

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

Monday, May 11, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Teleconference

Councilmembers in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Neil Ramsey, Jason Walters, Hunter Wilson, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, Deputy Mayor Cece Hagan, City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé 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 guest Judith Kennedy Zinner.

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

MINUTES

Wetherton motioned to approve the April 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Cook seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cook motioned to approve the April 20, 2020 special meeting minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Major is working diligently to obtain the refund due from AT&T for phone bill charges.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported that the last officer hired, Charles “Chuck” Mann, resigned on Friday, May 8, 2020 to take a position in the private sector that would better suit his personal needs. Effective Monday, May 18, 2020, Tom Cypert, who retired from the Anchorage Police Department in 2018, will rejoin the Department.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission is working outside the normal meeting procedures, as permitted by Executive Emergency Order, to approve Certificates of Appropriateness.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

The Forestry Board held their May meeting via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

Confirmation of Executive Order of Emergency

Wetherton motioned to confirm the extension of the Executive Order of Emergency Powers, which expired on April 30, 2020. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending OR – Office Residential Zoning Classification to Allow Artists and Crafts Studios as a Permitted Use – First Reading

Wetherton conducted the first reading of the ordinance amending OR – office residential zoning classification to allow artists and crafts studios as a permitted use.

Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget – First Reading

Wilson conducted the first reading of the ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Hewitt noted the budget is by department, and that the budget will be voted on at the June Council meeting. Any questions prior to the next meeting can be directed to City Administrator Reneé Major.

Surplus Inventory – 2012 Ford Taurus Police Vehicle

Ramsey motioned for a resolution declaring the 2012 Ford Taurus police vehicle as surplus inventory. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Whet Your Palette ABC License Application

Whet Your Palette applied for a Kentucky quota retail drink license and NQ4 retail malt beverage drink license. Major stated the City Council only needs to review and approve applications for Sunday alcohol sales, which is not on this application. However, there could be a concern with adjacent residential property owners. Whet Your Palette owner Judith Kennedy Zinner plans to serve alcoholic beverages, which will not be limited to only wine. She stated of the three adjoining neighbors, one is a rental, one is not concerned about her serving alcoholic beverages, and the other one has not been contacted. Walters asked if the business could be a bar or if she could sell alcohol through the drive-thru like the home paint kits. The owner said she intended to offer alcohol to coincide with in-studio activities. McGarvey said the property is zoned the same as the Village Anchor. No City Council vote is required. McGarvey asked if City ABC Officer Cooper Robertson recommended approval and the owner affirmed Robertson’s approval. Cook stated that alcoholic sales are an industry-wide standard model with art studios so she has no concerns.

Hazelwood Road Walking Path Bids

The City accepted bids for removing the old 2.5 ft.-wide walking path along Hazelwood Road and installing a new five-foot wide walking path. Wetherton motioned to accept the low bid, which was submitted by AEP Enterprises. Cook seconded the motion. Hewitt assured Wilson that the walking path was in a state of disrepair and the cost was included in the current budget. Cook pointed out that this contractor did quality work for the City on Evergreen Road across from City Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

New Speed Humps on Glenbrook Road

Two new speed humps were added to Glenbrook Road and the stop signs at Locust Lane intersection were removed. Wilson asked about the decision process in making these types of changes. The Mayor said the project has been under review for three years to evaluate ways to slow vehicles and or deter cut-through traffic. Wilson requested Council be notified prior to these types of changes in the future. McGarvey said a Cross Traffic Does Not Stop sign needs to be installed at the former location of the stop sign at Locust Lane. Hewitt said the Public Works Department will post that notice for approximately six months. Cook said, in general the new configuration is not liked, vehicles speed on Glenbrook Road where the stop signs were removed, and the speed humps are larger than normal. Cook would like Council to discuss speed humps in the future before installing them. Burkhead said the new speed humps are 4’ high and 6’ wide. He explained speed humps are typically 6’ or 8’ wide, and 3” high humps do not slow traffic. Burkhead said the speed humps were installed today and will soon be marked/painted. Burkhead cited the trend in other cities is to use 6’ wide speed humps and use indentations instead of above grade humps.

Wetherton motioned to enter executive session, Walters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. City Council entered executive session at 6:35 p.m. No action was taken. Wetherton motioned to end the executive session, Walters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Walters motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Delehanty and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk