



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 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

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
PIO/Deputy Clerk Annagrisel Alvarez
IS Support Tim McCord
HR Director Kari Page
Economic Development Director Steve King
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
Police Chief Steve Crown
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
City Engineer Gary Owen
HR Assistant Katlen Freimuth

4:45 p.m. Executive Session

Mayor Frank Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. Councilmember Mike Poirier was not present. It was noted for the record that the City Attorney was present.

Executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

Executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to litigation or potential litigation to which the agency may become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to meet in executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to litigation or potential litigation to which the agency may become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for a time period not to exceed 25 minutes, with city attorney present. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Motion carried (6-0).

Council adjourned from Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

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 Lyle Markhart led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Mike Poirier was noted for the record. All other Councilmembers were present.

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 (6-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

4. Presentations.

- City of Wenatchee School Choice Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald.
- AWC Certificate of Advanced Leadership was presented to Councilmember Jim Bailey by the Mayor. Jim spoke about how fortunate he is to be a part of our community and serve all its constituents.
- Renee Hunter received an award of appreciation for all her years of service to the Diversity Advisory Council. The Mayor expressed his best wishes in her retirement.
- Carrie Gavin and Ashley Olson presented all the nominees for all four categories of the Civil Rights and Social Justice Awards and provided certificates for being nominated. They invited everyone to the Multicultural and Martin Luther King Jr. festival on Saturday, January 13th where the winners will be announced and recognized in each of the categories.

5. Action Items.

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for 2018

The Council held a discussion with regard to the selection of Mayor Pro Tempore for 2018. It was the consensus of the Council for Councilmember Ruth Esparza to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2018.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to approve resolution No. 2018-02, appointing the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2018 seconded by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Amendment to Chelan County PUD Service Agreement

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the amendment on the Chelan County PUD Service Agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on Amendment No. 9 to Service Agreement SA No. 10-182 between the City of Wenatchee and Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Wage Update

Kari Page presented the wage updates for the year 2018.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald to approve Ordinance No. 2018-01 which establishes pay ranges for temporary employees for calendar year 2018 and repeals Ordinance No. 2016-39. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Wage Update

Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart to approve Ordinance No. 2018-02 which establishes positions for regular status employment within the Management and Administrative Group and fixes the compensation to be paid for calendar year 2018, which repeals Ordinance No. 2017-10. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Interlocal Agreement between Chelan County, the City of Cashmere, the City of Chelan, the City of Entiat, the City of Leavenworth, and the City of Wenatchee for the county-wide solid and hazardous waste program.

Allison Williams explained the Interlocal amendment to the agreement to Council. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Chelan County, the City of Cashmere, the City of Chelan, the City of Entiat, the City of Leavenworth, and the City of Wenatchee for the county-wide solid and hazardous waste program. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Police Station Energy Upgrades Project No. 1613

Matt Leonard presented the staff report. Councilmembers asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize signature on the Amendment to the Energy Services Performance Based Contract for energy upgrades at the Wenatchee Police Station. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Public Hearings.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

G. Ohme Garden Road Vacation.

Gary Owen, City Engineer, 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 approve Ordinance No. 2018-03, vacating a portion of the city right-of-way along Ohme Garden Road in the City of Wenatchee. Motion seconded by Councilmember Linda Herald. Motion carried (6-0).

7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor talked about his trip to Olympia where he met with the Governor. He commented about the upcoming trip to Washington DC, where he will be going with the Executive Services Director and others to meet on behalf of the region with federal representatives to talk about the INFRA grant.

The Mayor also commented about the Director's assignments for the work session coming up next week, Director's meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month and reminded everyone about Public Safety committee meeting which will take place next Thursday at 3:30 PM.

There was discussion regarding Council Committee assignments for 2018, the determination was that there were no changes. A Resolution will be drafted to this effect.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. Councilmember Linda Herald will be absent for next week's work session. Councilmember Esparza talked about the possibility of a new sister city in Mexico, she asked if there would be interest in people visiting this city. Linda Herald commented about what a great year it has been for tourism in the valley, Wenatchee is a great place to visit!

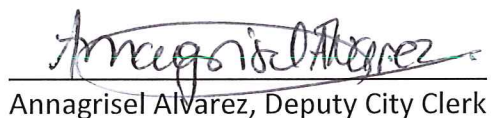
8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Annagrisel Alvarez, Deputy City Clerk