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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Virtual Attendance at Anacortes City Council Meetings

**August 5, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, Governor Inslee issued a [Proclamation 20-28.8](#) prohibiting conducting a public meeting unless opportunities for the public to attend telephonically, electronically, or via the internet are provided. City Council meetings will continue to be held electronically only at least through September 1, 2020. The City of Anacortes values community participation and has taken an additional step to create opportunities for the public to virtually attend City Council meetings.

The City of Anacortes continues to be committed to ensuring that the public can both view and submit comments for consideration at public meetings. Beginning on August 10, City Council meetings will be held via Zoom Webinar. The City will host the meeting, Mayor Gere, the City Councilmembers, and City Staff will be panelists, and members of the public will have an opportunity to be attendees. Attendee will participate in listen-only mode. At appropriate times, the host will unmute attendees to allow them to comment during the meeting.

There are now four ways for members of the public to participate and comment at a City Council meeting:

- Virtually attend a City Council meeting and comment live. Follow the provided [instructions](#) to join the meeting.
- Email comments to [cityclerk@cityofanacortes.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofanacortes.org).
- Mail written comments to: City Clerk, P.O. Box 547, Anacortes, WA 98221.
- Submit comments online using eComment. The eComment option is located on the website where members of the public can [watch a City Council meeting](#). eComments can be made as soon as the meeting agenda is published. Agendas are published at 3:00 pm each Wednesday before a City Council meeting. Commenters must create a login to submit comments. An account is not necessary to view comments already submitted.

Community members wishing to submit comment must do so by 3:00 pm Monday prior the 6:00 pm meeting. These comments are published for consideration during the meeting and become part of the record. Members of the public interested in watching City Council meetings without participating can view the meeting live on Public Access Channel 10, watch on the City's [Watch Meetings](#) page live or view a recording once the meeting has ended.

Members of the public who require special assistance to participate in or access the meetings may contact the [City Clerk](#) or 360-299-1960, 24 hours before the meeting to make special arrangements.