

**MINUTES OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, September 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Jason Walters, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator René Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and guests Jeremy Burtel, Lori Byrne, J.P. Barta, and Melanie Barta. Council members Patrick McMahon and Hunter Wilson did not attend. City Attorney John McGarvey was absent.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Delehanty motioned to approve the August 26, 2021, special meeting minutes. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cook noted the budget revenue would be substantially less than previous years if the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant money was not included.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported an incident involving an Anchorage student being struck and thrown by a vehicle at the intersection by the school. The student was able to get up and was picked up by a parent. Only one crossing guard was on duty at that location since the other one called in sick. Chief Hayes and Anchorage Independent School Superintendent Kelley Ransdell met with Metro Councilman Markus Winkler. Winkler is asking Louisville Metro to fund hiring additional guards outside the current contract.

Chief Hays also reported an 8-year-old resident of Bellewood Campus walked away and was found on Old Harrods Creek Road. This makes the third runaway in the last thirty days.

Chief Hayes met with the owner of the parking lot near the trailhead. The owner is putting together a proposal to install cameras there. Cook suggested they add signage to warn people to not leave valuables in their vehicles.

Delehanty was asked by a resident about activities on Anchor Way, including a person approaching video doorbells and going through cars. Chief Hayes received the reports, and no new information is available.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no questions about the Historic Preservation Commission report.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard announced the Fall Canopy Tree Campaign order deadline was extended three days to September 16th. Cook asked about the dead trees in the Glenbrook Road triangle. Spickard said the trees are on the City's hazardous tree list for removal. Major asked about replacing those trees with a memorial tree, and said the city recently received a request to plant one for June King. Ramsey and Cook agreed that the Forestry Board should prepare a proposed list of possible tree locations on City-owned property for memorial trees and maintain a list of those resident requests. When a memorial tree is needed, the City would contact the first person on the list. The City (Public Works Department) could care for the tree for one year, with no further guarantee provided. Walters noted, there should be standards set for plaques placed by trees. Ramsey supported this proposal and added that the Forestry Board come up with regulations for plaques and the type required and determine the minimum size and types of trees. Major reminded Council that at one time, previous City Council declared Wagner Park as off limits for memorial trees except for long-time City Council member Brian Rublein.

OLD BUSINESS

Burtel, 604 Linden Drive, Impervious Surface Variance

Resident Jeremy Burtel presented his application for a building permit for a 519 sq. ft. covered patio expansion on the rear of the home, which requires a variance to the Anchorage impervious surface limit. Mr. Burtel's previous request using a French drain was denied. For this request, Mr. Burtel provided engineered plans for drainage improvements, including a rain garden, that will limit post development runoff. Walters motioned to approve the engineer's plan and the impervious surface variance. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Barta, 12422 Captains Bridge Way, Streetscape Setback Variance

Residents J.P. and Melanie Barta presented their streetscape setback variance request for an addition to the Little Hills Lane side of their home. The Bartas pointed out that, although by ordinance, the house to the north of them is not considered in calculating the streetscape setback, their addition would be no closer to Little Hills Lane than that house. Currently, Barta's house sets closest to the street on this block. The Bartas discussed the limitations that prohibit relocating the addition. Cook supported plans that would be no further than the home to the north. Ramsey suggested the Bartas amend their plans to match the north neighbor's setback and to appoint Cook and Walters to verify that the new plan setbacks meet the current requirement for a variance.

Delehanty motioned for the Bartas plans to be revised to match the north neighbor setback and to appoint Cook and Walters to verify and approve the plans. Wetherton seconded the motion. Edwards pointed out the property to the north is outside the definition for streetscape variance, and Major stated that verification is needed for whether Council can vote to deviate from the ordinance. Ramsey noted variances are approved when there is a strict hardship. Ramsey said Council cannot approve until they receive verification of their authority to vote on the deviation. No further action was taken.

Waive ABC License Fee for Anchorfest

Walters motioned to waive the ABC license fee for Anchorfest. Cook seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Waive ABC License Fee for Harvest for Hope Virtual Dinner and Silent Auction

Walters motioned to waive the ABC license fee for Harvest for Hope. Wetherton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Half Year Reduction of Annual Anchorage ABC License Fees

Walters asked how the reduction would affect the budget. Major said there are currently four ABC licenses, soon to be five with the new brewery, and the total would be less than \$3,000. Walters motioned to approve the half-year reduction of the annual Anchorage ABC license fees. Delehanty seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Major confirmed with Ramsey that the invoices will be mailed May 1st and will be for the 6-month period starting November 1.

Helipad Permit Renewal

Major informed Council that the existing helipad permit has been extended for two years. There were no amendments or changes and the mayor approved.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

Delehanty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk