

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

Monday, May 10, 2021

6:00 p.m.

(With a Zoom teleconference option for attending)

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, Hunter Wilson, and Bill Wetherton. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator René Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, City Engineer Greg Smith, and Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard. In-person guests were Jeremy and Catherine Rhoden. Zoom guests were Sara Ritchie and unidentified participants.

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

MINUTES

Revised minutes with changes highlighted in yellow were presented to City Council. Wilson motioned to approve the revised April 12, 2021 minutes. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Major noted that the cost of the Public Works mower was reclassified maintenance technical supplies to maintenance capital.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes said there will be an onsite visit June 6th as part of their accreditation review. The department participated in firearms training last week. He is working to fill a police officer position vacancy and expects to make a recommendation to the Mayor on May 11th. One resident at U-spiritus/Cornerstone was reported missing this month. That person was found and returned within an hour. Two new cameras have been installed at the 5-way intersection at Bellewood Road, Ridge Road, and Park Road.

Officer Marie Allen made and delivered tote bags for U-spiritus/Centerstone residents that are turning 18 years old and aging out of the system. Chief Hayes spoke with a foundation in Louisville that oversees programs like Shop with a Cop. They will meet next month to discuss collaborating on a continual tote bag program.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were no comments or questions about the March Historic Preservation Commission report.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard said the tree dedication ceremony for former Anchorage Police Officer and Public Works Director Erwin Booth was a success. Mayor Ramsey presented Booth with a gift and a brass plaque was placed by the redbud tree.

GUEST SPEAKER – GREG SMITH

Mayor Ramsey invited City Flood Safety Officer Greg Smith to speak before City Council about impervious surface regulations in light of the overwhelming number of variance requests received by the City over the past year. Smith explained that Anchorage is an MS4 Co-permittee with Louisville Metro Sewer District (MSD), and as such is responsible for regulating flooding and pollution issues. Anchorage relies on the 20% impervious surface limit and controlling adverse

impacts. Smith discussed green infrastructure found in the MSD Design Manual and his decision flowchart for reviewing drainage issues. McGarvey noted that the City had guidance from an engineer when writing the ordinance that made 20% the maximum for impervious surfaces. The ordinance passed in 1989, which corresponds to the City opting out of MSD billing for drainage based on street frontage. McGarvey confirmed for McMahon that applications for a variance get reviewed by the City Flood Safety Officer then are presented to the City Council. He said it is discretionary for Council to approve or deny based on the Flood Safety Officer's recommendations and mitigation. Wilson noted that overage requests are on a case-by-case basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Impervious Surface Variance Request – Crase, 12405 Mistletoe Road – Approved

At the April meeting, City Council appointed a subcommittee of Delehanty and McMahon to review the Crase's revised plans for a pool, decking, and covered patio. Based on Smith's recommendation and Crase's agreement to install a French drain, the subcommittee approved the Crase's variance request to be 2.7% (1,117.5 sq. ft.) over the limit.

Impervious Surface Variance Request – MacIntyre, 803 Linden Drive – Pending

The subcommittee of Delehanty and McMahon were also authorized, at the April meeting, to review and approve the MacIntyre's revised plans that were to include reduction of the pool decking to 4' around the pool, changing the walkway/ramp to pervious materials, and getting approval from Smith for installing a swale and French drains. The subcommittee met with the homeowners and Smith. Smith originally recommended approval with the reduced patio size. Delehanty will provide specifics of their approval to City Hall for the records.

Veterans Memorial – Kral Eagle Scout Project – Plan Finalized

The finalized Veterans Memorial plans were presented. James Kral was successful with his fundraising campaign and exceeded his fundraising goals. Kral hopes to break ground in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Setback Variance Request – Rhoden, 11605 Valley View Road, Barn Conversion

Mr. Rhoden presented plans for converting a barn into an entertainment area to coordinate with installation of a new swimming pool. The barn setback of 29'1" is grandfathered as an existing ancillary agricultural use. Conversion of the barn to residential use reclassifies the structure and requires a setback variance from the required 50' setback. Cook motioned to approve the setback variance. Delehanty seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bids for Road Project

Director of Public Works Gary Burkhead presented bids for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the 2021 road resurfacing project. Phase 1 includes Bellewood Road, Cave Springs Place North, Anchor Way, Captains Bridge Way, Lucas Lane, East Osage Road, Anchorage City Hall, Linden Drive, seven speed hump replacements, two speed hump removals, and three walking path repairs. Phase 2 includes Log Cabin Lane, Glenbrook Road, removal of two speed humps, and addition of one speed hump. Libs Paving offered the lowest bid for both phases. Wetherton motioned to approve Libs Paving for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the 2021 road resurfacing project. Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Cook asked the Public Works Department to make the speed hump on Osage Road more visible, especially during the day when tree shadows are cast across the road.

Resolution to approve BMS as HRA and FSA Administrator

McMahon motioned for a resolution to approve BMS, LLC as the Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) administrator for the FY2022. Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Declare as Surplus: 2007 Scag Mower

Wilson motioned to declare the Public Works 2007 Scag brand mower as surplus inventory. Wetherton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A sewer meeting for residents in the SE quadrant of the City will be held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at City Hall.

Spickard discussed the celebration to honor Mayor Thomas Hewitt that will be on June 13th.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk