

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

Present:

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 Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
Deputy Clerk/Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez
Community & Economic Development Director Steve King
Senior Planner John Ajax
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Associate Planner Matt Parsons
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
City Engineer Gary Owen
Community Planner Brooklyn Holton
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Police Chief Steve Crown

The Mayor called the work session to order at 5:15 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

Discussion Items:

A. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan update

Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson presented the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive plan update, which included the plan purpose, a few highlights of the capital improvements plan, and the process to date in updating the plan. Councilmember Mark Kulaas asked about incorporating community gardens into the plan and Director Erickson stated that there is a brand new grant program through the Cascadia

Conservation District for community gardens that he is looking into. The next step will be Parks Board review and back to Council in June for approval.

B. Comprehensive Plan update (a few elements/sub area plans)

Community & Economic Development Director Steve King and Senior Planner John Ajax presented the significant policy changes of the economic elements of the plan.

Public Works Director Matt Leonard and Associate Planner Matt Parsons presented the significant policy changes in the utilities element and public facilities element of the plan.

City Engineer Gary Owen, Public Works Director Matt Leonard, and Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the significant policy changes of the transportation element of the plan.

Community & Economic Development Director Steve King then presented the 13 key strategies of the overall plan. Council commented and asked questions, raising a concern regarding the large amount of real estate owned by businesses and employers not on the tax rolls.

The Mayor asked for any communications received by the City Council concerning these updates be sent to city staff for part of the record. Staff encouraged the City Council to contact them with questions they may have.

The Mayor then reminded everyone of the St. Patrick's Day Parade tomorrow at 7:00ish.

Councilmember Lyle Markhart announced the spring wellness program "Colorful Choices" and recruited all the Councilmembers and the Mayor for his team.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk