

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

WENATCHEE CITY HALL

Thursday, May 17, 2018

MINUTES

Present:

Mayor Frank Kuntz  
Councilmember Jim Bailey  
Councilmember Lyle Markhart  
Councilmember Keith Huffaker  
Councilmember Mark Kulaas  
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams  
City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Police Chief Steve Crown  
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Housing Program Coordinator Sandra Van Osten  
City Engineer Gary Owen  
Senior Planner John Ajax  
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander  
Housing Program Coordinator Oliver Crain

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Low Barrier Shelter.

Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Housing Program Coordinator, and Building Changes Consultant Emily Harris-Shears (via phone) presented the landscape assessment for low barrier shelters in Chelan-Douglas County, which included: (1) low barrier requirements; (2) philosophy and components; (3) project timeline; (3) local assessment including methods, strengths, challenges, and recommendations; and (4) next steps. Our region is currently in compliance with the Department of Commerce through the rapid rehousing and motel voucher emergency shelter programs.

Next steps include development of the low-barrier model proposal in May/June; facilitate a low-barrier design meeting (Steering Committee on June 25 and Task Force and Community Meeting on June 26), providing Housing First/Low-Barrier service training on June 27;, and develop and implementation plan for low-barrier shelter.

The Mayor asked if there was any public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

*[Councilmember Linda Herald left the meeting at this time 5:50 PM due to a poor phone connection.]*

B. Federal Building Condominium Agreement.

Economic Development Director Steve King and City Attorney Steve Smith provided a Federal Building update to the City Council, which included condo maps, condo declaration, management agreement, construction agreement, right of first negotiation and addendum to the purchase and sale agreement. Staff will ask for authorization to approve the documents at the next City Council meeting.


C. Parklets/Streeteries.

Senior Planner John Ajax and City Engineer Gary Owen provided a review of the pilot program. They asked the Council for policy direction for city code. The Council would like to see a fee charged to cover the costs, enforcement of minimum sidewalk width standards, implementation of design standards, and a review of the code update by the Planning Commission and Arts, Recreation & Parks Board.

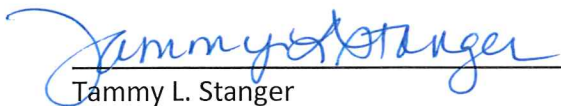
D. Critical Areas Code Update.

Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander, and Associate Planner Matt Parsons went over the process for the critical areas code update and went over the updates. It will be set for a public hearing before the City Council on June 14.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz

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Tammy L. Stanger