



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Wenatchee City Hall
129 South Chelan
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
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 Tim McCord
Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Associate Planner Matt Parsons
Community Planner Brooklyn Holton
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
City Engineer Gary Owen
Police Chief Steve Crown
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Economic Development Director Steve King

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

Mayor Frank Kuntz called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Jim Bailey was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

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

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Shelley English, 1818 Skyline Drive, Wenatchee, spoke about her concerns with the speeding and reckless driving on Skyline Drive and shared her recommendations to help with the problem. The Mayor spoke about some options, and asked Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson to ask the Parks Board to take up the issue, to consider whether or not the overlook on Skyline Drive should be closed as a park.

4. Presentations.

- St. Patrick's Day Parade Request. Tom Irwin and Dave Herald presented their annual ask to the City Council for the street closure permit for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 17 at 7ish. They said a press release will be forthcoming in the very near future that will announce this year's grand marshal.

5. Action Items.

A. Rotary Park Project Agreement with Wenatchee Rotary Club

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council approval and authorization of the Mayor's signature on the Project Agreement with the Wenatchee Rotary Club for the Rotary Park parking and picnic shelter agreement. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0).

B. RCO Grant Application Authorizations

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

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Resolution No. 2018-05, authorizing staff to prepare and submit Washington Recreation Conservation Fund Board grant applications for Project No. 18-1266 the Kiwanis Methow Park Field Project, Project Number 18250 the Lincoln Park Renovation Project, Project No. 18-1247 the Kenzie's Landing Project, Project 18-1246 the Lincoln Park Soccer Field Project, and Project Number 18-1245 the Lincoln Park Revitalization Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Project Funding Agreement with the State of Washington

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2018-04 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Funding Board Project Agreement with the State of Washington accepting funding assistance through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the Kiwanis Methow Park Renovation Phase One Project (Number 16-1665D). Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Proposed Interim Official Control Relating to Cryptocurrency Mining Operations

Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander, and Associate Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report.

Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Ordinance No. 2018-04, adopting an interim control relating to cryptocurrency mining operations in the City of Wenatchee, to be effective immediately, setting a date for the public hearing on, and declaring an emergency necessitating immediate adoption. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Annexation 10 Percent Petition – Chelan Douglas Land Trust

Community Planner Brooklyn Holton and Associate Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. Chelan Douglas Land Trust Executive Director Curt Soper was also present and spoke to the Council and answered questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the annexation boundary proposed in the ten percent (10%) annexation petition for the proposed annexation area located in an unincorporated area within the urban growth boundary, to require the adoption of the proposed zoning regulations as it is set forth in the Comprehensive Plan of the City as Residential Single Family, and to require the assumption of existing indebtedness of the City by the area to be annexed. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Northwest Wholesale Property Acquisition

Steve King, Economic Development Director, presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the purchase of the remnant parcels and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents related thereto. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. Property Surplus – Stevens Street Area

Steve King, Economic Development Director, presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2018-10, declaring certain real property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Public Hearings.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

H. City of Wenatchee Comprehensive Six Year Street Program Amendment

Gary Owen, City Engineer, presented the staff report.

There were no comments or questions by Council.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment. There was no one.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Ordinance No. 2018-06, amending the 2018-2023 comprehensive six year street program for the City of Wenatchee as previously adopted in Ordinance No. 2017-18. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

7. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report.

The Mayor reported that he attended a full day of meetings today with the director's meeting and the finance committee meeting. He continues to monitor things in Olympia. He's looking forward to Senator Cantwell and others visiting Wenatchee in March to tour Confluence Parkway project.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she and Ruth attended the Homeless Steering Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago and there is a need for regional participation on that committee.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reminded everyone of the Wenatchee Downtown Association's annual banquet next Wednesday.

8. **Announcements.** None.

9. **Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk