



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 12, 2018

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 (via phone)  
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  
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez  
IS Support Jessie Saucedo  
Mayor's Office Intern Myra Hernandez  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Police Chief Steve Crown  
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson

#### 5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order. Councilmember Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone conference.

##### 2. Consent Items.

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
- Motion to cancel the Thursday, July 26, 2018, City Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve the consent items. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### **3. Citizen Requests/Comments.**

Jeanne Poirier, Cashmere, on behalf of the 350 Wenatchee Group, read a letter into the record requesting Wenatchee adopt a clean energy policy.

Teresa Zepeda, 1119 Rosewood, told the Council about an accident she was involved in at Stevens and Rosewood Streets and requested a stop sign at the intersection, or other measures be taken as available to improve safety at that intersection.

### **4. Presentations.**

- National Night Out Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented to Police Chief Steve Crown who invited everyone to attend National Night Out.

### **5. Public Hearing Items.**

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the public hearing process.

#### **A. Proposed Voting Districts**

Executive Services Director Allison Williams provided an overview of the work done by the Electoral Process Committee and council work sessions on the topic. City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report and reviewed the legal basis of the WVRA. Council asked questions.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for public comment. The following persons spoke:

Fredi Simpson, 504 Kittitas Street, Wenatchee, read letter into the record, is not in favor of districts, and believes the city is just trying to avoid a lawsuit.

Gen Derrick, 1103 Washington Street, Wenatchee, spoke of her concerns with the costs for the process and believes districts will make the city less inclusive.

Mike Hughes, 1321 Red Apple Road, Wenatchee, stated he agreed with Fredi Simpson's statements and he is not in favor of districts.

Marianne Carnes, 1790 South Wenatchee Avenue, read letter into the record and stated she fears the loss of cohesiveness the council current has. She is against voting districts and believes the council should put the matter to a vote of the citizens.

Teresa Zepeda, 1119 Rosewood, Wenatchee, spoke in favor of districts for effective representation.

Karen Keleman, 326 North Kansas, East Wenatchee, read letter into the record and supports seven districts.

Alma Chacon, 614 Highland Drive, Wenatchee (and a member of the Electoral Process Committee), read a statement into the letter, and is in favor of seven districts. She stated it was a great opportunity to be more inclusive.

Penelope Tobiska, 1618 Central Avenue, Wenatchee, deferred to Karen Keleman and Alma Chacon's statements.

Joe Morrison, 310 Whitebirch Place, Wenatchee (and a member of the Electoral Process Committee), added that districting does not guarantee representation, but sets up an opportunity for people to run for office, supporting one person, one vote. Voting by districts is the fairest system to protect the constitutional rights to vote.

Susan Ballinger, 2009 Skyline Drive, Wenatchee, likes the idea of representational government and a richer decision making process with the reduction in access to barriers that districts will provide.

Adriana Farnsworth, Wenatchee, spoke against districting, stating that she believes the council is doing well as it is now and districting will further divide us.

Bryan Campbell, 1837 Jefferson Street, Wenatchee, repeated his comments from the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, and is not in favor of districts.

Larry Tobiska, 1618 Central Avenue, Wenatchee, encouraged the council to act affirmatively in the way that the Electoral Process Committee recommended. The recommendation deserves consideration and will see that each segment of the city is represented.

With no further public comment the Mayor then asked if there were any additional comments from the City Council. The Council discussed further.

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to continue the hearing to the regular meeting scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018, with no additional public comment, but written comments continue to be accepted and due to the City Clerk by Thursday, August 2, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilmember Linda Herald. Motion carried (7-0).*

The Mayor called for a brief recess at 6:35 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m.

B. CDBG 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan Update and 2018 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for public comment. There were no comments.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Resolution No. 2018-28, amending the City of Wenatchee 2013-2017 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**6. Action Items.**

C. Improvement Agreement for Pine Shadow

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman and Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Jim Shae, a resident near the development, asked about the higher elevation of the project and his concerns with drainage. Staff responded that the project meets compliance with city codes and that he would want to approach the homeowner with the concerns he has.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on the Improvement Agreement for Pine Shadow. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Signing of the Final Plat for Pine Shadow

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman and Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the final mylar for Pine Shadow P-17-03. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

E. 2017-2019 Homeless Grant Funding Changes

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Holly Anderson with Catholic Families Housing Services was also present and announced

they will have received with this funding the \$12.5 million in tax credits and are able to break ground on the project this fall. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the recommendations and authorize the Mayor to: (1) Enter into a subgrant agreement with Catholic Charities Housing Services for a four-year term totaling \$724,000 for the construction of a low-income housing/permanent supportive housing facility; and (2) Enter into an amended CHG agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce and amended subgrant agreements as outlined. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Hale Park Phase Two Project Funding Agreement with the State of Washington

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the Project Funding Agreement with the State of Washington for the Hale Park Phase Two Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Budget Amendment

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to approve Ordinance No. 2018-20, amending the 2018 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2017-27, revoking, recalling or decreasing all or a portion of total appropriations provided for, entering findings that this Ordinance is in the best interests of the City and requiring that this Ordinance be approved by a majority plus one of the entire Council. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. Comprehensive Water Systems Plan Update

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute Supplement #1 with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for design services for the Comprehensive Water Systems Plan Update (Project No. 1701) providing additional design. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

I. Purchase and Sale Agreement – Mission/Kittitas Parking Lot

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a second amendment to the real estate purchase and sale agreement with Weidner Apartment Homes for the Mission and Kittitas parking lot extending the due diligence period an additional 90 days. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**7. Reports.**

a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported that the Transportation Council awarded \$50,000 to assist with the Springwater project, and \$75,000 for the SR 285 Sidewalk project. There will be no work session next week and with no meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>, the next regular meeting will be August 9. Public Works Committee will meet on July 24. Public Safety Committee will meet on July 19. City Hall will be moving temporarily to the third floor of the Federal Building in November with Council Chambers on the second floor.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. None.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk