

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

**Monday, July 13, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
via (ZOOM) Teleconference**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Neil Ramsey, Jason Walters, Hunter Wilson, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator René Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and guests Bill King, Dylan King, Seth King, Jerry Irwin, Dean Wilkinson, and Bill Wilkinson.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Cook requested the minutes be clarified to read keeping roads in gravel form should not be part of a long-term traffic strategy. Wilson motioned to approve the June 08, 2020 regular meeting minutes as amended. Walters seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Major said final expenses will be recorded for all signed contracts – vehicles, cameras, etc. The financial reports will show adjustments of approximately \$150,000.00 for these expenses.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported that ten new body cameras and four new in-car cameras were purchased with the \$20,000 approved at the previous City Council meeting. The department needs six more in-car cameras.

The Police Department will be adding four more security cameras around the parking area at Station and Evergreen Roads. Additional lamp posts will also be added. Two security cameras will be added to an existing pole along Highway 146 where children cross at the 5-way crossing going to and from school.

Last Friday, Chief Hayes conducted interviews for hiring a new officer to replace Office Mumphrey. The Police Department is on schedule to order two new vehicles this year.

Councilmember Wilson mentioned recent social media posts about coyotes. Cook said she has seen the social media posts and received several reports from residents about coyotes within the last three weeks. Residents are asked to email City Hall or call the Police Department should a coyote threaten people. Major said the City will send a Reach Alert to remind residents to be mindful of coyotes.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Wetherton reported that the June meeting ran two and a half hours as many projects were delayed by the pandemic. The Commission turned down three projects for lack of information. The projects may be presented again at the July meeting.

### **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Spickard reported permits were issued to remove 77 trees, of which four were Ash trees. This is a large number for one month and is probably due to the pandemic. All other Forestry Board projects are on schedule.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Adoption of Agreement-Health Reimbursement Arrangement July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and Adoption of Agreement-Flexible Benefits Plan July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

McGarvey could not support signing the current resolution in the present form, and is working with the company to rewrite it. Wetherton motioned to give Mayor Hewitt the authority to sign a revised resolution. Ramsey seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **A Resolution Requesting the Louisville Metro Planning Commission to Review and make Recommendations Regarding Various Amendments to the Land Development Code as Applicable in the City of Anchorage**

McGarvey noted amendments to the code are needed for items such as detached garages, where the development code allows setbacks of 2' from the property line. Major said item 12 of the resolution would delete that setback measurement. Ramsey motioned to make a resolution requesting the Louisville Metro Planning Commission review and make recommendation(s) regarding various amendments to the Land Development Code as applicable to the City of Anchorage. Wetherton seconded the motion. Cook asked how the process works. McGarvey said the resolution would be sent to Metro, Metro would provide recommendations to Anchorage, and Anchorage would either proceed or articulate specifications as to why it did not follow Metro's recommendations. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Variance Request – Dean and Francis Wilkinson, front porch/mudroom addition setbacks at 2108 Meadow Lane Court**

Dean Wilkinson presented plans for front porch and mudroom additions to their home at 2108 Meadow Lane Court. The front porch would encroach in the front yard setback by six feet at the right corner and 17 feet at the left corner where it adjoins the existing house. The mudroom would encroach 5'8" into the front yard setback. Cook noted, Anchorage Zoning Officer Paul Bergmann supports the variance request. Ramsey motioned to approve the setback variance. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Variance Request – Bill and Nancy Wilkinson, detached garage setbacks 11706 Ridge Road**

Bill Wilkinson presented plans for a detached garage, 5' from the west property line, in the front yard. Wilkinson requested a variance to the streetscape setback required by Anchorage Ordinance §156.011. A side yard setback variance would also be required. Ramsey pointed out this is similar to a proposed project on Old Harrods Creek Lane that was denied because it was near the property line. Major noted the City is working to eliminate the Louisville Development Code for Anchorage that allows certain rear-yard detached garages to be located two feet from the property line. Wilkinson was asked about options for other locations or hardships that restrict the garage to this location. Ramsey suggested a motion that the City takes no position and requests the Wilkinsons obtain an affidavit of support from the neighbor nearest the garage. Walters seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, Ramsey amended the motion to support the streetscape setback variance and take no position on the side yard setback variance, with the recommendation that the Wilkinsons obtain an affidavit of support from the neighbor nearest the garage. Walters seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Golf Carts**

Recently golf carts have been operated by unlicensed drivers and had passengers that were not wearing seat belts. Golf carts have also been seen on Highway 146 which is a violation. Chief Hayes said police can cite parents for allowing unlicensed drivers to drive their golf carts. McGarvey suggested giving the parents a warning and noted that, once police stop an unlicensed driver, police cannot allow that driver to continue driving the golf cart. The City will ask the manager at Owl Creek Country Club to share Anchorage golf cart regulations with its members and will include a reminder in August 2020 *The Anchor Age Newsletter*.

### **Communication Request**

Anchorage resident Jerry Irwin asked for the City to use the Reach Alert system to send reminders or agendas for upcoming City meetings, similar to texts sent for lost animals. Irwin pointed out a first reading of an ordinance pertaining to OR zoning was held in March, and said it was not on the agenda. Ramsey said this ordinance was discussed at three separate City Council meetings. Irwin also asked about the Anchorage helicopter ordinance. Ramsey said it is fair for residents to be interested in the number of helicopter landings near them. McGarvey said regular City Council

meetings have a set date and time each month and it is legal to discuss any topic even if it is a new subject that is not on the agenda. Agendas are posted on the City's website the week prior to the meeting. The City will continue to post agendas on the website and will send monthly Reach Alerts for City Council meetings.

### **Traffic Meeting**

A resident traffic meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2020 to discuss traffic patterns and trends, specifically in the southeast quadrant of the City. Cook asked if the meeting will be available by teleconference. Major said it took two weeks to find a date and suitable location for the meeting, and the meeting should be available by teleconference since the Sawyer Hayes Center has wi-fi.

### **Deputy Mayor Hagan**

Deputy Mayor Cece Hagan resigned her position effective July 09, 2020.

Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramsey and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk