

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
WENATCHEE CITY HALL  
Thursday, February 16, 2017  
MINUTES**

Present:

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

Staff Present:

City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
Assistant City Engineer Jennifer Saugen  
Community & Economic Development Director Steve King  
Public Works Director Matt Leonard  
Police Chief Steve Crown  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
City Engineer Gary Owen  
Project Engineer Jacob Huylar  
Planning Manager Glen DeVries

The Mayor called the work session to order at 5:15 p.m. The excused absence of Councilmember Mark Kulaas was noted for the record. Councilmember Linda Herald participated via teleconference.

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. First Street Bike Lane

Assistant City Engineer Jennifer Saugen and Perteet Consultant Mike Hendrick presented the First Street Bike Way Plan to the Council highlighting the purpose of the study, the summary of the data collected and recommendations. The City Council would like staff to move forward with public outreach for consideration of slowing traffic in the proposed First Street bike corridor, and they also voiced their concern about the loss of some parking between Mission Street and Wenatchee Avenue.


B. North Wenatchee Master Plan

Community & Economic Development Director Steve King presented the updated North Wenatchee Master Plan including redevelopment opportunities, market study results, and development objectives. The Council wants to make sure that the city has a major role in the redevelopment efforts and work closely with any developers for a coordinated effort. The plan will become part of the Comprehensive Plan and staff will bring the final plan to the Council in an upcoming meeting to adopt as a guidance document in the interim.

C. Complete Streets Program

Public Works Director Matt Leonard and City Engineer Gary Owen presented the updated Complete Streets Program. They reviewed the intent, purpose, and policy decisions relating to the complete streets program, went over the complete streets accomplishments for 2016, the City of Wenatchee's Sidewalk Program, reviewed the TIB approved work plan, and asked for feedback from the City Council on overall complete streets implementation and direction on sidewalk and illumination elements of the work plan. They recommended high impact projects for continued grant consideration. High on the Council's recommendation of projects include installing flashing beacons/crossing at Methow and Crawford, including illumination as part of the Lewis & Clark Elementary safe routes to school project, and filling in sidewalk gaps (suggested at Spokane Street between Mission Street and Wenatchee Avenue). The Mission/Stevens gateway beautification project was also highly recommended and it is part of the work plan for 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk