

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

Monday, October 14, 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, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the September 09, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion and all members approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Cook asked what projects were included in the payment to Rush Paving. Burkhead said it covered repaving around the new anchor monument and repair of short spans including part of Evergreen Road. Large repaving projects will commence in the spring. Ritchie noted the total for resurfacing/repair also includes reconfiguration of the Bellewood Road and Owl Creek Lane intersection, plus grassy pavers. Ramsey suggested adding arrows on the lanes of the new intersection. Burkhead said the City put up “do not enter” signs. Hewitt asked if the City can prohibit commercial vehicles on small streets. McGarvey stated it would have to be done by adopting an ordinance to designate such. It cannot be done by only posting signs. Cook and Burkhead will review the existing signs and make a recommendation if additional signs are needed.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported an increase in the number of citations and warnings issued due in part to the police department is fully staffed. Officers are patrolling the Glenbrook Road area in response to resident complaints. Cook said she is glad to see the police are ticketing those that need it, and said the police are doing a good job. She also recommended putting an article in the next newsletter to inform residents of the increase in ticketing. Wetherton asked about a black car with lights that had pulled over cars twice recently in Anchorage. Chief said Anchorage does not own black cars. It would have been Louisville Metro, who can patrol here, but usually don’t cover Anchorage.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Lucy Spickard thanked Jason Walters for representing City Council at the monthly forestry meetings. The 2020 Forestry calendars will be handed out at Anchorfest on Thursday, October 17th. Residents can pick up one free calendar, if they did not receive one at Anchorfest, or purchase additional calendars at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance Request Strickland at 905 Old Harrods Creek Road

Melody Masoud of AmLung Construction presented the request for a 7' side yard setback variance for an addition to 905 Old Harrods Creek Road. The homeowner wishes to add a master suite and convert a three-seasons room into an office. The variance is needed in order to align the master bath and bedroom, and will match the right-side setback of the existing house. Ramsey motioned to support the variance request. Hagan seconded the motion, and all members approved it.

Approval of Waiver of Anchorage ABC fee for Anchorfest, October 17, 2019

Ramsey motioned to approve waiving the Anchorage ABC fee for the 2019 Anchorfest celebration. Walters seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Approval of Waiver of Anchorage ABC fee for Harvest for Hope Farm to Table Dinner on October 18, 2019

Hagan motioned to approve waiving the Anchorage ABC fee for the 2019 Harvest for Hope Farm to Table Dinner. Wilson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Hagan conducted the first 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. McGarvey said the change will make the Historic Preservation appellate process agree with the City's appeals ordinance. Historic Preservation appeals will come to Anchorage City Council as provided by City of Anchorage Code of Ordinances Section 32.60. Hagan asked if there is a time limit for appeals. McGarvey said an appeal must be filed within 14 days per Section 32.60. McGarvey confirmed for Ramsey that section 152.50 is intended to apply only to the portion of a structure that can be seen from a public street.

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

A 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 schools, including for-profit, teaching arts and crafts and the incidental retail sale of goods produced at the school. McGarvey said current O-R code is clear that for-profit schools are not a permitted use. The resolution proposes a limit of 15 students on the premises at any one time. Hagan and Walters expressed concern that the limit of 15 students may be too restrictive. Hagan noted the ordinance wording should allow only arts and crafts schools, and not all types of for-profit schools that happen to have an arts and crafts class on the curriculum. Cook motioned to approve a resolution to add for-profit arts and crafts schools as a permitted use in O-R Anchorage zoning code, and to delegate final wording of the resolution to a committee of Hagan, McGarvey, and Anchorage Zoning Officer Paul Bergmann. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Anchorage Public School Representative Wendell Harris, said the school wanted to know if there are plans to reroute Highway 146 due to the expected loss of crossing guards. Cook stated the City of Anchorage cannot make changes to the highway because it is controlled by the state. Hewitt explained there is a possibility that the school zone could be expanded to Maple Lane. He also noted that there are currently very few school signs.

Harris also announced the completion of the school's library renovation and invited everyone to the reopening celebration on October 22, 2019.

Cook provided information about deer management programs from other cities. Anchorage is currently conducting a coyote and deer population count.

Julie Schildt asked if the City hired an engineer to review St. Luke's Episcopal Church's impervious surface variance request. Hewitt said an engineer has been hired. City Council will not vote on the variance request until the engineer's report has been reviewed and the City is comfortable that any questions about the report have been answered.

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 6:41 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk