

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
WENATCHEE CITY HALL  
Thursday, April 19, 2018  
MINUTES**

Present:

Mayor Frank Kuntz  
Councilmember Jim Bailey (via phone)  
Councilmember Ruth Esparza  
Councilmember Lyle Markhart  
Councilmember Keith Huffaker  
Councilmember Linda Herald  
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams  
City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Building Official Cliff Burdick  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson  
Code Enforcement Officer John Fairbanks  
Code Enforcement Officer Lance Merz  
Police Chief Steve Crown

***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

**A. Voting Rights Act Outcome and Next Steps**

City Attorney Steve Smith provided an overview of the Voting Rights Act outcome and the relation to the work of the Electoral Process Committee, the timing if a new election system is adopted, districting criteria, ongoing obligation to review and redistrict if necessary, and provided information related to citizen challenges.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on July 12 and consider three options (5 districts and 2 at large, 7 districts, or a vote of the citizens). Staff will contact Bill Cooper to provide updated numbers. The Mayor encouraged the Council to educate themselves on the topic at upcoming events such as the AWC annual conference.

B. Methow Park Update  
Presented by Cary Simmons, Trust for Public Land

Cary Simmons provided an update of the Kiwanis Methow Park project, which included an overview of the community-driven design, project schedule, philanthropic support and fundraising efforts, budget and potential reduction items, and upcoming events.

C. Skyline Drive Overlook

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson and Arts, Recreation and Parks Board members (Sara Urdahl, Blake Morrell, Dan Langager, Pat Farrar, Marlin Peterson, Sophia Dillon, Lisa Adan, and Brooke Page) spoke to the Council about the results of the Skyline Drive Overlook survey. The goal of the Parks Board is to make parks a safe place to enjoy and their recommendation for a best solution to help mitigate any negatives at the Skyline Drive Overlook is to install a camera system. This year's budget already had funding for cameras, and this camera will fall in line with the other cameras that are installed in other city parks. Police Chief Steve Crown also provided information on how the cameras work. It was the consensus of the Council to install cameras and signage and to report back 90 days after install.

D. Code Enforcement Update

Building/Fire Official Cliff Burdick, and Code Enforcement Officers John Fairbanks and Lance Merz presented the Code Enforcement Annual Report, and provided an update from last year's City Council tour. In 2017 they had 891 case requests, and 717 new cases, which was up 39% from the previous year. Upcoming code changes will include a foreclosed property registration requirement.

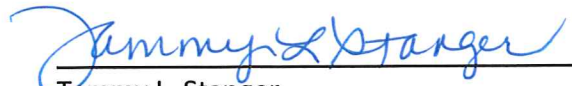
E. North Wenatchee Outdoor Storage Code Update

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander provided an update on the North Wenatchee outdoor storage code update and the Planning Commission is looking at ways to review outdoor storage, moving outdoor storage away from corridors. A public hearing is being scheduled in May for Council consideration.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz

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Tammy L. Stanger