

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

Monday, June 11, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Connie O’Connell, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Jeff O’Brien, Deborah Belitski, Joe Haberman, Jason Walters, and Wendell Harris.

With Ramsey’s nomination of Hagan and approval by all members present, the Council selected Hagan to preside over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Hewitt.

The meeting was called to order by Hagan at 6:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 14, 2018 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. The May minutes should state the price of street crossing light batteries are \$500 per set, not per light. O’Connell motioned to accept the minutes with the noted change. Wetherton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Jeff O’Brien, Deborah Bilitski and Joe Haberman on behalf of Louisville Metro government attended to answer any questions on the Louisville Metro 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Bilitski had presented the plan at the May City Council meeting. After the May City Council meeting, Paul Bergman, reviewed the plan and commented that Anchorage was designated as a Village Form District. McGarvey added the recital whereas clause recognizing the need to preserve village characteristics to the proposed Ordinance. O’Brien stated that zoning ordinances will still be in affect and the plan will not force any types of housing on the City. “See New Business below.”

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

There were no comments or questions.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Hayes reported the two new officers have been trained and are working independently. Photos of the new officers were included in the June *Anchor Age Newsletter*. A part-time dispatcher has been hired, which will lower the amount of overtime hours.

Anchorage Police held a Stop the Bleeding event at the Anchorage Public School and will run scenarios at the school based on the program. Police also worked with the school to harden them as a target.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

There were no questions or comments.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Lucy Spickard sent a report that was read to Council. It stated that “We [Forestry Board] are on schedule for all activities and Andrea [Hanlon, City Forester] is doing a great job keeping us up to date on permits. Thank you to Booth for his quick attention to the downed trees at Hobbs Chapel”.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **FY2019 Budget – Second Reading**

O’Connell conducted the second reading of the FY2019 Budget ordinance. Ramsey motioned to approved the ordinance. O’Connell seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

### **Ordinance Repealing §35.06 Ambulance District Tax Regarding the Collection of Tax – Second Reading**

Ramsey reminded Council the rate for Anchorage residents will be lower. McGarvey said Anchorage Middletown EMS will use Jefferson County assessments, collect the taxes, and set the rates. O’Connell conducted the second reading and motioned to accept the ordinance. Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Ordinance Declaring Amnesty for Attorney’s Fees and Miscellaneous Costs Associated with Taxes Due the City of Anchorage as of July 1, 2015 and Any Previous Years – Second Reading**

McGarvey explained one resident incurred attorney fees and court costs when going through a foreclosure. The City has the right to waive such fees by ordinance only. Passing this ordinance does not mean the City will always waive fees. O’Connell conducted the second reading of the ordinance. Rublein motioned to approved the ordinance. Ramsey seconded and all approved. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance Adopting The Plan 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Case No. Comp\_Plan\_Update\_4.16.18) – First Reading**

O’Connell conducted the first reading of the ordinance adopting The Plan 2040 Comprehensive Plan. McGarvey advised City Council that the ordinance needs to have a first reading and second reading by mid-July to meet the required Metro deadlines.

### **Declaration of Disaster for the February 2018 Storm Damage in Anchorage**

McGarvey stated that the City of Anchorage must formally declare a state of natural disaster by passing a resolution. O’Connell motioned to make and approve a resolution to declare that a

natural disaster occurred in February 2018 in the City of Anchorage as a result of the severe rain storm and flooding causing significant damage to roads, drainage systems, City right-of-ways and property. The motion was seconded by Rublein and all Council members approved the motion and the motion carried. Booth noted that the City would seek federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Program.

**Resolution Appointing City Administrator, René Major, the FEMA Designated Agent for Processing FEMA Claim from February 2018 Storm Damage**

Booth stated that the FEMA reimbursement process has already begun. There will be an hour-long meeting with FEMA next week. Booth explained the City needs one person to be the primary contact for FEMA. Ramsey motioned to resolve that René Major be appointed the designated agent for processing the FEMA claim from the February 2018 storm damage. Rublein seconded the motion and all Council members approved the resolution.

**Historic Preservation Commission Guidebook**

Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, Bill Wetherton, explained that the current Historic Preservation Commission guidelines are not in line with other cities. Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission requests funds from the City to get assistance in rewriting the guidelines. The Council was favorable to the request. Wetherton will talk to several entities and return to Council with information on the costs.

**Davis Memorial**

Wetherton reported that Mary Ann Davis recently passed away. Hobbs Chapel lost trees to recent storms and may be considered as a place for a memorial.

**Executive Session**

Ramsey motioned to move to executive session to discuss pending litigation. O'Connell seconded the motion. The Council entered executive session at 6:24 p.m.

Council returned from executive session and with no further business adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

René M. Major  
City Clerk