of $245,854.80
EFT Numbers 562 through 567 in the total amount of $144,956.98
Cancellation of Warrants
Warrant Number 36754 in the amount of $4.00
Warrant Number 36815 in the amount of $14.00
Warrant Number 36823 in the amount of $5.00
Warrant Number 36917 in the amount of $25.00

New Business
Technical Corrections to the Building Codes Ordinance:
Mr. Ed Frank presented a revised building codes Ordinance. Technical errors and omissions were recently discovered which include coordinating with the language in the Zoning Ordinance and a clause to establish an inspection fee in those instances where the applicant failed to pick up their permit prior to starting their work. Mr. Hoboy moved to approve the technical corrections as presented (**Ordinance 2738**, Adopting the International Building Code, International Building Code Standards, International Mechanical Code, International Fire Code, Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, Uniform Plumbing Code, Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefore, Providing Certain Changes to Said Codes, Providing Penalties Therefore, and Repealing Ordinance Number 2669, Passed and Approved on the 21st day of June 2004) seconded by Mr. Petrish. Vote: Ayes – Pickett, Turner, Richardson and Adams.

Assistance to the Homeless:
Mr. Munce presented a request for continued support of the Skagit County Community Action Agency Homeless Assistance Program. After discussion, Mr. Turner moved to go forward with the proposed interlocal agreement, seconded by Mr. Hoboy. Vote: Ayes – Richardson, Pickett, Adams and Petrish.

Ordinance Identifying an Agent to Receive Damage Claim:
Mr. Munce presented the issue regarding naming the person within the City that accepts service of lawsuits filed against the City. Currently Wanda Johnson, as City Clerk, accepts any claims against the City. Wanda Johnson has officially changed her last name to Phillips and will be signing all documents as Wanda Phillips. Mrs. Richardson voted to adopt **Ordinance 2739** entitled An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2684 Identifying an Agent to Receive Damage Claims and Identifying City Clerk Wanda Phillips as Agent to Receive Damage Claims. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. Vote: Ayes – Turner, Hoboy, Petrish and Pickett.

The Mayor reported that the fireworks donation fund is currently up to approximately $15,000 for the 4th of July display; he thanked all those who contributed time and money to this community event.

There being no further business, at approximately 8:45 p.m. Mayor Maxwell adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting of July 3, 2006.