

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

**Monday, August 08, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Jason Walters, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, Police Officer Jeff Medley, and Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich. Guests included Deena Bowman, Ron Kuhl, Tracie Holton, Kim Holton, Jerry Irwin, John Schnatter, Aaron Thompson, Mary Davis, Bill Wilkinson, Suzanne Rice, John Rice, Patrick Ryan, Cece Hagan, Jennifer Anderson, Dylan Dalby, Jane Brown, Emily Paprocki, Denise Klarer, Steve Hall, Chris Skinger, and Karin Tyrer. Several non-Anchorage residents who live on Garr Avenue also attended.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the July 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Delehanty seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

No questions were asked of Melton.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Medley was in attendance for Chief Hayes. No discussion or questions were asked.

Resolution Approving Grant Applications for Various Police Equipment

Cook motioned to approve the Mayor to sign each of the three resolutions to apply for/obtain a grant to pay for 11 ballistic vests, 11 rifles, and rifle ammunition. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Police Officer Michael O’Donnell Hired

Ramsey noted that the Police Department has a new officer who started August 2, 2022.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman Wetherton introduced and read aloud the biography of Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) candidate Architect Emily Fisher Paprocki to replace Dan Fultz on the board. Wilson motioned to approve Paprocki as a new AHPC member. Delehanty seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Mayor welcomed Paprocki to the AHPC. Wetherton stated

the AHPC Guidelines consultant Rosalind Streeter will finalize and update the commission on the status at the next meeting on 23 August. Ramsey stated that once AHPC reviews the final draft, a subcommittee of two to three council members will need to review the updated guidelines before setting public meetings to openly discuss the changes before City Council approves them.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Ruzich stated the board is finalizing the details of the Fall Canopy Tree Campaign and will publish a flyer of the list of trees offered and prices in the September issue of the Anchor Age Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending §92.02 Acts of Nuisance Ordinance (Bamboo) – Second Reading

Walters summarized the amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance related to concerns with the planting and growing of bamboo in Anchorage. Walters read the ordinance before making a motion to approve it. Cook seconded. All voted unanimously to approve it. Cook stated that this amended ordinance should be included in the information packets to agents and/or owners listing property for sale in Anchorage.

NEW BUSINESS

Entrance Gate and Column Height Variance Request, Magliocco, 2407 Greten Lane

Contractor Bill Wilkinson presented the variance request on behalf of the owner, Joseph Magliocco, to obtain support for a variance to install entrance stone pillars and caps measuring seven feet six- and one-half inches tall and an entrance gate measuring six- and one-half feet tall, with a four-board black fence four feet tall. Major stated that a variance from Louisville Board of Zoning Adjustment was required for structures, fences, or walls more than four feet tall in the front (or side) setback. Cook stated that she and Wetherton visited the existing property on Greten Lane with similar pillars and gates. The tallest was approximately six feet tall. Two letters were submitted by residents who could not attend the council meeting. One was not in favor of taller pillars and gates than the existing on the street. The other was supportive of the proposed plan. Resident Skinger in attendance was also in favor of pillars and gates not taller than the existing. Ramsey stated that there was an established streetscape in place regarding the height. Diane motioned to support a BOZA variance for entrance pillars/caps to be no higher than the height of the existing pillars at 2403 Greten Lane of approximately six feet (later determined to be six feet two inches above current grade by Wilkinson). Walters seconded. Cook, Walters, Wilson, and Wetherton voted in favor of supporting the variance as modified. Delehanty voted no. The motion carried. Ramsey thanked all the residents in attendance and those who gave their written response.

Helicopter Landing Site Ordinance Discussion

Ramsey stated this is a continuation of a topic first discussed five months ago. No amendment has been drafted. Resident Irwin stated the current flight path is 1200-2000 ft. from residences and 700-1000 ft from nonresidents and had been changed without public input. Major confirmed the compass headings were corrected but the path never changed. Irwin stated the noise, rattling, and fumes are a nuisance. Several residents from Garr Avenue stated that the helicopter flies over their homes and is more disruptive and a nuisance for them than Anchorage residents. Resident Ryan

spoke in favor, stating it was not a danger to his cross-country team on the trail when the helicopter was landing. Former Council Member Hagan stated one resident should not be entitled to special legislation. Council should consider a consistent noise level in decibels as part of the nuisance ordinance that would apply to all noise including the helicopter. Resident Schnatter stated that Evergreen Real Estate had a decibel comparison satisfactorily completed with only a slight increase in decibels. Ramsey stated a slight increase equates to a much larger percentage increase in noise levels, and more testing may be necessary. Wilson stated that amending the overall noise ordinance may be the next step. Cook reminded residents that City Council has not put forth a motion to amend the Helicopter Landing Site Ordinance. With no new comments, Ramsey concluded the discussion.

Waive ABC License Fee for U-spiritus Harvest for Hope

Ramsey asked City Council if all the Anchorage ABC fees for nonprofit organizations should be automatically waived. Wilson stated this U-spiritus event had limited participation by Anchorage residents. Major stated the Anchorage fees follow the state for temporary licenses and cost \$90-\$110 each. McGarvey confirmed that City Council must approve waiving each of them. Delehanty said there aren't that many nonprofit events, and the cost is minimal. Delehanty motioned to approve waiving the Anchorage license fee for the 2022 Harvest for Hope. Walters seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Anchorage ABC License Fees Regular Payment Schedule

Ramsey stated that as a reminder to City Council, the 50% reduction of the ABC license fees expires October 31, 2022. Thereafter, the full annual license fees will be charged.

MSD Audit

Ramsey stated the audit by the Division of Water was completed satisfactorily.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – School Resource Officer at Anchorage Public School

Ramsey stated that schools are mandated by law to staff a School Resource Officer (SRO). This agreement spells out the terms of hiring of an Anchorage police officer as their SRO. Cook confirmed that there will be zero cost for this officer who will only be employed by Anchorage Public School and not the City (during non-school hours). Ramsey agreed. Cook made a motion granting approval for the Mayor to sign the MOA. Wilson seconded. All voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wilson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk