

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

**Monday, May 06, 2024  
8:00 a.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 Attorney John McGarvey, City Administrator Reneé Major, and Office Manager/Clerk Angie Chick. Guests included Jill Smith, John Talbott, Tim Delong, Joe Reeve, Whitney Cook, Ryan Jordan, Andrew Archibald, Renae May, Matt Jorgensen, and John Matter.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of amending the proposed terms of conditional use permit (C.U.P.) for Owl Creek Country Club and action thereon.**

Diane Cook and Reneé Major will be attending the Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustments (BOZA) meeting today at 1:00 p.m. to present Anchorage recommendations for conditions on the Owl Creek Country Club (OCCC/the club) CUP. City Council reviewed the five conditions approved at the April 8th Council meeting. Delehanty and Wilson were absent from that meeting. The special meeting was called to obtain additional input from all council members and address concerns of council members Wilson and Delehanty who missed the meeting and the vote approving CUP recommendations. Wilson motioned to amend the hours of operation (all days of the week) for the pickleball court to close at 10:00 p.m. during the summer and 9:00 p.m. during the winter, and for the tennis courts to close at 11:00 p.m. during the summer and 11:00 p.m. during the winter. There was no second to this motion.

McMahon motioned to modify and extend recommended seasonal closing hours: for all days of the week at 9:00 p.m. in the winter and 10:00 p.m. in the summer for the pickleball courts and 10:00 p.m. in the winter and 11:00 p.m. in the summer for the tennis courts. Wilson seconded the motion. Cook expressed concern that children going to school will be exposed to sounds from the courts every waking hour and that sound buffers only block some of the sound. She stated closing the courts one hour earlier is a minor concession for the neighbors, and extended hours could be made for tennis tournaments and holidays. Cook is also a resident on Creel Lodge Drive. Delehanty, McMahon, Wetherton, and Wilson are all members of OCCC. Cook and Tyrer were members in the past. Reeves stated OCCC would rather have finite hours to give members than ones that are extended for inter-club events, which are held 3 to 4 nights per week. Cook discussed the more limited court hours of metro area Country Clubs, and reports of some clubs imposing

member fines for court hour violations. Cook expressed concern for up to four pickleball games being played (two on the pickleball courts and two on the mixed use court). Reeves confirmed that no pickleball play will be on the youth multi-sports courts.

Talbott said a neighbor/residents compromise operating hours proposal sent Friday morning to Club President Andrew Archibald had not been shared with him. Talbott said, the club voluntarily provided the plans to obtaining a C.U.P. and held two public meetings when only one was required. Talbott said the landscape buffer cannot be placed in the parking lot so the club agreed to install sound baffles. Renae May said discussion of the hours is needed because there would be 98 hours of pickleball activity permitted per week and the sound can be heard inside neighboring homes. The sound affects the way residents can live and enjoy their homes and outdoor space. In her opinion, this could also affect property values and is a national debate. She said this is a small club located in a residential neighborhood and requested no pickleball court activity after 9:00 p.m.

Cook confirmed to Talbott she appreciated his offer on their phone call last Thursday, to include language for future phases of the club's development plan lighting to meet Metro land development code guidelines in order to help minimize impact of more outdoor lighting. John Matter, an OCCC tennis committee member, suggested the C.U.P. conditions not be overly restrictive because the club can come back to Anchorage for local regulation in a year if there is a problem, but changing a C.U.P. is more difficult and costly. Cook stated the C.U.P. restrictions are the only legally enforceable restrictions. Delehanty confirmed OCCC is closed on Mondays but the courts are still open for play. Lights will have an automatic shut off and cannot be turned on past the cutoff time.

Ramsey recapped that McMahon's motion was for pickleball and kid's court and multi-use court to close at 10:00 p.m. in the summer and 9:00 p.m. in the winter; and tennis courts to close at 11:00 p.m. during the summer and 10:00 p.m. in the winter all days of the week. Delehanty, McMahon, Wetherton, and Wilson voted in favor of the motion. Cook and Tyrer voted against the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four approving and two against.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wetherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

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Neil Ramsey, Mayor

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Reneé M. Major, City Clerk