



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Wenatchee City Hall
129 South Chelan
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Ruth Esparza
Councilmember Lyle Markhart
Councilmember Keith Huffaker
Councilmember Linda Herald
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
Deputy Clerk Maria Holman
IS Support Tim McCord
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Accountant Deanne McDaniel
Human Resources Director Kari Page
Quality Control Technician Julie McWiggins
City Engineer Gary Owen
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Development Review Engineer Donald Nelson
Planning Manager Glen DeVries
Economic Development Director Steve King

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Mark Kulaas was noted for the record. Councilmember Lyle Markhart was expected to arrive late.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.

**Motion to approve the consent items by Councilmember Keith Huffaker.
Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

Councilmember Lyle Markhart arrived to the meeting.

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Jim Snyder, 34 Jennings Street, Wenatchee, asked the Council to revisit the sign ordinance for Wenatchee and with his concerns of North Wenatchee Avenue being a mess with signage.

Chris Wilder and Liz Wilder, 314 South Western Avenue, Wenatchee, spoke about traffic concerns at Castlerock and Western (and provided an email previously sent).

Doug Miller, 924 Millerdale Heights, Wenatchee, complimented the streets crews for their good work with keeping up on the snowplowing and maintenance, and commented on the agreement with the Fire District, suggesting a review of the agreement annually to ensure that things keep moving in a positive direction.

4. Presentations.

- Civil Rights & Social Justice Award Nominees.

Carrie Moody, Jameson O'Neal, Emily Gale and Ashley Olson presented the nominees for the Civil Rights & Social Justice Awards. Certificates were provided to the nominees who were in attendance.

5. Action Items.

A. AFSCME Contract

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and AFSCME, Local 846 for January 01, 2017 through December 31, 2020.

Human Resources Director Kari Page and AFSCME President Julie McWiggins presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Appointments

Resolution No. 2017-01, appointing a member to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission (Lisa Adan).

Resolution No. 2017-02, appointing a member to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission (Sara Urdahl).

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Lincoln Park Shelter Project

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard project agreement with Pacific Engineering for engineering and construction management for the Lincoln Park Shelter Project.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Signing Authority on WSDOT Federal Grant Reports and Payment Vouchers

Resolution No. 2017-03, delegating the authority to the City Engineer or the City Public Works Director to sign annual and final fiscal reports or vouchers requesting payment pursuant to federal grant programs.

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for 2017

Resolution No. 2017-04, appointing Keith Huffaker as the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2017.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0; Huffaker abstain).

F. Appointment of Diversity Advisory Council Members

Resolution No. 2017-05, appointing R. Jaime Ramirez and Vanessa Gutierrez to the Diversity Advisory Council for three (3) year terms.

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- G. Western Avenue Safety Improvements Project #1301 Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Motion for City Council to award the contract for the construction of the Western Avenue Safety Improvements, Project 1301, to Bianchi Construction, in the amount of \$801,814.16 and authorize the Mayor to approve the construction contract.

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- H. Amendment to Sewer Comprehensive Plan Update Contract for Sewer Fee Analysis

Motion for City Council to approve the amendment to the contract with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for the Sewer Comprehensive Plan Update, Project 1608, and authorize the Mayor's signature.

Public Works Director Matt Leonard presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- I. Historic Preservation Board Re-appointments (Jon Campbell and Bob Culp)

Resolution No. 2017-07, designating the re-appointing of two voting representatives to the Wenatchee Historic Preservation Board for three-year terms ending December 31, 2019.

Associate Planner Kirsten Larsen presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- J. Setting of Public Hearing for Multi-Family Tax Exemption Boundary.

Resolution No. 2017-06, Staff is requesting the City Council set a Public Hearing date of February 9, 2017 for consideration of expanding the Residential Target Area associated with the City's current Multi-family Tax Exemption (MFTE) program.

Associate Planner John Ajax presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

K. BSP 15-03 Verification of Compliance

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the final mylar for BSP-15-03.

Planning Manager Glen DeVries and Development Review Engineer Donald Nelson presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

L. BSP 16-01 Verification of Compliance

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the final mylar for BSP-16-01.

Planning Manager Glen DeVries and Development Review Engineer Donald Nelson presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

M. Fire Protection Contract with Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for fire protection services between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County Fire Protection District #1.

Accountant Deanne McDaniel presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

- Our Valley Our Future has requested a joint meeting of the East Wenatchee and Wenatchee City Council. It will be scheduled February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in East Wenatchee (special meeting notice to go out).
- A cultural trip is planned for Guadalajara and Aguascalientes Mexico on January 28. Led by Ruth Esparza, the following will also attend: Mayor Frank Kuntz, Steve King, Mike Poirier, Alan Walker, Linda Haglund and Rufus Woods.

- Consultant work is underway for North Wenatchee Avenue.
- The Housing Stimulus Bill is being considered by the legislature, thanks to the good work of Steve King.
- Matt Leonard is prepping for a sewer meeting.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- Council reviewed and updated their Council Committee Assignments for 2017
- Lyle Markhart reported that there is a new director for the NCW EDD and reminded everyone of the upcoming Wine Gala at the Museum

7. Announcements. None.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk