

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

**Monday, September 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.
via (ZOOM) Teleconference**

Council members in attendance were Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Jason Walters, Hunter Wilson, and Bill Wetherton. Diane Cook did not attend. Also, in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick, Anchorage Forestry Board Chairperson Lucy Spickard, and guests Jerry Kral, James Kral, Ed Wyler, DFH, and Zoom participant at 502.554.6143.

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

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the August 10, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes and August 31, 2020 City Council special meeting minutes. Walters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were no questions or comments on the treasurer's report.

POLICE REPORT

Two individuals were reported missing from the U-spiritus Campus in Anchorage. Both were found and returned. The police department is now fully staffed with ten officers. Three new police vehicles have been delivered and assigned to officers based on seniority.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The August meeting was very busy. The application for replacing a clay tile roof on a residence was approved with the condition that materials shall be clay tiles, not synthetic materials. Permission was given for new tiles to be longer than the existing tiles based on materials currently available on the market.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

The 2020 Fall Canopy Tree Campaign is underway. The order form and an article were placed in

the October *Anchor Age Newsletter*. A Reach Alert will be sent announcing a one-week extension for placing orders.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project

James Kral of Scout Troop 110 presented his Eagle Scout project for creating a place to honor veterans and the armed services. His plans include three flags poles surrounded by pavers and three tiles, one for each branch of service. Ramsey said the location is open for discussion and suggested in front of the police station. Delehanty asked about the cost and how funds will be raised. James said the projected cost is \$10,000, and he will send handwritten letters to family, friends, and other eagle scouts. If funds are still short, he will look for new ways to raise money, which may include asking City Council for a donation. Wilson asked who will be overseeing the project. James and a contractor will oversee the project. Ramsey gave the following guidelines: Kral will need to show Council proof of funds and have a plan scheduled with a professional to complete the job, and Council will work with Major and Burkhead to find a proper location. Wilson said Kral needs to raise an additional 20% for overage costs. Wetherton stated the project will need Historic Preservation Commission approval. Per McGarvey, a vote is needed since the project will be using City property. Spickard asked for the Forestry Board to have input on the project. Cook, Major, and Burkhead will work on the project location. Council will entertain a motion to approve the project following the fundraising stage of the project.

Impervious Surface Variance – Oreskovich, 11308 Owl Creek Lane

Oreskovich proposes to construct a new patio using pervious pavers and removing some existing impervious surface to offset a new grill and fireplace. A variance is needed because the property was already over the impervious surface limit when the home was purchased. Wilson motioned to approve the variance. Delehanty seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding with Louisville Metro Regarding Zoning

Major explained that the Council needs to approve by resolution to allow the Mayor to sign the Memorandum drafted by zoning attorney Paul Whitty. McGarvey, Edwards, and/or Whitty will represent the City at the Louisville Metro Planning and Design hearing. Wilson motioned to approve the zoning changes and the resolution to allow Ramsey to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Louisville Metro regarding the proposed zoning changes. Delehanty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Status of Utility Marking Fee – Geotechnical Testing for Possible Sewers

Wilson explained marking utilities and geotechnical testing are necessary steps for evaluating construction costs of extending sewers in the southeast quadrant of the City, east of Evergreen

Road and south of the railroad tracks. Ramsey noted this is one of the most problematic areas in Anchorage. McGarvey said MSD is not pressuring Anchorage to install sewers. Major stated that the City received several calls from residents inquiring about the sewer extension. Major said costs include an MSD application fee and tap fee, and a portion of the construction cost to the City of Anchorage, plus plumber costs. Major stated the City recovers a good portion, but not the full cost of the construction. The expense to mark utilities for the geotechnical testing is \$9,700, after a discount if paid timely, which Ramsey said he will approve. A vote by City Council is not required.

Approval of Waiver of Anchorage ABC Fee for Harvest for Hope Farm to Table Dinner on October 16, 2020 and Silent Auction

Walters made a motion to waive the Anchorage ABC fee for U-spiritus' Harvest for Hope farm-to-table dinner on October 16, 2020 and silent auction. Wetherton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Surrey Lane Survey Results and Resident Meeting Date

Robin Nyland and Doug Wagner on Surrey Lane said the new houses constructed on the street are raised which cause water to flow to the road. Wagner said 805 Surrey Lane has three sump pumps that direct water toward the front yard. In addition to drainage issues, he said if the road is paved it will need speed humps. Nyland is in favor of keeping Surrey Lane as a gravel road. Ramsey announced, there will be a neighborhood meeting to discuss paving the road before any decision is made. Nyland reported that the number of vehicles using Surrey Lane has increased, and said speed humps will only slow traffic, not reduce the numbers. According to the traffic counts, Ramsey and Burkhead expect the numbers to go down when English Station Road is fixed, which should take one to one-and-a-half years. Burkhead said the City spends \$100 to \$150 on gravel per month for Surrey Lane. To reduce this cost, a contractor was used to "turn over" and grade the road this year to minimize potholes and wear-and-tear.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded and all voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk