



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 10, 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 Jessie Saucedo
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Economic Development Director Steve King
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
Associate Planner Kirsten Larsen
City Engineer Gary Owen
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander
Human Resources Director Kari Page

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Wenatchee City Council to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Linda Herald 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 by Councilmember Keith Huffaker.
Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

4. Action Items.

A. Wenatchee Arts, Recreation & Parks Commission Appointment

Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2017-40, appointing a member to the Wenatchee Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission (Sophia Dillon). Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Women's Resource Center Lease

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Laurel Turner, Executive Director for the Women's Resource Center, was also present. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the lease between the City of Wenatchee and the Women's Resource Center of North Central Washington for Parkside Parcel D of BLA-2015-001WE. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Surplus Property – North Wenatchee Property

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Resolution No. 2017-42, declaring certain real property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Public Records Act Update – Fee Update for Copies of Public Records

City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Ordinance No. 2017-17, amending Ordinance No. 2008-08, Section VI and adding a new section in Ch. 1.99 of the Wenatchee City Code regarding the fees imposed for copies of public records. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. McKittrick Street Right-of-Way Purchase

Economic Development Director Steve King and Public Works Director Matt Leonard presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1.25 million for the purchase of right-of-way associated with the McKittrick Street Extension and further authorize the Mayor to negotiate the terms of a public-private partnership development agreement. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Pre-Purchase Agreement with LocalTel Federal Building, LLC

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Dimitri Mandelis, one of the owners of LocalTel was also present. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a pre-purchase agreement with LocalTel Federal Building, LLC, in anticipation of purchasing a portion of the Wenatchee Federal Building. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Addition of Property to Wenatchee Register of Historic Places

Associate Planner Kirsten Larsen presented the staff report. Ron Lodge, the property owner, was also present. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2017-43, adding 708 S. Wenatchee Avenue to the Wenatchee Register of Historic Places. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Public Hearings.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

H. Surplus Property – Firestone Parking Lot

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

The Mayor then asked for public comment.

Vernon Cox raised his concerns about taking away the parking lot for the current businesses that use it, and having apartments developed in its place. He too would like to be given the opportunity to purchase and develop the lot.

Council further discussed and stated that Mr. Cox raises some good points. Staff will consider and respond to Mr. Cox accordingly.

Economic Development Director Steve King provided information relating to the recent parking study and believes that the city should optimize the use of the parking on streets and underutilized parking lots.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier to approve Resolution No. 2017-39, declaring certain real property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

I. 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. He said next year all of the projects will be mapped out. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for any public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Ordinance No. 2017-18, adopting a revised and extended comprehensive street program for the ensuing six years for the City of Wenatchee as required by the laws of the State of Washington. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

The Mayor recognized State Representative Mike Steele who was present and asked him if he had a few words to say.

Representative Steele said that the capital budget is not expected to pass until a compromise to the Hirst water bill is reached. Until then, the legislature will not agree to pass a budget. He spoke about the current hot topics, which included the affordable workforce housing initiative, and the public disclosure laws. It was the longest session in history and the first time a budget was not passed.

The Mayor reported on the following:

- (1) He will be the facilitator for Senator Cantwell's Town Hall meeting on Saturday.
- (2) The new Cash & Carry store's grand opening is Saturday.
- (3) The Finance Committee met today and agreed that they would like to see a budget with 100% of property taxes received going to the street fund.
- (4) He leaves for Misawa next Friday.
- (5) The city will host the First Street Pop Up Bike Event tomorrow from 4pm to 7pm.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- (1) Councilmember Linda Herald announced her son has officially retired from the Army and is now a civilian. He has been watching the City Council meeting videos and said he is "proud of his city and that everyone is doing an outstanding job."
- (2) Councilmember Mark Kulaas has provided copies of some handouts from the AWC legislative committee meeting he attended two weeks ago, which include city priorities and unresolved 2017 issues.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor *Pro Tem*
Keith Huffaker

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk