



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 9, 2017

Wenatchee City Hall
129 South Chelan
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Ruth Esparza (via phone)
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
PIO/Deputy Clerk Annagrisel Alvarez
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Grants Program/Community Planner Sandra Van Osten
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Economic Development Director Steve King
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Police Chief Steve Crown
City Engineer Gary Owen
IS Support Jessie Saucedo

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 Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Ruth Esparza participating in the meeting via telephone conference.

2. Consent Items:

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

Councilmember Keith Huffaker made a motion to approve the agenda, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

4. Presentations.

- Small Business Saturday Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Wenatchee Downtown Association Executive Director Linda Haglund and Megan Collyer, owner of Twill Denim Lounge.

5. Work Session.

(1) Low Barrier Study.

2017-2019 Homeless Grant Changes

Glen DeVries, Community Development Director, and Sandra Van Osten, Grants Coordinator/Community Planner, presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Councilmember Linda Herald made a motion for City Council to accept the recommendations as outlined and authorize the Mayor to:

- (1) Enter into a contract with Building Changes to conduct a low-barrier housing feasibility study.
- (2) Enter into an amended CHG agreement with the Washington State Commerce Department and an amended sub grant agreement with Community Action Council to allow a funding transfer between existing HEN budget line items.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Action Items.

A. Washington Federal Bank Mural Donation

David Erickson, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, presented the staff report. Also present were Washington Federal Bank representatives Ken McLain, Central Washington Division Manager, and Lisa Lang, Assistant Manager, who said a few words.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council approval of accepting the donation of the Washington Federal Bank mural and incorporating the mural into the Public Art Collection. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Parks and Recreation Refund Policy Update

David Erickson, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2017-52, updating the parks and recreation refund policy. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. CRDTF Lease Update

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on the Lease Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and the Columbia River Drug Task Force. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Wenatchee Code Enforcement Board Re-Appointments

Glen DeVries, Community Development Director, led the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald to approve Resolution No. 2017-53, reappointing members to the Wenatchee Code Enforcement Board (Don Files, Adriana Farnsworth, Emilka Furmanczyk). Motion seconded by Mark Kulaas. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Public Hearings.

The Mayor will call the Public Hearing to order and state the ground rules, the purpose of the hearing, the action that the hearing body may take on the matter, will address the appearance of fairness doctrine, and will state the manner in which the hearing will proceed. Staff will first give a report, followed by testimony of experts and/or the applicant, followed then by public testimony. All speakers must speak into the microphone and clearly state their names and addresses. All comments should be addressed to the hearing body, should be relevant to the application, and should not be of a personal nature. Public testimony may be limited to three minutes, unless further time is granted by the Mayor. If there are a large number of speakers, a representative may be appointed to speak on behalf of the group.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

E. Continuation of Public Hearing on Vacation of Right-of-Way along Ohme Garden Road

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

Council asked questions of staff.

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to continue the hearing date to consider the vacation of a portion of city right-of-way along Ohme Garden Road to December 7, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilmember Linda Herald. Motion carried (7-0).

8. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor congratulated Councilmember Jim Bailey, Ruth Esparza and Keith Huffaker, who were re-elected to serve another term on the City Council. He reported that staff continues to be extremely busy. The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, and the Finance Committee met today. He reported that the police health insurance plan will see an increase of 18%, so there will need to be an adjustment in the budget for that. The employee breakfast is next Tuesday morning. The Veteran's Day Parade is this Saturday. TPA and LTAC meet next week, and the Citizen's Academy graduation is next Wednesday. Also, Night In A Box is Friday the 17th.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that the WDA Wine Walk is on Saturday, and they are expecting 400 people to participate in that. Don't forget to "shop small" on Saturday, the 25th. And he reminded everyone of the WDA dinner on November 30 at 5pm.

Councilmember Lyle Markhart reported that he attended the IRIS Success Summit last week. He also reported that the Dahlia Society will be holding its national convention in Wenatchee in 2020.

9. Announcements. None.

10. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk