



## **City Council Minutes – April 2, 2012**

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At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Dean Maxwell called the regularly scheduled Anacortes City Council meeting of April 2, 2012 to order. Roll call found present: Eric Johnson, Ryan Walters, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Bill Turner, Cynthia Richardson and Brian Geer. Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, that the minutes of March 19, 2012 and March 26, 2012 be approved as if read. Vote: Ayes – Walters, Pickett, Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer and Johnson. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Hearings**

No one present wished to speak.

### **Mayor/Council Communication and Committee Reports**

Mayor Maxwell welcomed County Commissioner Ron Wesen.

Mayor Maxwell advised that the Port/City Liaison Committee would meet 8:30 a.m. on April 3, 2012 in the Mayor's office.

Proclamation of Arbor Day 2012: Mayor Maxwell read a statement proclaiming April 12, 2012 to be the celebration of Arbor Day in Anacortes. He announced a tree planting ceremony at 11:15 a.m. on April 12, 2012 at the Anacortes Public Library.

Cost Savings Award: Mayor Maxwell presented a cost savings award to Finance Department employee Marcia Hunt for in house database development that will save the city \$2,900 per year in software costs.

Mayor Maxwell announced upcoming City Council agenda topics including code changes regarding barking dogs and exotic animals on April 16, the Forest Ridge Native Growth Protection Easement on April 16, regulation of mobile food vendors on April 9, and collective gardens on April 23.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Port of Anacortes for providing space to the Kiwanis Aktion Club for its electronics recycling program. He said the program would move to the Port's Warehouse 36 near Seafarer's Way starting in June.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

#### **Approval of Vouchers/Cancellation of Checks**

Council voted unanimously that the following vouchers/checks audited and certified by the City's Auditing Officer (Finance Director) and subsequently reviewed and approved by the Council Finance Committee on March 22, 2012 and March 29, 2012 are approved for payment as of April 2, 2012.

#### **Claim Checks**

March 2012: Check Numbers 63978 through 64135 in the total amount of \$2,981,342.33

#### **EFT Claims**

March 2012: Check Number 63977 in the total amount of \$73.06

#### **Payroll for March 20, 2012 in the total amount of \$561,100.36**

Check Numbers 37000 through 37043 in the total amount of \$26,779.56

Direct Deposit Numbers from 43669 through 43848 in the total amount of \$345,820.58

EFT Numbers from 1394 through 1398 in the total amount of \$188,500.22

#### **Cancelled Checks**

March 2012: Check Number 63862 in the total amount of \$56.00

### **Ordinance: AMC Chapter 2.40 Civil Service System**

Human Resources Director Emily Schuh presented an ordinance to update Anacortes Municipal Code Chapter 2.40, Civil Service System. Ms. Schuh summarized the purpose of the Civil Service System and its history in Anacortes. She said the proposed ordinance would bring the code into compliance with current laws governing civil service. Ms. Schuh said the Civil Service Commission has been advised of the changes that will affect the commissioners including reducing the length of terms from six years to three years and the creation of two alternate commissioner positions. She advised that the City Council Personnel Committee had reviewed and revised the ordinance. At the request of Mrs. Richardson, Ms. Schuh described the Civil Service Commission's function. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, to adopt **Ordinance 2876** amending Chapter 2.40, Civil Service System of the Anacortes Municipal Code. Mr. Walters thanked Ms. Schuh for her extensive work with the Personnel Committee to develop the draft ordinance and expressed his support for the revisions to the commission structure. Vote: Ayes – Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, Johnson, Walters and Pickett. Motion carried.

### **Contract Extension: Solid Waste Drop Box**

Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer presented an extension to the current contract with Waste Management, Inc. for roll off container collection services (10 to 40 yard dumpsters). Mr. Buckenmeyer explained that the current contract has a three year term with an option for two 2-year extensions. He said that the initial three-year term expires December 31, 2012 and that staff recommends approving an extension of the contract through December 31, 2014. Mrs. Pickett asked if this was similar to a franchise agreement. Mr. Buckenmeyer explained that Waste Management receives payment directly from its service subscribers and that this contract does not involve payments between Waste Management and the city but simply constrains the terms of service. He noted that this allows the city to maintain control of this part of the sanitation system which may at some point be profitable for the city to take over directly. Mr. Turner concurred and moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to accept a two-year extension to the contract with Waste Management, Inc. for roll off services. Vote: Ayes – Turner, Richardson, Geer, Johnson, Walters, Pickett and Adams. Motion carried.

### **Contract Extension: Curbside Recycling**

Mr. Buckenmeyer extolled the success of the curbside recycling program in Anacortes. He said that Anacortes has one of the highest recycling rates in the state at 51% of the waste stream. Mr. Buckenmeyer advised that the current curbside recycling contract with Rabanco, Inc. expires on December 31, 2012. He said that the contract allows for another three-year extension and that staff recommends approving that extension. Mr. Buckenmeyer added that a neighboring jurisdiction recently went out for bids for curbside recycling service and got a higher rate and a reduction in service so extending the city's current favorable terms would be wise. In response to a question from Mr. Turner, Mr. Buckenmeyer said the city's recycling participation rate has increased significantly during the life of the program. The mayor added that curbside recycling is part of the city's overall conservation program. In response to a question from Mr. Adams, Mr. Buckenmeyer explained that increased recycling saves the city money in garbage tipping fees. Mr. Walters asked if the 51% recycling rate includes yard waste. Mr. Buckenmeyer said he didn't believe so. Mr. Walters asked if the city is still working to synchronize the contract expirations for curbside recycling and yard waste so that those services could be put out to bid together. Mr. Buckenmeyer said yes. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, to extend the curbside recycling contract with Rabanco, Inc. for three years to December 31, 2015. Vote: Ayes – Richardson, Geer, Johnson, Walters, Pickett, Adams and Turner. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance: AMC Chapter 13.54 Ambulance Services**

Fire Chief Richard Curtis presented an ordinance to update Anacortes Municipal Code Chapter 13.54, Ambulance Services. He summarized the history of paramedic and ambulance service in the city including which services have been provided by the city and by Island Hospital. The Chief said that in 2003 Ordinance 2612 established that the Anacortes Fire Department alone would provide emergency transport services pre-hospital and Island Hospital would provide inter-facility transfer services. It also allowed the city to regulate private ambulance services operating within the city. Chief Curtis said the proposed ordinance brings the code into compliance with current practice and terminology and the current interlocal agreement between the City of Anacortes and Island Hospital. He said the draft was reviewed by City Attorney Brad Furlong and by the City Council Public Safety Committee. He summarized

the changes to the code including ambulance registration and licensing, ambulance bids and establishing ambulance rates. Mr. Geer asked the rationale behind lowering the effective fees charged to private ambulance companies. Chief Curtis explained that the city wants to encourage private providers for inter-facility transfers so as not to tie up AFD personnel for transfers. Mr. Walters asked if there are any private licensed ambulances operating in the city now. Chief Curtis said no, right now they are covered under the 5% rule instead. Mr. Walters asked if the city expects that private providers will be interested. Chief Curtis said yes and that the \$200 license fee would not be an obstacle for them. The mayor summarized that the goal is to keep AFD paramedics in town to serve local citizens. Mrs. Richardson expressed appreciation for the thoroughness of the code updates being prepared by staff and moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve **Ordinance 2877** amending Chapter 13.54, Ambulance Services of the Anacortes Municipal Code. Vote: Ayes – Geer, Johnson, Walters, Pickett, Adams, Turner and Richardson. Motion carried.

There being no further business, at approximately 7:40 p.m. the regularly scheduled Anacortes City Council meeting of April 2, 2012 was adjourned.