



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 26, 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 (via phone)
Councilmember Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Tim McCord
Accountant Deanne McDaniel
Community & Economic Development Director Steve King
Senior Planner John Ajax
Police Chief Steve Crown
Associate Planner Matt Parsons
Senior Engineer – Utilities Jeremy Hoover
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
Planning Manager Glen DeVries

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session.

4:30 p.m. Executive Session

Executive session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease of purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Motion to convene in executive session for a time period not to exceed 45 minutes with legal counsel present by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0). Councilmembers Ruth Esparza and Keith Huffaker were absent.

Councilmember Ruth Esparza arrived at 4:32 p.m. and joined the executive session.

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:02 p.m.

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Lyle Markhart led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone conference.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, and add an additional item under the consent agenda authorizing the Mayor's signature on a separation and release agreement, approving the vouchers and minutes from previous meetings.
- Resolution No. 2017-08, confirming the mayoral appointment of Brad Posenjak to the position of Finance Director/City Treasurer.
- Resolution No. 2017-09, designating voting representatives on behalf of the City to various community boards, councils and organizations.
- Resolution No. 2017-14, authorizing the Mayor, Finance Director and Accountant to submit bids and to sign documents to purchase the property at 301 Yakima Street, Wenatchee, Washington.
- Motion to approve the Mayor's signature on a separation and release agreement.

Motion to approve the consent items by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Family and friends of missing person Rudy Martinez Hernandez asked the Mayor and City Council to help local law enforcement agencies with finding her son who has been missing since November 2016. The Mayor said he will ask our Police Chief to contact Sheriff Burnett to see what they can do to assist with the case.

Dori Foster, new CEO of the local YMCA, introduced herself to the Council and said she looked forward to serving the community.

Members of the Bethlehem Striking Coalition for Justice spoke to raise their concerns to the public about their current labor dispute with Bethlehem Construction.

4. Presentations.

- Town Toyota Center Annual Report – Mark Miller, General Manager of the Town Toyota Center presented his annual report to the Council. Jeremy Anders and Jennifer Bushong were also present. Highlights of the report included reporting on the economic impact to the region, the success of the Public Facilities District sales tax, upcoming events, and successes of the arena.

5. Action Items.

A. Moratorium – Small Cell Wireless Communication Facilities

Ordinance No. 2017-02, adopting a six (6) month moratorium within the City of Wenatchee on the establishment, siting, location, permitting, or licensing of microcell, minor facilities and/or small cell facilities, as defined by RCW 80.36.375 or the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, located in the public right of ways

Senior Planner John Ajax presented the staff report. An updated Ordinance was provided to the Council. Council asked questions.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Amendment to Wenatchee City Code regarding the penalty for unlawful hunting within City limits

Ordinance No. 2017-03, amending Wenatchee City Code 6A.10.080 related to the penalty for unlawful hunting within the City limits

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant provided additional clarification.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Setting time for public hearing on petition for annexation (Grace City Church)

Resolution No. 2017-10, fixing time for public hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area north of Melody Lane and west of the Hutchinson's Subdivision known as the Grace City Church Annexation Area

Associate Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

The Mayor called for a short recess at 5:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:58 p.m.

D. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointment (Linda Haglund)

Resolution No. 2017-11, appointing a member to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy for a term ending December 31, 2017 (Linda Haglund)

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0; Herald recuse).

E. Diversity Advisory Committee Appointment (Paula Arno Martinez)

Resolution No. 2017-12, appointing a member to the Diversity Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term (Paula Arno Martinez)

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. West Springwater Avenue Sewer Extension Project #1612 Final Acceptance

Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Hurst Construction, LLC, on the West Springwater Avenue Sewer Extension Project #1612, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee

Senior Engineer of Utilities Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Convention Center Improvements Project #1413 Final Acceptance

Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor McKinstry Essention, LLC, for the Convention Center Upgrades Project #1413 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee

Public Works Director Matt Leonard presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

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

6. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

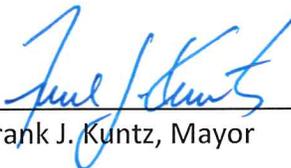
- The Mayor reported on Chelan County's proposed Flood Control Zoning District plan and that staff has some concerns with the language in the plan and will comment during the official comment period. Public Works Director Matt Leonard and Planning Manager Glen DeVries spoke about some of the highlights of the plan and their concerns.
- The downtown parking study presentation is scheduled for the February 9 meeting.
- The Sewer Comprehensive Plan is coming to Council on February 9.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- Linda Herald will be absent on February 9.
- Jim Bailey will participate in the February 9 phone call via phone as he will be attending an RMSA meeting in Olympia that day.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk