

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WENATCHEE CITY HALL
129 South Chelan
Wenatchee, WA 98801**

**Thursday, January 18, 2018
5:15 p.m.
Minutes**

Present:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Ruth Esparza
Councilmember Lyle Markhart
Councilmember Keith Huffaker
Councilmember Mark Kulaas

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Tim McCord
Deputy Clerk/PIO Annagrisel Alvarez
Planning Manager Glen DeVries
Operations Manager Aaron Kelly
City Engineer Gary Owen
Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Community Planner Brooklyn Holton
Information Systems Director Dale Cantrell
Associate Planner Matt Parsons
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Police Chief Steve Crown
Building Official Cliff Burdick
Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander

Mayor Frank Kuntz called the work session meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Hearings Examiner Annual Report.

Hearings Examiner Andy Kottkamp presented his 2017 annual report, which recapped six conditional use permit applications and decisions, one plat alteration, and one planned residential development application. He thanked the staff for their professionalism in the preparation and presentation of staff reports in a succinct and easily comprehensible format, which makes his job easier.

- B. Bitcoin Land Use Discussion.

Chelan County PUD Staff presented information on the issue of cryptocurrency/Bitcoin mining and the significant increase in requests for service. Considering that the energy consumption for cryptocurrency mining is 100x more per square foot than every day energy consumption, it creates a new challenge to public health and safety and it is important that the city and the PUD collaborate in establishing regulations for this new use. The PUD has requested that the city implement land use controls.

- C. 2018 Work Plan Highlights.

Department Directors then recapped their 2018 Work Plans. Departments highlighting their 2018 work plans were: Community Development, Police, Public Works, Economic Development, Information Systems, Finance, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, and Executive Services/Administration.

With no further information to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk