

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

**Thursday, October 18, 2018  
5:15 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ruth Esparza  
Councilmember Jim Bailey  
Councilmember Keith Huffaker  
Councilmember Mark Kulaas  
Councilmember Linda Herald  
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams  
City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Police Chief Steve Crown

***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

**A. 5:15 pm – 5:35 pm Mission Ridge Expansion**

Mission Ridge General Manager Josh Jorgensen presented an overview of the proposed Mission Ridge Expansion Project, reflecting the needs of the community and the economic impact, while being competitive with other ski resorts, and providing sustainability for the resort for years to come. Councilmember Linda Herald commented on the importance of Mission Ridge to the community during the winter months and the economic impact it provides.

B. 5:35 pm – 5:45 pm Council-Mayor Salary Review

Executive Services Director Allison Williams provided the City Council with a comparative analysis for both the Mayor salary and City Council salary discussion.

The City Council would some additional information regarding the Mayor's salary:

- (1) What benefits does the Mayor receive?
- (2) What is the cost of living in comparable cities?
- (3) How long as the current Mayor salary been in place?
- (4) History of cost of living increases.

They will review this information prior to the November 1 meeting, so that if a change is necessary it will be included in the 2019 budget.

The City Council then discussed the comparable city salaries for Councilmembers and discussed the ability to look at adjustments per the Implicit Price Inflation Index. By taking the average comparable salaries they would like staff to have an Ordinance for consideration at the January 24, 2018, setting City Councilmember salaries at \$1,000 as of 1/1/2022, with an update annually per the Implicit Price Inflation Index (which is the model that the State Salary Commission uses).

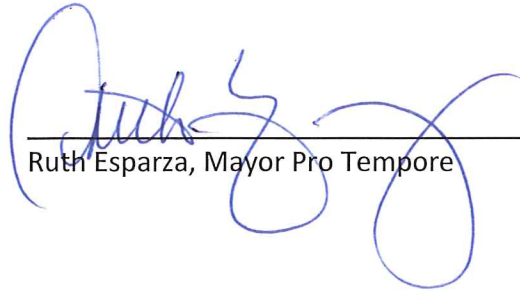
C. 5:45 pm – 5:55 pm Critical Areas

Community Development Director Glen DeVries provided an update to the City Council on the recent code update for critical areas and the question from the Chelan County PUD as to their concerns regarding maintenance and replacement. The Planning Commission reviewed and believes that the concerns of the PUD did not warrant a change in the code; however, there could be a minor change to accommodate their concerns. The City Council discussed the matter and indicated that it's not only a PUD concern, but for fairness for all utility providers, they would like to see the issue revisited and if minor adjustments are needed, they would consider.

D. 5:55 pm – 6:25 pm Housing Steering Committee Updates – Glen DeVries

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented revised Bylaws for the Housing Steering Committee. The revision keeps the City of Wenatchee as the lead for the financial component of the plan. It was also suggested that staff could present workshops to the City Council throughout the year for information and feedback to the City Council representative to take back to the Housing Steering Committee. Council emphasized that homelessness planning response is a regional responsibility and the program needs accountability of the public dollars spent through its elected officials, and it is imperative that elected officials attend these meetings to make the decisions for continued planning.

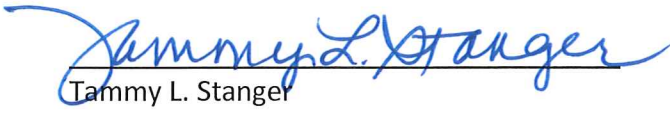
With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



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Ruth Esparza, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Tammy L. Stanger