



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2018

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 Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
PIO/Deputy Clerk Annagrisel Alvarez
IS Support Tim McCord
Steve King, Economic Development Director
Brad Posenjak, Finance Director
Jessica Shaw, Environmental Manager
Matt Leonard, Public Works Director
Aaron Kelly, Operations Manager
Glen Devries, Community Development Director

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 Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Linda Herald was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Joe Morrison, 310 Whitebirch Place, Wenatchee, a member of the city's Electoral Process Committee, requested a status update of the Council's review of the Electoral Process Committee's recommendation. The Mayor and Councilmember Mark Kulaas addressed Mr. Morrison and indicated that the review would take place after the current legislative session has ended.

4. Action Items.

- A. Authorization for Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board Agreement for McKittrick Street Extension Project

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to approve Resolution No. 2018-08, of the City of Wenatchee, Washington, authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Wenatchee an agreement between the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board and the City of Wenatchee for aid in financing the costs of public facilities consisting of the McKittrick Street Extension Project. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- B. Travel and Business Expense Policy Updates

Brad Posenjak, Finance Director, presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2018-06, adopting updated travel and business expense policies. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- C. Financial Policy Management Policy Revisions

Brad Posenjak, Finance Director, presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Resolution No. 2018-07, adopting updated financial management policies. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- D. Washington Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network Agreement

Jessica Shaw, Environmental Manager, presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Washington State for Intrastate Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- E. Interlocal Agreement with Cascadia Conservation District Contract for Technical Assistance, Project Coordination and Support Services

Aaron Kelly, Public Works Operations Manager, and Matt Leonard, Public Works Director, presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Interlocal Agreement with the Cascadia Conservation District. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- F. Surplus Property

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Resolution No. 2018-09, declaring certain personal property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee and authorizing the Department of Public Works to dispose of the personal property identified herein. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0) (Poirier abstain).

5. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report.

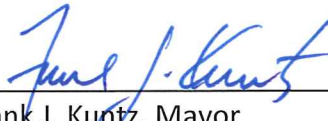
The Mayor reported on his trip to Washington D.C. last week where they met with Congressmen Reichert and Newhouse, Senator Cantwell and aides, Senator Murray's staff, and the White House Government Affairs Office regarding the INFRA grant. He was in Olympia just yesterday meeting with legislators about the important topics pending, which include the environmental remediation project at Saddle Rock, Our Valley Our Future, environmental assistance for Confluence Parkway, a housing assistance ask for WSU/Tree Fruit Research Center, and a city-wide housing tax rebate, among other things. He also met with Senator Hobbs, the transportation lead. Anna was also there with the Chamber Leadership class. Next week's work session items will include water and security cameras. He also spoke about the interest in the area for super computing and met with a company who makes 75% of the world's bitcoin components. In this coming Monday's issue of the "Wall Street Journal" there will be an article about bitcoin in the region.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Lyle Markhart attended the Wellness Committee meeting today and announced that they are planning a bowling competition with the City of East Wenatchee. More information to come.

6. Announcements. None.

7. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk