



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 23, 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 Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
Deputy Clerk/Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez
IS Support Tim McCord
Community & Economic Development Director Steve King
Senior Engineer – Utilities, Jeremy Hoover
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
Planning Manager Glen DeVries
Senior Planner John Ajax
Associate Planner Matt Parsons
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Police Chief Steve Crown

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Lyle Markhart led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Mike Poirier was noted for the records.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
- Resolution No. 2017-17, appointing Annagrisel Alvarez as Deputy City Clerk/Public Information Officer.

Motion to move the item for the Pybus Public Market transaction documents to agenda item A by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

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

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Tim Putnam, 3125 Birch Mountain Road, Wenatchee, spoke about his concerns with the building permit process.

Laurie Nelson, 933 Coolidge Street, Wenatchee, spoke about her concerns with traffic in the area of 9th Street between Mission and Chelan. Staff will look into modifying the light at that location.

4. Presentations.

- Proclamation for Missing and Unidentified Person's Month read by Councilmember Linda Herald. The Mayor presented the proclamation to Denise Cevallos who invited all the attendees to the awareness event that will take place on May 25 at 3:30 at Pybus Market.
- Proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week read by Councilmember Jim Bailey. The Mayor presented the proclamation to Renee Hunter who invited everyone to the 'Survive and Thrive' event taking place on April 8 from 10 to 12 at the Wenatchee Community Center.
- Proclamation for Arbor Day read by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. The Mayor presented the proclamation to Bonnie Orr. This year's distribution will take place on Saturday, April 15 at five different locations.
- Downtown Parking Study Presentation - Steve King, City Economic Development Director and Rick Williams from Rick Williams Consulting presented the Downtown Parking Study. The study provided strategy recommendations for parking and how Wenatchee's parking can be managed for a positive development environment downtown.

5. Action Items.

A. Pybus Market transaction documents.

Presented by Community & Economic Development Director Steve King. Pybus Public Market representatives, Mike Walker, Joanne Walker, Steve Robinson and Bart Clennon were also present and spoke.

Council asked questions and commented.

Motion to execute all documents related to the Pybus Market transaction by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5 -1) (Huffaker nay).

Mayor Frank Kuntz called for a 5 minute break at 6:36 p.m.

B. Appointment of Member to the Diversity Advisory Council

Allison Williams, Executive Services Director, presented the staff report.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-19, appointing a student member to the Diversity Advisory Committee for the 2017-2018 school year (Christopher Danko) by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Assignment of Sewer Connection Charges for the West Springwater Avenue Sewer Extension, Project #1612 – Setting Public Hearing

Jeremy Hoover, P.E., Senior Engineer, Utilities, presented the staff report.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-18, setting the hearing date relative to approve and establish Sanitary Sewer Connection Fees for properties along the Springwater Avenue right of way west of Western Avenue by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Convention Center Audio and Visual Improvements – Project 1708

Matt Leonard, P.E., Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

Council asked questions. Councilmember Linda Herald stated she had a conflict of interest and will abstain from this agenda item.

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for construction of the Convention Center Audio/Visual Improvements, Project #1708 with Troxell Communications in the amount of \$464,767.46 plus Washington State sales tax, by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0)(Herald no vote/conflict).

6. Public Hearings.

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

E. Small Cell Wireless Moratorium Public Hearing

Glen DeVries, Planning Manager and John Ajax, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Council asked questions.

The Mayor then asked for public comment.

Simone Epoch asked questions and Senior Planner John Ajax addressed her.

No action was required on this matter.

F. Saddlerock Annexation Public Hearing

Matt Parsons, Associate Planner, presented the staff report.

The Mayor commented then asked for public comment.

Curt Soper, Executive Director of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust spoke in favor of the Saddlerock Annexation and thanked the City for their action.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-05, providing for the annexation for municipal purposes of certain property to the City of Wenatchee and classifying and zoning said property, subject to the provisions of Title 10 Zoning of the Wenatchee City Code, by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. Community Development Block Grant 2017 Annual Action Plan

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

The Mayor then asked for public comment. No comments from public.

Motion for City Council to adopt the City of Wenatchee CDBG draft 2017 Annual Action Plan as a final version upon updated allocations following 2017 CDBG award notification and authorize the Mayor to sign the application for CDBG assistance, certifications and assurances, by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

7. Work Session.

A. Sewer Comprehensive Plan

Public Works Director Matt Leonard, Adam Miller of Gray & Osborne, and Gordon Wilson of FCS Group presented the updated plan. Council asked questions. Matt Leonard will send out the draft plan for Council review and adoption on April 27.

8. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report.

The Mayor reported that he was attempting to work with the County on several issues. The city has received a letter from the County requesting a reduction in the urban growth area (Sunnyslope).

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. None.

9. Announcements.

An open house is scheduled for next Monday at 4:30 p.m. for the Sewer Comprehensive Plan.

10. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk