



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 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
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Jessi Saucedo
IS Support Tim McCord
Economic Development Director Steve King
Utilities Manager Mitch Reister
Planning Director Glen DeVries
Senior Planner John Ajax
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
City Engineer Gary Owen

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 Ruth Esparza led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items:

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

Motion to approve the consent items with an amendment to the Agenda by switching the order of B and C for consideration by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Joe Marlowe, 1300 Kittitas Street, spoke of his concerns with code enforcement in his neighborhood. The Mayor stated he would check into it and get back to Mr. Marlowe within the following week.

4. Presentations.

- Memorial Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Jim Bailey, The Mayor presented the Proclamation to local Veterans Advocate Patricia Hail who invited everyone to the Memorial Day ceremonies scheduled for Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse and at the bridge, and at 11:00 a.m. at the Wenatchee Cemetery.
- Employee Recognition – Carolyn Griffin-Bugert was present and thanked the Council for the partnership with the City and the School District's After School Program. Environmental Technician Paula Salter was recognized for her good work and dedication of time educating the students in the program about water quality.

5. Action Items.

A. Appointment to the Diversity Advisory Committee

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-32, appointing a member to the Diversity Advisory Committee to fill an open three (3) year term (Charity Bergman) by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Purchase and Sale Agreement – North Wenatchee

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Ben Faubian, who represents NW Wholesale in the transaction, was also present. Council asked questions.

Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate final details and enter into a purchase and sale agreement with NW Wholesale and Michelson Packaging by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Resolution in Support of CERB Application

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

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-33, in support of a committed partner application to Community Economic Revitalization Board for funding from the Department of Commerce to assist in the financing of constructing the McKittrick Street extension by Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Amendment to Sewer Comprehensive Plan Contract

Utilities Manager Mitch Reister presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion for City Council to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for the Sewer Comprehensive Plan Update, Project No. 1608, and authorize the Mayor's signature by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Work Session

E. Small Cell Wireless Facilities Moratorium/Code Update

Community Development Director Glen DeVries and Senior Planner John Ajax presented an overview of the proposed code updates, including examples of designs, components of small cell wireless facilities, considerations, and legalities.

Staff recommends extending the moratorium for an additional six months to work through design standards. Council would like to take a look at the Spokane model and would like to see provisions for pole standards.

City Attorney Steve Smith mentioned that there is an effort in the state legislature to preempt local jurisdictions to regulate small cell towers, which could happen in the current special session.

7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported on the following:
- He thanked staff for the good work on the real estate transaction;
 - Finance Committee met today and sales tax is looking good.
 - He has a lot of presentations and out-of-town meetings coming up.
 - He stated that the city continues to hire exceptional people – most recently Aaron Kelly who comes to us from Waste Management.
 - June 8 is expected to be a long meeting with the Comprehensive Plan and Sewer Comprehensive Plan scheduled for public hearing.
 - George Larsen was in the audience and stated he and many of his neighbors are in support of the Sewer Comprehensive Plan.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- Councilmember Keith Huffaker stated that he has received a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County Solid Waste for consideration. He will forward that to staff. A presentation from Chelan County Solid Waste will be scheduled for an upcoming work session.

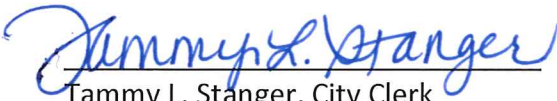
8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk