



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Wenatchee City Hall  
129 South Chelan  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

### MINUTES

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**In attendance:**

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

**Staff in attendance:**

Executive Services Director Allison Williams  
City Attorney Steve Smith  
City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
IS Support Tim McCord  
Public Works Director Matt Leonard  
Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw  
Senior Engineer – Utilities Jeremy Hoover  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Accountant Deanne McDaniel  
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson  
Associate Planner Matt Parsons  
Senior Planner John Ajax  
Community & Economic Development Director Steve King  
City Engineer Gary Owen

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#### 4:00 p.m. Special Meeting

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The absence of Councilmember Jim Bailey was noted for the record.

- Sewer Comprehensive Plan Presentation

Public Works Director Matt Leonard, Adam Miller of Gray & Osborne, and Gordon Wilson of FCS Group (via phone), presented the 2017 Sewer Capital Program and Financial Plan, which included the current package of capital improvement projects and the financial analysis (including the sewer extension program). The next steps include finalizing the financial analysis, providing the draft Sewer Comprehensive Plan to city staff, city review, an upcoming public open house, and City Council work session. Finalization of the plan and request for adoption is expected in March and then it will be provided to the Department of Ecology for review.

The City Council asked questions and raised concerns with current minimum densities in the Sunnyslope area, and are hopeful in working with the County to have the sewer extension plan in place to benefit everyone.

Councilmember Jim Bailey arrived to the meeting.

### **5:00 p.m. Executive Session**

At 5:00 p.m. the Mayor called the meeting to order for an executive session. All Councilmembers were present.

Executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating potential litigation to which the agency 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 with legal counsel present for a time period not to exceed 15 minutes by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:15 p.m.

### **5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting**

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

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. Councilmember Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absences of Councilmember Linda Herald and Councilmember Mike Poirier were noted for the record.

#### **2. Consent Items:**

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

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

#### **3. Citizen Requests/Comments.**

Emily Gale, Carrie Moody, Paula Arno Martinez, and Ashley Olson, on behalf of the City of Wenatchee's Diversity Advisory Council read a statement in opposition to the President's Executive Orders to the City Council. A copy of the statement is on file with the City Clerk's office.

#### 4. Presentations.

None.

#### 5. Action Items.

##### A. Sage Hills Gateway Acquisition Purchase and Sale Agreement

Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust for the Sage Hills Gateway Project.*

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

*Resolution No. 2017-13, authorizing the Mayor to sign a real estate purchase and sale agreement with the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust for the Sage Hills Gateway properties.*

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

##### B. Hale Park Phase One Construction Agreement

Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard construction agreement with Selland Construction in the amount of \$554,641.61 for the construction of the Hale Park Phase One Project.*

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

##### C. Saddle Rock Gateway Construction

Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard construction contract with Hurst Construction in the amount of \$762,632.75 for construction of the first phase of the Saddle Rock Gateway Project.*

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

D. Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Washington Cities for the Participatory Leadership Pilot Project

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Washington Cities Participatory Leadership Pilot Project.*

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

E. Lodging Tax Recommendations/Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce Municipal Services Agreement for Tourism Marketing

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce Marketing Director Jerri Barkley was also present.

*Motion for City Council to approve the Mayor's signature on a one year Municipal Services Agreement with the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce to carry out the regional tourism marketing effort on behalf of the City of Wenatchee, and authorize staff to carry out improvements at the Wenatchee Convention Center through an interfund loan.*

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

F. 2016-2017 Homeless Grant Changes

Community & Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion for City Council to accept the Homeless Steering Committee's recommendations outlined above and authorize the Mayor to:*

- 1. Amend the City's CHG agreement and subsequent sub grants to support funding adjustments to existing coordinated entry grants.*
- 2. Amend the Parkside sub grant agreement with Women's Resource Center to allow a funding transfer between existing budget line items.*

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

## 6. Public Hearings.

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the public hearing process.

### G. Grace City Church Annexation

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

*Ordinance No. 2017-04, providing for the annexation of property in the vicinity of Melody Lane and Alvista Place, subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2007-34 and all subsequent amendments thereto.*

The Mayor asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment. There was no one who wished to speak. He then turned the matter back to the Council for action.

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

### H. Amendment of the Multi-Family Tax Exemption Program – Residential Target Area

Senior Planner John Ajax presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Ordinance No. 2017-01, amending Ordinance No. 2008-23, and any amendments thereto, relating to property tax exemptions for multi-family housing improvements in the designated urban center.*

The Mayor asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak.

Emilka Furmanczyk spoke in favor of the program and said the incentive would help encourage multi-family projects.

With no other comments received, the Mayor then turned the matter back to the Council for action.

**Motion to approve by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).**

## 7. Reports.

### a. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the following:

- He is monitoring things in Olympia, notably the housing bills, and DDA bill.
- Snowplows in the city have been really busy working hard – it's been great to receive compliments on the good work.

- The island annexation vote is next week on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Director's meeting next Thursday and work session next week will include the First Street bike lane project, North Wenatchee plan, and complete streets program update.
  - The Planning Commission is holding an open house next Wednesday, February 15, for the comprehensive plan amendments.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees:
- Jim Bailey had planned to attend the RMSA board meeting, but the passes are closed. They are looking at brokerage changes, and have had some staff changes.
  - Ruth Esparza reminded everyone of the WDA annual banquet. She also mentioned that the WDA is looking for sponsors for events this year. They also welcomed two new board members, Freyda Stephens and Mayra Avina. The recent trip to Mexico will be presented at an upcoming work session.
  - Keith Huffaker said the moderate waste facility still has no funding. Solid Waste is planning a collection event for October. He encouraged the Council to participate in the Wenatchee High School project citizen.

**8. Announcements.**

**9. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk