



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2019  
Wenatchee City Hall  
Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

### MINUTES

**In attendance:**

Mayor Frank Kuntz  
Councilmember Jim Bailey  
Councilmember Ruth Esparza  
Councilmember Lyle Markhart  
Councilmember Keith Huffaker  
Councilmember Mark Kulaas  
Councilmember Linda Herald  
Councilmember Mike Poirier

**Staff in attendance:**

Executive Services Director Allison Williams  
Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant  
City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
IS Support Tim McCord  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander  
Senior Planner Matt Parsons  
Human Resources Director Kari Page  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover  
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Facilities Manager Elisa Webb  
Operations Manager Aaron Kelly  
Public Information Officer Anna Alvarez

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. All Councilmembers were present. This was the first City Council meeting in the new temporary Council Chambers on the second floor of the Federal Building.

#### 4:30 p.m. Executive Session

**Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to meet in executive session with legal counsel present for a time period not to exceed 5:10 p.m. on the following matters: (1) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal consequence to the agency. (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)); (2) To consider the acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); (3) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (7-0).**

Council adjourned from executive session at 4:58 p.m.

## 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 at 5:15 p.m. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

### 2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
- Motion for City Council to ratify the Mayor's signature on Lease Amendment No. 1 with American Behavioral Health Solutions, Inc., for Parkside.

**Motion to approve the consent items and authorize by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion.**

**Motion to revise the motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to authorize the extension for the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Weidner. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the Motion. Revised motion carried (7-0).**

### 3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

### 4. Presentations.

- Wenatchee School Choice Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Jim Bailey.
- Housing issue overview presented by Our Valley Our Future Coordinator Stephen Maher, Economic Development Director Steve King, and Community Development Director Glen DeVries.

### 5. Public Hearing Item.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

#### A. Cryptocurrency Mining and Data Center Code Revisions

Presented by Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander, and Senior Planner Matt Parsons

Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak on the matter.

The Council raised concerns about allowing it in residential zoning, public safety issues, and noise issues in all districts.

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to not accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and to not adopt Ordinance No. 2019-02, for reasons that the primary purpose intent of residential districts is for housing and not commercial uses, and that there may be noise impacts not yet determined on neighboring properties, deserving further analysis, and that staff prepare an extension of the interim control ordinance either at the last meeting in January or first regular meeting in February. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Motion carried (7-0).**

At 6:30 p.m. the Mayor called for a five minute break.

## 6. Action Items.

### B. Interagency Agreement Extension for Community Survey with WSU

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report on behalf of Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld.

**Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to provide authorization for the Mayor to sign the amendment to the agreement with Washington State University. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Markhart absent).**

### C. Ordinance Establishing Compensation for the Mayor

Human Resources Director Kari Page presented the staff report. Mayor Kuntz recused himself from this agenda item and Mayor Pro Tem Ruth Esparza led the discussion. Council asked questions. As a point of clarification, there has been no increase in the Mayor's salary since 2007 (except for cost of living increases).

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-01, establishing compensation for the Mayor, amending Ordinance No. 2007-38, codified at WCC 1.06.040, to the extent it is inconsistent with this Ordinance, and providing for an effective date. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Motion carried (6-1)(Huffaker nay).**

### D. Authorization for Temporary Lending of Cash

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

**Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for approval of Resolution No. 2019-03, approving the temporary lending of cash from the General Fund to other funds, including but not limited to, the CDBG Entitlement Fund and the Police Station GO Bond Fund, as needed, in 2019. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

### E. Financial Management Policy Revision

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for approval of Resolution No. 2019-04, adopting updated financial management policies. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

- F. Horse Lake Road Sanitary Sewer Extension (Project No. 1713)  
Project Budget Amendment No. 2

Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

**Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to amend the project budget by \$89,365 to pay for the additional paving and roadway work and further authorize the Mayor to approve the construction change order. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

- G. Iron Adjustments – Budget Authorization

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

**Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the project budget for the iron adjustments project. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

- H. Historic Preservation Board Reappointment

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-05, reappointing members to the Historic Preservation Board (Wendy Priest and Darlene Baker). Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

- I. Planning Commission Reappointment

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-06, reappointing a member to the Planning Commission (Susan Albert). Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

- J. Wenatchee Federal Building Architectural Services Contract Extension

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #1 to the contract with ARC Architects extending the completion date to March 1, 2019. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

- K. 2019 Mayor Pro Tempore

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for approval of Resolution No. 2019-01, appointing Mike Poirier as the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2019. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

**7. Reports.**

a. Mayor's Report

- Council Committee Discussion: The Mayor currently serves on the PFD board and may ask to have a citizen representative. The Council reviewed the committee assignments and made a few changes that will come for formal adoption at the next regular meeting.
- The finance committee met today and have recommended approval of three new employee requests. It will come before the Council at the next regular meeting for consideration.
- Chelan County has approved \$250,000 for the Methow Park project.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- Councilmember Lyle Markhart indicated he was looking forward to the next Museum Board meeting.
- Councilmember Mark Kulaas stated he would like to see a commemoration in Memorial Park for the Native America history of our region and recommended that the Arts, Recreation and Cultural Services Department look at suitable commemorative art for the park.
- Councilmember Jim Bailey spoke about the library remodel and stated the fundraising is almost at the goal.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk