

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

**Monday, June 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Members present were Mayor Neil Ramsey, Diane Cook, Matt Delehanty, Patrick McMahon, Karin Tyrer, and Bill Wetherton. Council Member Hunter Wilson was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney John McGarvey, Assistant City Attorney Richard Edwards, City Administrator Reneé Major, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Public Works Director Gary Burkhead, Deputy Treasurer Alison Melton, and Office Manager/Clerk Angie Chick. Guests included Donnie Kurian, Bill Wilkinson, Sara Tyler, Karen Solise, and Debbie Lichtenfels.

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

MINUTES

McMahon motioned to approve the May 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Delehanty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Melton explained that checks payable to residents were tax refunds for overpayments. Cook pointed out that pension expenses were lower. Major stated pension rates have decreased but will verify the trend.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hayes reported that during a recent storm, a police vehicle was damaged when a tree fell on it and the police department network computer was damaged. The new police vehicle ordered in January was made last week. Hayes will find out next week if the Kentucky Homeland Security Grant for new tasers was approved. Seventeen golf carts were inspected by a Jefferson County Sheriff and got permits to drive on Anchorage streets at the recent golf cart inspection day held at the police station. The increase in arrests was due to stopping drivers that had warrants for their arrest. Graffiti was recently discovered underneath the Old Harrods Creek Bridge. Public Works has already painted over it.

Ramsey stated that the FY2024-2025 budget included the cost to remodel the interior police station kitchen and office/common areas. He also stated that the budget may need to be amended due to possible police wage rate adjustments. Hayes will provide comparable salary data to consider adjusting pay rates to be competitive with other local departments.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton gave a summary of the May meeting. He noted that an appeal of Historic Preservation Commission's decision regarding Kurian's garage doors is being appealed to City Council, and it will be discussed under new business.

FORESTRY BOARD REPORT

Major said the Forestry Board is considering a revision to the fall tree canopy campaign to allow trees to be planted beyond the rights of way on residents' properties. Trees will be made available at wholesale price and planted professionally without any cost to the City.

OLD BUSINESS

FY2025 (07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025) Budget Ordinance – Second Reading

Cook conducted the second reading of the FY2025 Budget Ordinance for adopting the City of Anchorage, Kentucky annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government. Tyrer motioned to approve the FY2025 Budget Ordinance as read. McMahon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Declaration of Emergency for May 26, 2024 Storm

Ramsey informed City Council that he declared a state of emergency following the May 26, 2024 storm that caused substantial tree damage in the City. Approximately \$60,000 was spent on extra resources and clearing trees from blocked roads. Ramsey declared that as of today, June 10, 2024, the City of Anchorage was no longer in a state of emergency.

Appeal of AHPC Garage Door(s) Decision for 802 Evergreen Road – Kurian

Property owner Donnie Kurian sought Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) approval for construction of a new home at 802 Evergreen Road beginning in February 2024. AHPC final approval was conditional on the use of overlay garage doors. There was one single and one double garage door side-facing and one single garage door front-facing. Kurian appealed the requirement to use overlay doors. Instead, he wanted to use stamped garage doors. There was discussion about the AHPC approval process, cost and appearance of each style door, options for street-facing and side-facing garage doors, and AHPC guidelines. Several motions were made without the required second motion. Ramsey stated that without a motion, second, and favorable vote to grant the appeal, the appeal was denied by default.

Resolution of Approval of BMS Annual Management Contract – Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Flexible Spending Account.

McMahon motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Benefits Marketing Solutions (BMS), LLC to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by BMS, LLC to

facilitate and administer the Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) and Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) for FY2025. Tyrer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Old Harrods Creek Road Walking Path Bid

Ramsey said no bids were received for the Old Harrods Creek walking path project. Discussion followed about limited space granted in the easements, utilities, terrain, etc. McGarvey stated that based on ADA definitions at the time of construction, these paths appeared to be ADA compliant. Ramsey stated that the path could not be revised to be completely ADA compliant. City Council agreed that the City should object to mandated path reconstruction and instead reply by legal correspondence. Ramsey asked McGarvey and or Edwards to draft a reply letter for his review and signature.

Amendment to Sign Ordinance Discussion

McGarvey asked for the council's input on updating the Anchorage sign ordinance. Tyrer will work with McGarvey on drafting an ordinance that will include the council's suggestions and be presented at a future council meeting.

School Resource Officer Status

Major asked Hayes about the status of the School Resource Officer (SRO) position at Anchorage Public School (APS) if the current SRO, who is off duty due to a workers compensation claim, cannot return when school starts. Hayes stated he was waiting for a written reply from APS regarding the status. Anchorage Police Department would have to fill that position with another SRO if the current officer was not fit for duty.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 14 – Anchorage City Hall, Police Department, and Public Works parking lots will be sealed

June 17 – Drainage and Road Paving Project will begin

June 30 - Tax Payment Deadline (Friday, the 28th is last business day of June)

July 3 - July 4th Fireworks at Owl Creek Country Club

July 4 - July 4th Parade and Picnic and City Hall/Public Works Closed

Week of July 4 – Republic Services trash/recycling/yard waste - One-day Delay

ADJOURNMENT

Delehanty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Neil Ramsey, Mayor

Reneé M. Major, City Clerk

**ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2024 Monthly Activity Report**

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2024 YTD TOTAL	2023 YTD TOTALS
ACCIDENTS	0	2	3	3	1								9	8
ALARMS	21	15	24	24	28								112	78
AMBULANCE/ FIRE RUNS	10	7	10	10	14								51	64
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	0	1	2	3	2								8	4
APS (SCHOOL SECURITY)	30	30	52	28	37								177	41
RESID/BUSINESS CHECKS	5667	5501	7373	5992	5156								29689	45083
MISSING PERSON	1	0	1	0	1								3	0
CITATIONS & WARNINGS	330	366	263	235	331								1525	1150
UNIFORM OFFENSE REPORTS	3	4	2	4	2								15	17
ARRESTS	0	0	0	1	3								4	9
TRUCK STOPS	0	0	0	0	0								0	2
OPEN DOORS	2	1	3	5	6								17	11
CRIME PREVENTION	39	59	65	69	70								302	25
TOTAL	6103	5986	7798	6374	5651	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31912	46492

Alarms-- Fire/Burglar

Ambulance/Fire Runs-- assist EMS on call

Assist other agency--Backup Metro, Middletown, EMS on call for service

APS (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.

24-002270 5/18/2024 TBUT or Disp Auto \$10,000-\$1,000,000.00

24-002425 5/20/2024 Property Damage