City Council Minutes – February 21, 2006

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Maxwell called the regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2006 to order. Roll call found present: Loren Hoboy, Nick Petrish, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Bill Turner, Cynthia Richardson, and Brian Geer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Petrish moved, seconded by Mrs. Richardson to approve the minutes of February 6, 2006 and February 13, 2006 as read. Vote: Ayes – Petrish, Pickett, Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, and Hoboy. Motion carried.

Citizen Hearings

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

Mayor/Council Communication

Mayor Maxwell read a Proclamation naming May 4, 2006 as the Day of Prayer in the City of Anacortes.

Resolution: Police Bargaining Agreement

Mayor Maxwell introduced Resolution 1718 authorizing the execution of the Bargaining Agreement between the City of Anacortes and the Anacortes Commissioned Police Guild effective January 1, 2004. Mrs. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Hoboy, to adopt **Resolution 1718**. Vote: Ayes – Pickett, Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, Hoboy, and Petrish. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Hoboy, to approve the following Consent Agenda item. Vote: Ayes – Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, Hoboy, 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 February 10, 2006 and February 17, 2006 are approved for payment as of this date February 21, 2006.

Claims Warrants
February 2006: Warrant Numbers 35088 through 35275 in the total amount of $255,103.40
Prewritten Claims
February 2006: Warrant Number 35087 in the total amount of $14,522.25
Payroll # 1 for January 15, 2006 in the total amount of $434,373.76

Warrant Numbers 28663 through 28723 in the total amount of $62,833.63
Direct Deposit Numbers 17488 through 17630 in the total amount of $233,962.46
EFT Numbers 512 through 517 in the total amount of $137,577.67

Cancellation of Warrants:

Warrant Number 31325 in the amount of $366.80; Warrant Number 32939 in the amount of $8.00; Warrant Number 32473 in the amount of $14.00; Warrant Number 33830 in the amount of $8.53; Warrant Number 34904 in the amount of $8,338.10

Ordinance: Establishing Public Works Citizen's Advisory Committee

Mr. Bob Hyde, Public Works Director, presented a draft Ordinance to Council that would establish a Public Works Citizen's Advisory Committee and terminate the existing Public Works Advisory Board (PWAB). Mr. Hyde explained that the PWAB, established in 1994, has been an important asset in helping establish water rates and utility policies. However, as configured, the PWAB cannot be utilized to support other Public Works services. In light of that, the draft Ordinance now before Council would create a Public Works Citizens Advisory Board to consist of 5 residents who would assist the Mayor, Council, and staff on matters relating to the function and operations of public infrastructure, evaluate existing services, and perform studies and special projects. Councilmembers supported this concept; Mrs. Richardson recommended a number of language clarifications. After discussion, Mrs. Richardson moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett to approve the establishment of a Public Works Citizen's Advisory Committee. Vote: Ayes – Turner, Richardson, Geer, Hoboy, Petrish, Pickett, and Adams. Motion carried. Mr. Hyde said that an Ordinance incorporating the proposed modifications would be brought back to Council for review and adoption.

Arts Commission Update

Mr. Gary Robinson, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Ms. Rita James, Chairperson for the recently formed Anacortes Arts Commission. Mr. Robinson explained that the Commission is charged with the responsibility for helping facilitate the arts in the community. In that regard, the Commission has been inventorying public art and studying associated maintenance issues. A Charles Smith sculpture has recently been discovered and the reconstruction of the piece will soon be underway. Also, the Commission will oversee the restoration of a Kenneth Callahan painting located at the Post Office. Other projects include the seagull artwork project at the Tommy Thompson Trail, and working with Island Hospital and the Port of Anacortes to incorporate public art into their facilities. Ms. James also reported to the Council that the Parks Department support has been invaluable. With that, the Mayor and Council thanked Ms. James for her stewardship of this noteworthy endeavor.

There being no further business, at approximately 8:30 p.m. the Mayor adjourned the meeting of February 21, 2006.