

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

**Thursday, March 15, 2018  
5:15 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

Present: Mayor Frank Kuntz, Councilmember Lyle Markhart, Councilmember Linda Herald, Councilmember Keith Huffaker, Councilmember Ruth Esparza (via phone).

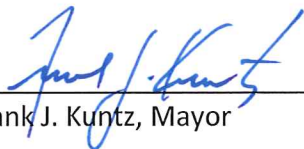
***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

City Advisory Board Round Table

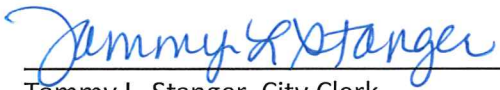
- A. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Chair Sara Urdahl reported. She reviewed the annual report and duties and upcoming projects, as a result of and Dave's amazing grant writing abilities, and upcoming processes, i.e. Skyline Drive Overlook.
- B. Diversity Advisory Council. Carrie Gavin, Emily Gale, and Jameson O'Neal reported. Jameson spoke about his role as police public safety liaison, citizen's academy, National Night Out, and the welcoming resolution. Emily Gale reported on the MLK festival, Civil Rights & Social Justice Awards, sponsorship to the PAC for The Mountaintop, and nonviolence training. Carrie spoke about their upcoming work plan. The Mayor noted that the city is happy to respond to needs committees have, i.e. dollars to have a facilitator.
- C. Planning Commission. Scott Griffith reported they have full membership. They are engaged and present. They are focused on (1) process – RCW implementation – comprehensive plan; (2) adapting to growth and change; (3) issues that pop up – small cell recommendations, fence standards, and this year the sign code.

- D. Historic Preservation Board. Bob Culp reported on behalf of the board regarding their work with certificates of appropriateness, pilot program for storm windows, board member training, Highland Drive historic district, and Conrad Rose Mansion. They also have a new member Staci DeMestre.
  
- E. Code Enforcement Board. Glen DeVries reported that this will come at the April work session.
  
- F. Tourism Promotion Area Board. Freyda Stephens reported on year-end budget and events that were supported. This year's budget will include training videos to help with hospitality training. A discussion about the state of the hospitality industry ensued. Freyda had examples of advertising that had been done.
  
- G. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Mark Kulaas reported on increased allocation to Chamber and Convention Center, bringing changes – longer-term contract with Chamber and investments in Convention Center. The LTAC will now meet less frequently and their meetings are combined with TPA. Mark spoke about regional impact, sports tourism and long term planning for sports. The Mayor spoke about the good partnership with the Chamber and elevation of the tourism marketing. Linda Herald reported that 2018 will be a good year.
  
- H. Homeless Steering Committee Update. Glen DeVries and Sandra Van Osten provided a power point update on the status of the Homeless Steering Committee. It's been in place for 10 years. Input was sought regarding the City Council continuing to stay as the ultimate oversight which the steering committee recommended because of the fiscal oversight. There was discussion about committee membership and oversight and the City Council agreed that the city should maintain oversight. There are two financial items that need approval on the March 22 consent agenda.

With no further information to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk