City Council Minutes July 2, 2007

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Maxwell called the regularly scheduled meeting of July 2, 2007 to order. Roll call found present Nick Petrish, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Bill Turner, and Brian Geer. Absent: Loren Hoboy and Cynthia Richardson. Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Geer moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the minutes of June 4, 2007 as if read. Vote: Ayes – Picket, Adams, Turner, Geer, and Petrish. Motion carried.

Citizen Hearings

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

Mayor/Council Communication

Mayor Maxwell reported that the City received a Certificate of Excellence from the Association of Washington Cities for the New Wilson Hotel project.

Mr. Turner reminded the community about the spectacular Tommy Thompson Trail and encouraged everyone to enjoy this unique public benefit.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrish moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett to approve the following Consent Agenda item. Vote: Ayes – Adams, Turner, Geer, Petrish, and Pickett. 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 21, 2007 and June 28, 2007 are approved for payment as of this date July 2, 2007.

Claims Warrants
June, 2007: Warrant Numbers 41820 through 41997 in the total amount of $670,485.06
June, 2007: EFT Numbers 41818 through 41819 in the total amount of $299.70
Prewritten Claims
June, 2007: Warrant Number 41817 in the total amount of $250.00
Payroll for June 20, 2007 in the total amount of $495,056.97
Warrant Numbers 30897 through 30961 in the total amount of $65,959.27
Direct Deposit Numbers 22666 through 22826 in the total amount of $263,988.51
EFT Numbers 718 through 723 in the total amount of $165,109.19

Award Contract: Seven Sisters – Furnish and Install Generator/OPS

Mr. Fred Buckenmeyer, Public Works Director, presented a request to Council to review the bids received for an emergency generator at the City Operations Department. Mr. Buckenmeyer explained that the new generator is needed to maintain critical functions during power outages; this equipment will replace a smaller and older generator now in use. The low bid was received from Seven Sisters in the amount of $54,745.36. After discussion, Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, to award the project to furnish and install an emergency generator at the City Operations Department to Seven Sisters in the amount of $54,745.36. Vote: Ayes – Adams, Turner, Geer, Petrish, and Pickett. Motion carried.

Accept as Complete: SR 20 Waterline Relocation Project

Mr. Fred Buckenmeyer, Public Works Director, presented a request to Council to accept the SR 20 Waterline Relocation project as complete. Mr. Buckenmeyer reported that the completed project did come in under the original contract price due, in part, to the diligence and oversight of the Engineering Division. With that, Mr. Geer moved, seconded by Mr. Petrish, to accept the Public Works Project 03-098-WTR-005 SR 20 Waterline Relocation project as complete thereby initiating the mandatory 30-day lien period. Vote: Ayes – Turner, Geer, Petrish, Pickett, and Adams.

2008 Tourism Projects - Process

Mr. Ian Munce, Planning Director, presented the City of Anacortes Tourism Promotion Fund program scheduled for 2007. Mr. Munce explained that this represents the annual cycle for allocation of 2008 tourism funds. As part of this funding allocation, the City is required to have an advisory committee with representatives from the hospitality industry. The City will solicit proposals as to how to spend tourism funds to benefit tourism in Anacortes; the City will then determine the eligibility of the proposals. The Committee will meet and review the funding requests followed by a recommendation to Council. The approved spending plan will then become part of the 2008 budget. Councilmembers Petrish, Geer, and Turner will serve on the Council Committee.

South Fidalgo Community Council – Letter of Support

Mr. Ian Munce, Planning Director, presented a request from residents of South Fidalgo who are working to establish an elected council to represent their community; state law does provide for Community Councils. Additionally, the Community Council would also advise the state and county of south Fidalgo's position on issues of local importance and coordinate local responses to significant issues. Mr. Turner spoke in favor of this additional opportunity for open dialogue and clear communication amongst agencies; he's looking forward to working with this representative body. Councilmembers also spoke in favor of this request. With that, Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, to direct the Mayor to communicate the Council's support for establishing a South Fidalgo Community Council of elected representatives to work with the County on the development of a South Fidalgo sub-area plan. Vote: Ayes – Geer, Petrish, Pickett, Adams, and Turner. Motion carried.

Ordinance: Updating Datum Plane

Mr. Fred Buckenmeyer, Public Works Director, presented an Ordinance to Council for review and adoption. If adopted, the Ordinance would re-establish the datum planes within the City of Anacortes originally established in 1891. Mr. Buckenmeyer recommended clarifications to Section 2: *The datum for vertical measurement shall be NAVD 88 (North American Vertical Datum 88). The datum for horizontal measurement shall be NAD 83 (North American Datum 83)*. With that, Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Petrish, to adopt Ordinance No. 2767 entitled "An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 7; Title I, Chapter 1.16 Datum Plane of the Anacortes Municipal Code. Vote: Ayes – Petrish, Pickett, Adams, Turner, and Geer. Motion carried.

At approximately 8: 30: p.m. the Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session to discuss potential property acquisition. At 9:00 p.m. the Council reconvened and without taking any further action adjourned the July 2, 2007 Council Meeting.