

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

**Monday, August 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Karin Tyrer, Bill Wetherton, and Hunter Wilson. Also in attendance were Mayor Neil Ramsey, City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Anchorage Flood Safety Officer Greg Smith, Forestry Board Chairperson Jan Ruzich, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, and Office Manager/Clerk Angie Chick. Guests included Anchorage Independent School District Superintendent Karin Solise, Family Court Judge candidate Claudette Patton, Alex Brumfield, Andrew Kramer, Chris Boone, Vic Topper, Jason and Renae May, Hannah Barnes, Beth and Bob Rusch, Keith Myrick, and others.

The new Anchorage Independent School District Superintendent, Karin Solise, and Family Court Judge candidate Claudette Patton were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to City Council and residents. Andrew Kramer along with Alex Brumfield announced Andrew's Patriotic Services business that manages flags to ensure they are positioned correctly, i.e., comply with half-staff orders, and are in good condition.

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

MINUTES

Wilson motioned to approve the July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tyrer asked if large expenses are in line with previous year expenses. Major and Melton noted that the MSD expenses are approximately six to seven percent higher.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes announced that two police officers were hired to replace two officers that left for other opportunities. The first officer started work last week and the other started about an hour before this council meeting.

The new police vehicle ordered last August has been delayed several times and is projected to be ready August 18, 2023.

The suspect from a recent domestic violence incident was released from the hospital to Louisville Metro Corrections last Friday.

Chief Hayes discussed the lower number of citations written for the month.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Historic Preservation Chairman Bill Wetherton reported that all but one application was approved at the last meeting, and the disapproved one is coming back with updated plans.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Ruzich said Forestry Board members just started the annual hazardous tree inspections in City rights-of-way. She announced the canopy campaign will be held in September.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tennis Court Fence Variance – Myrick, 2631 Bushwood Road

Mr. Keith Myrick presented plans for a tennis court surrounded by fencing up to ten-feet tall at the short ends and four feet along the long sides. The court is located on the Nutwood Road side of his property, which is the front yard as defined by zoning code, and his home faces Bushwood Road. Zoning Officer Paul Bergmann supported the request for a 6' variance from the front-yard maximum fence height of four feet. Cook asked for letters from the neighbors stating that they approve of the fencing. Wilson motioned to support the variance request when it is presented to Louisville Board of Zoning Adjustments (BOZA) with the requirement that Mr. Myrick obtain letters of approval from neighbors and submit them to Anchorage. McMahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tennis Court Fence Variance – Topper, 2106 Homewood Drive

Mr. Vic Topper presented plans for a tennis court surrounded by fencing up to 10-feet tall around each end and tapering lower on each side. The tennis court is located in the rear yard, which has a maximum fence height of seven feet. Mr. Topper asked for a three-foot fence height variance, which Anchorage Zoning Officer Paul Bergmann supports. The Woods Homeowners' Association also supported the plans. Wilson made a motion to support the variance when it is presented to BOZA with the requirement that a letter of approval from neighbors be submitted to Anchorage. Delehanty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment Traffic Code – First Reading

The first reading of the ordinance to amend the traffic code was postponed to the next Council meeting.

Owl Creek Country Club Concerns

Jason and Renae May spoke to City Council on behalf of the Creel Lodge Homeowners' Association about flooding and lighting concerns regarding Owl Creek Country Club's recent and planned renovations and expansions. They presented photos of recent flooding, drainage issues, and the new tennis court lights. Vic Topper, a Club Board member, informed Council that Louisville Metro requires MSD approval, and the Club is working on drainage plans with MSD that might include underground stormwater retention. Neighbors of Owl Creek Country Club (OCCC) want to reduce light trespassing (light emitted by a luminaire that shines beyond the boundaries of the property on which the luminaire is located) from the new tennis court lights, and proposed lighting for new pickle ball courts and other renovations and additions. Current Anchorage regulations do not limit the time that lights can be on. Ramsey asked Topper to discuss volunteer time limits for lighting with the Owl Creek Country Club Board. The requirement for planting replacement trees for removed trees and noise from pickleball courts were also discussed. Ramsey said any regulation changes would be citywide, not just ones that apply to OCCC. The Mayor and City Council agreed that the City would not issue building permits to OCCC until lighting and drainage/runoff mitigation had been addressed.

Owl Creek Lane Bridge at Maple Lane Repair

Burkhead explained the condition of the bridges at Owl Creek Lane and Maple Lane, and said the Owl Creek Lane bridge is the first priority for making repairs. There was discussion about options, including inserting a sleeve, spot repairs, and complete bridge replacement. Burkhead presented quotes for repairing the Owl Creek Lane bridge and recommended approving the quote from Hall Paving. Wilson motioned to approve the Hall Paving quote to repair the Owl Creek Lane bridge. McMahan seconded the motion. Delehanty, McMahan, Wilson, and Wetherton voted in favor of the motion. Cook voted to support the motion if the City obtains estimates (not bids) in the next three to four months for full bridge replacement. Public Works will obtain full bridge replacement estimates. Tyrer opposed the motion to repair, saying she would support full replacement of the bridge. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Coffee with the Mayor event will be held at 8:30 a.m., August 15 in the barn at 906 Evergreen Road.

A residents meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., August 21 at City Hall to discuss installation of sewers in the southeast quadrant of Anchorage. Mayor Ramsey asked for City Council's opinion on the level of resident support needed for the City to move forward with the sewer project. After discussion, Council agreed that the City should get support from 51% of the residents in that quadrant.

McGarvey announced that the litigation with Sprint was dismissed, and Sprint sent a check to Anchorage for the settlement.

Cook requested a change to the Historic Preservation ordinance regarding the timing for meeting notices to be mailed to neighbors of applicants on meeting agendas. Cook suggested the notices be mailed ten days prior to the Historic Preservation meeting to allow additional time for notices to reach neighbors and for them to plan to attend meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Wetherton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Delehanty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2023 YTD TOTAL	2022 YTD TOTALS
ACCIDENTS	4	0	0	3	1	5	1						14	12
ALARMS	8	11	18	15	26	12	14						104	85
AMBULANCE/FIRE RUINS	12	5	20	11	16	7	12						83	45
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2	0	0	0	2	0	0						4	5
APS (SCHOOL SECURITY)	41	25	25	27	31	1	0						150	193
RESID/BUSINESS CHECKS	4886	5022	6139	5263	4508	5083	5346						36247	33993
MISSING PERSON	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1	2
CITATIONS & WARNINGS	97	203	343	229	278	229	111						1490	1345
UNIFORM OFFENSE REPORTS	3	3	8	2	2	8	2						28	21
ARRESTS	1	0	5	1	2	0	2						11	17
TRUCK STOPS	0	0	2	0	0	1	1						4	9
OPEN DOORS	7	4	9	4	1	1	1						27	17
CRIME PREVENTION	65	64	75	74	67	51	37						433	458
TOTAL	5126	5337	6644	5629	4934	5399	5527	0	0	0	0	0	38596	36202

Alarms-- Fire/Burglar
 Ambulance/Fire Ruins-- assist EMS on call
 Assist other agency--Backup Metro, Middletown, EMS on call for service
 AFS (School Security)-- officer walk thru, morning drop off security at 2 locations, events at school
 Missing person- person reported as missing and entered NCIC
 Uniform Offense Reports- calls that resulted in a criminal case opened
 Truck Stops- Commercial vehicles stopped in violation of KRS or Ordinance.
 Open Doors- discovered during Residential/Business/School checks
 Crime prevention- vehicles checked for valuables, excess mail in box, church security on Sundays etc.

Reports

23-002724 07/01/2023 Anchorage Woods Cir Burglary 2*
 23-002779 07/05/2023 Hwy 146 / Magnolia Property Damage