

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

Monday, November 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Diane Cook, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, Jason Walters, and Hunter Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Thomas Hewitt, City Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, and Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MINUTES

Cook asked about the location of the grass pavers mentioned in the treasurer’s report. Burkhead said they were installed along Evergreen Road right-of-way across from Valley View Road. Cook asked for an update on expanding the school zone on Ridge Road. Mayor Hewitt and Major will research options, including state laws on locations for signs and flashing lights. Wilson motioned to approve the October 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Walters seconded the motion. Cook, Hagan, Walters, Wetherton, and Wilson approved the minutes. Ramsey arrived following the vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Major stated the insurance premium tax revenue is down compared to last year. Revenue amounts for this tax can be validated for the prior year but cannot be forecast accurately. Amounts are a result of insurance policies for property, liability, life, etc. for residents, employees, equine, etc. within Anchorage city limits, and may be affected by companies moving into or out of the City.

Major responded to Walters’ question by explaining the payment to Benefit Marketing Solutions funds the health reimbursement account for the City-provided high deductible health insurance.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes announced that the department will be audited by the FBI on November 18 and 19. They will review the department records and building security. He also reported that next year the department will apply and go through the process to obtain a five-year accreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. They have been awarded this accreditation in the past.

Hayes noted two thefts from vehicles in October, that included a phone from an unlocked car and a credit card from another vehicle. The stolen credit card was used locally to purchase gift cards.

Ramsey received comments and concerns from several residents about the flow of traffic at the 5-way stop in front of Anchorage School. McGarvey said the City checked into putting a stop light system at that intersection several years ago, but it was cost prohibitive.

Hayes explained that the four arrests included a reckless driver under the influence, an intoxicated person, and a warrant arrest.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Spickard said the Fall Canopy Campaign trees will be planted as soon as the ground is soft. This is expected to be done in November. She also announced the opening of the Betty Willets Memorial Library at City Hall, where residents can check out reference books about trees. The Forestry Board will gladly accept donations of books on the topic of trees for this library.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending Historic Preservation Guideline Changes, Approval Requirements, and Appeal Process – Second Reading

Hagan conducted the second reading of the ordinance amending sections 152.32, 152.50, and 152.61 of the code of ordinances of the City of Anchorage to clarify the approval process for changing guidelines for the Historic Preservation District, when a Certificate of Appropriateness is required for the alteration of an exterior part of a building or structure in the Historic District, and to resolve a conflict between the process for an appeal of a decision of the Commission that now exists within the code of ordinances. Hagan motioned to approve the ordinance, Ramsey seconded the motion, and all approved.

Resolution Requesting an Addition to the Permitted Uses for O-R Zoning

Hagan read and motioned to approve the resolution requesting the Metropolitan Planning Commission review and approve a new permitted use for the O-R Office/Residential District for the zoning code of the City of Anchorage for an arts and crafts studio and the incidental retail sale of goods produced at the studio. The permitted use will allow a maximum of 15 students on the premises at one time. Wilson seconded the motion and all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding between Anchorage Independent School District and the Anchorage Police Department

Anchorage Independent School Superintendent Kelley Ransdell explained the camera system at the school. A threat assessment of the school concluded that Anchorage Police should be provided access to the district video surveillance system for the safety of the staff, students, and police in the event of an emergency or after school security concern. Walters motioned to authorize

Anchorage Police Chief Dean Hayes to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Anchorage Independent School District and Anchorage Police Department. Cook seconded the motion and all approved.

Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign Metropolitan Sewer District Amended Interlocal Agreement

McGarvey reviewed and approved the MSD-City of Anchorage Amended Interlocal Agreement for signature. The agreement includes updated annual fees and reimbursable expenses incurred by MSD on behalf of the City of Anchorage. Hagan motioned to approve the resolution granting the Mayor approval to sign the agreement. Ramsey seconded, and all council members approved.

Real Estate Sign Variance for 12200 Ridge Road

The person requesting the sign variance was not in attendance.

Renewal of Helipad Permit – Evergreen Real Estate

Major stated the Evergreen Real Estate helipad permit ended on August 31, 2019. The helipad was used 15 times this year and 40 times the prior year. Ramsey motioned to approve the Evergreen Real Estate two-year permit application. Wilson seconded the motion and all approved.

Old Harrods Creek Road Culvert Update

Burkhead gave a slideshow presentation showing the conditions of the Old Harrods Creek Road culvert. An engineer reviewed the weight limit and recommended signs with the 36,000-pound weight limit be posted. Burkhead met with Republic Services to discuss the weight limits and routes for their trash and recycling trucks. Burkhead discussed the width of the road and guardrails. Cook recommended Corten-type guardrails that would complement the aesthetics of the nearby walking path bridge. Hewitt said the City will issue a request for proposal.

Major reminded the Council that the Turkey Trot will be held on November 28, 2019.

Ramsey asked about improving the steps leading up to Hobbs Chapel and who is responsible for fixing them. Cook added that it should be made handicap accessible. The steps also give people access to the cemetery, so the City is working to determine who is responsible. The Anchorage Garden Club rents the property for weddings. Major said the rental amount was determined by the City and stated in the rental agreement.

An executive session was not required. With no further business to discuss, Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Walters and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk