

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

Monday, May 14, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also, in attendance were City Administrator Reneé Major, Director of Public Works Erwin Booth, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy City Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, City Drainage Officer/Engineer Greg Smith, and Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:09 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 09, 2018 City Council regular meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Hewitt stated the FY2018 budget surplus is higher than expected. Major explained there are capital projects that will be paid in June which will bring the surplus down to approximately \$600,000.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Deborah Bilitski from Waterfront Development and Develop Louisville/Louisville Forward presented the Comprehensive Plan 2040 to the Mayor and City Council. The City of Anchorage has zoning authority and must adopt Comprehensive Plan 2040 in order to maintain that authority. The plan builds on the previous Cornerstone 2020 Plan. According to McGarvey the uniform effective date for the new plan is January 1, 2019. Hagan asked how the new plan will affect Anchorage. Bilitski responded, the Anchorage zoning process will not change. Anchorage will use the new plan as a guide to determine if any requests for a change of zoning fit within the plan. The City has 90 days from when Comprehensive Plan 2040 was passed by Louisville Metro to pass an ordinance to adopt the plan.

## **POLICE REPORT**

The KLEFPF audit found the Anchorage Police Department had not completed two hours of mandatory online training. However, it was discovered that the Anchorage Police Department was never notified to participate in the training. The training has been completed.

Mark Ratterman was hired as a full-time officer and started work this week. Ratterman previously worked as a part-time officer for Anchorage from February 2015 through the end of 2016.

Raymond Brun has been hired to replace Officer Tom Cypert. Brun will ride and train with Cypert through the end of this month, when Cypert retires.

Officers recently responded to a report of a man that left the Anchorage Trail and was walking near houses. Upon investigation, it was determined that the man was taking photos of birds and wandered off the trail because the boundaries of the trail were not clear to him.

The Anchorage Police Department (ADP) will continue active shooter training at Anchorage Public School by hosting, in conjunction with The University of Louisville trauma team, a hands-on training session called Stop the Bleed. ADP will also go over the results of their threat assessment of the school with Superintendent Ransdell and Principal Terry.

Cook asked if open garage doors are included in the open doors category on the monthly Police activity report. Chief Hayes replied that only doors to the home, excluding garage doors, are counted.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

There were no questions or comments regarding Historic Preservation Commission.

## **FORESTRY BOARD REPORT**

Spickard said there is no report from the Forestry Board this month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **T-Mobile Agreement**

McGarvey reported that the agreement with T-Mobile has finally been signed. T-Mobile agreed to pay rent owed to the City and pay to move their equipment off the old cell tower. The City paid for past repairs to the tower and will pay to have the tower taken down.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Impervious Surface Variance Request for Winkler 11711 Hazelwood Road**

City Flood Safety Officer, Greg Smith, reported that the Wagner House at 11711 Hazelwood Road was grandfathered under the twenty-percent impervious surface regulation. Smith approved the drainage plan for a new driveway submitted by the Winklers, which included building berms to

control water flow and retention. Smith recommended City Council approve a variance for the additional impervious surface. Hagan asked about maintaining the berms. Smith replied that the berms are very low maintenance but would be the responsibility of the owner(s). Wetherton motioned to approved the variance. O'Connell seconded and all approved the motion.

### **Walking Path Bid Accepted**

Booth informed City Council that Rex Davis/Luis Ramos Asphalt Company submitted the lowest bid for three new walking paths along Evergreen Road, Old Harrods Creek Road, and Ridge Road. A vote by City Council is not required because the lowest bid is being accepted. Booth said there are two large trees that must be removed on Evergreen Road in order to install that walking path.

### **Pedestrian Crosswalk Solar Lights**

Booth explained the details of the solar-powered pedestrian crosswalk lights needed for the Evergreen Road and Old Harrods Creek Road walking paths. Each crosswalk signal will be on a pole that contains a pushbutton to activate the signal, pedestrian crossing sign, antenna, solar panel, and LED flashing lights. The lights will flash for a short duration after the button is pushed. Batteries for the solar panels will need to be replaced every five to seven years at approximately \$500 for each set of batteries. Access to electricity is not available in the proposed signal locations. Hagan and Cook suggested eliminating the arrow signs shown on the proposed sketch and limiting the size of the pedestrian crossing sign to 36 inches, similar to a stop sign. O'Connell motioned to approve the purchase and installation of two sets of pedestrian crosswalk solar lights with conditions listed above. Hagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Cook noted that a program is being worked on to paint all sign poles and sign backs black throughout the City so their appearance will blend more easily with the surroundings.

### **FY2019 Budget – First Reading**

Hagan conducted the first reading of the FY2019 Budget ordinance.

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

Hagan conducted the first reading of the Ordinance repealing §35.06 ambulance district tax regarding the collection of tax.

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

Hagan conducted the first reading of the Ordinance declaring amnesty for attorneys' fees and miscellaneous costs associated with taxes due the City of Anchorage as of July 1, 2015 and any previous years. McGarvey stated that attorney fees were mostly incurred when the City was named a defendant in a foreclosure case.

### **Highway 146 Options**

Hagan reported that residents have complained about traffic along state road Highway 146 from Bellwood Road to Evergreen Road being so heavy they cannot exit their driveways during rush

hour. A meeting was held with a residents committee and two KY Transportation Cabinet (KTC) engineers who answered questions and also presented restriping options for three major Hwy 146 intersections: Glenbrook, Evergreen, and Bellewood roads. Options to alleviate traffic congestion are very limited: the speed limit cannot be reduced, speed humps cannot be installed, and the City of Anchorage cannot take over the road because of Kentucky state statutes and regulations about sharing a state road. Hayes stated that traffic increased to almost 8,000 vehicles per day. Council reviewed the KTC's proposed restriping and agreed with the restriping at Glenbrook Road and Bellewood Road but wanted to consider other options for the Evergreen Road intersection. Mayor agreed to notify KTC's representative, Kevin Bailey. Booth said the 5-way crossing at Bellewood Road was repaved four to five years ago so it will be a while before it gets paved again. Bailey indicated they will consider raising the road about two feet when they do repave to make it less of a blind crossing. Booth also explained that semitrucks are legally allowed to use a state road within five miles of a state highway, so Anchorage cannot restrict semitrucks from using the road. O'Connell offered to investigate changing the routing using Google Maps.

### **Flooding on Valley View Road**

Anchorage resident, Lyle Donan requested the City address flooding issues on Valley View Road. Donan stated that conventional repaving does not fix the drainage issues and that his home suffered damage in the last flood. Booth reminded City Council that residents are responsible for keeping culverts cleaned out and in good repair. Mayor Hewitt said a drainage study was done in 2004-2005 and the City will revisit the study with the city engineer. The Mayor noted the flooding issues date back to the 1980s when Winchester Acres just east of Anchorage, near the Gene Snyder Freeway and railroad tracks, was developed. Valley View was repaved approximately 15 years ago and engineers will make new recommendations to Booth for repaving it this year.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:06 p.m. Wetherton motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Cook seconded, and the motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m. Executive Session ended with no action being taken. O'Connell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hagan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

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Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk