

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

June 13, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetheron, and Brian Rublein. Mayor Hewitt was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Lucy Spickard.

Wetheron motioned to appoint Neil Ramsey to preside over the meeting in Mayor Hewitt's absence. Cook seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting was called to order by Ramsey at 6:02 p.m.

Ramsey offered the floor to longtime resident Kathy Brooks who voiced her concerns over the recent and proposed commercial growth in Downtown Anchorage and safety in the City of Anchorage. McGarvey stated that the City cannot stop change, but does use its power in order to direct and control change through the Zoning Compliance, Historic Preservation Commission, and Forestry Board.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 09, 2016, regular meeting of City Council were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Wetheron motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and Cook seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The May 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. There were no comments or questions.

**POLICE REPORT**

The May Police Activity Report was presented. Cook asked for clarification of the Assist Person Category in the report. Hayes replied all types of aid are included, such as something as simple as moving a delivered package out of public sight. Hayes reported that a self-defense class syllabus is being developed by Lt. Hoskins and Officer Warren. Also, Hayes and Hoskins will conduct shooter awareness training for Anchorage Public School teachers in August. New door hanging notices were designed, printed, and will be available for officers to use to make residents aware when a police officer visits their home or activity occurs, e.g. securing an open garage door. Hayes recently signed up for CSX Rail Respond, an on-line program for CSX rail information and alerts. Hayes stated that in case of a derailment, the police department can login, enter the number from one rail car and get fuel and cargo information for all cars involved. A wellness program for police department employees was recently implemented.

Cook asked what has been done to prevent more commercial break-ins. Hayes stated that the affected business owner connected electricity to the building and installed outdoor, solar-powered motion lights. He also plans to install a security system in the near future.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes from the May 17, 2016 meeting were shared with the Council. Ramsey asked why Mr. Simon was assessed a fine. Wetherton stated Simon proceeded with work prior to obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness. Cook asked the status of the Nunnally project on Owl Cove Place. Wetherton commented that it has been 90% approved or resolved; he recently received additional information needed to complete the approval.

### **FORESTRY BOARD**

Forestry Board Minutes from the May 09, 2016 meeting were reviewed. There were no questions, and no comments from Spickard.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**FY 2017 Budget Ordinance Second Reading**– Hagan read and motioned to approve FY2017 Budget Ordinance. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**AT&T Cell Tower Lease Amendment Agreement Update** - McGarvey has not yet received any addendums from AT&T . Major confirmed the receipt of a Verizon application. Ramsey asked if the tower needed to be 195’ tall. McGarvey replied that this height allows for one more leasable space, yet keeps the tower under the height regulated by the FAA.

**Kroger Tractor Trailer Trucks** – Major received a response from her letter to the Kroger Distribution Center regarding the restrictions of large trucks driving in Anchorage. Kroger was referred to Chief Hayes to get information on the specific vehicle/driver involved in the recent traffic stop. Hayes stated that information was not routinely listed on the citation but will be in the future. Lagrange Road and Woodland Road are both being used by the commercial trucks. Ramsey asked if neighbors could help spot and report violators. Hayes will notify residents on Woodland Road via Reach Alert to ask that they report any commercial truck activity. Cook asked for additional truck restriction signs to be placed. McGarvey stated that the City can monitor trucks because the state prohibits STAA trucks in Anchorage.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Flexible Spending Account Resolution** – Hagan read the FY2017 Flexible Spending Account Resolution and motioned for it to be approved. Cook seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Council.

**Healthcare Reimbursement Arrangement Resolution** - Hagan read and motioned to approve the FY2017 Healthcare Reimbursement Arrangement Resolution. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Evergreen Walking Path Bids** – Major received and opened bids for the walking path on Evergreen Road from Ridge Road to Woodland Road. American Paving was the lowest bidder at \$33,750. Major stated that Chick verified references provided by American Paving. They were one of the few companies that have equipment specifically designed for installing walking paths. Ramsey asked if the contract would include interfacing the asphalt with the bridge, which is being purchased by the City. Major stated that the bridge was separate wasn't included in this bid. McGarvey stated that the City is not required to take the lowest bid, but would have to articulate the reason it chose another bid. Cook motioned to accept the American Paving bid. Wetherton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Spickard asked if any trees needed to be removed for the walking path. Major reported that only one tree was involved, and it had already been removed.

**Sign Permit Fee Ordinance** – Hagan conducted the first reading of the Ordinance which repeals the sign permit review fee of \$20.00.

**Resolution: Homeland Security Grant for Handguns** - Hagan gave the first reading of the resolution that authorizes the Mayor to make an application and enter into an agreement with Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to purchase eleven handguns for the Anchorage Police Department. Ramsey asked about the benefits of replacing officers' handguns. Hayes stated the current guns are between two and twenty plus years old and are of varying makes and models. Officers must have training on each type of weapon they use. If all officers carry the same weapon, they can all receive the same training and use each other's weapons in emergencies. The department can save money by purchasing ammunition in bulk.

**Notice of Possible Special City Council Meeting** – Cook noted that a special meeting of the City Council may be needed to review/approve a walking path along Osage Road. A special session would allow time for the walking path to be installed before school starts on August 9, 2016. Ramsey asked about combining all the walking paths projects into one bid to get the best price. Major stated that was possible for future path projects but the current one should stand alone. The Evergreen Road project is more complicated than others in the City.

Resident Robert Stein asked the Council to consider installing a walking path along Cedardale Road.

Resident Ed Weyler spoke in favor of helicopter usage in Anchorage. He noted that he lives on the Southside of the railroad tracks and is not directly affected by current helicopter use. Weyler stated the FAA is planning to approve tilt rotor helicopters next year. He asked the Council to consider what all residents will be allowed to do, not just one resident.

Wetherton complimented Ramsey on representing the Council at the Evergreen Real Estate helicopter meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

McGarvey stated that an executive session meeting was not necessary. Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by O'Connell. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

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Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk