



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Wenatchee City Hall

Council Chambers

301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor

Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Ruth Esparza (via phone)
Councilmember Lyle Markhart
Councilmember Mark Kulaas (via phone)
Councilmember Mike Poirier

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Jessi Saucedo
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Economic Development Director Steve King
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Project Manager Charlotte Mitchell
Operations Manager Aaron Kelly
Code Enforcement Officer Lance Merz
Code Enforcement Officer John Fairbanks
Building Official Cliff Burdick

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. Councilmembers Jim Bailey, Lyle Markhart and Mike Poirier were present, with Councilmembers Ruth Esparza and Mark Kulaas participating via phone conference.

4:45 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to meet in executive session, with legal counsel present, for a time period not to exceed 30 minutes, to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:12 p.m.

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Mike Poirier led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Ruth Esparza and Mark Kulaas participated in the meeting via phone conference. The excused absences of Councilmembers Linda Herald and Keith Huffaker were noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings and Resolution No. 2019-02, designating voting representatives on behalf of the City to various community boards, councils and organizations. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (5-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

John Marshall, 3620 Westridge, Wenatchee, spoke of his concerns with the Blackrock development related to wildlife, traffic, aesthetics, and fire.

The Mayor explained the land use process in the city. The Council has no authority to review or alter the Hearing Examiner's preliminary approval, including any conditions of approval. The Mayor reviews the final plat only to ensure the conditions of approval have been met.

Karen Kornher, 4700 Northridge, Wenatchee, spoke of her concerns with wildfires and the Blackrock development.

The Mayor addressed Ms. Kornher's concerns and explained that the City has done considerable work addressing wildfires through the Wildland Urban Interface Code and becoming a "Firewise" Community (CPAW process).

Suzanne Hartman, 1715 Skyline Drive, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns about the Blackrock development and asked "is this the right thing to do?"

Fred Deal, 1721 Skyline Drive, Wenatchee, spoke of his concern with the Blackrock development and the steep hillside and traffic congestion and asked "is this the right thing to do?"

Cristina Eppers, 10 South Cove, Unit 3-A, spoke of her concerns with the Blackrock development regarding fire, safety, access behind property, habitat, view, run-off and erosion.

Ashley Olson, 1818 Skyline Drive, Wenatchee, thanked the Mayor for sharing the city's role, and shared her concern about protecting the community from fire, erosion, etc., and asked the Council to take a look at the "greater community good."

4. Presentations.

- Special Recognition – Mayor Kuntz presented awards to Code Enforcement Officers Lance Merz and John Fairbanks who helped a family escape from a burning home on November 28, 2018.
- Introduction of New Museum Director Keni Sturgeon. Linda Haglund (WDA Director and Museum Board Member) introduced the new Museum Director, Keni Sturgeon, to the City Council. Keni plans to provide quarterly updates and asked the Council to let her know how she can best keep them informed.
- Hearings Examiner Annual Report Andy Kottkamp. Hearings Examiner Andy Kottkamp presented his annual report to the City Council. Andy has been the City's Hearings Examiner since 2008. (Annual report on file).
- Chelan County PUD Strategic Plan. Chelan County PUD Managing Director of District Services Justin Erickson, together with PUD Commissioners Dennis Bolz and Garry Arsenault, presented an overview of the strategic planning process and asked for City participation with this substantial update to help guide the PUD for years to come.

5. Action Items.

A. Budget Request for Staffing Needs

Executive Services Director Allison Williams and Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey by to authorize 2019 staffing additions as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mike Poirier. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Saddlerock Interim Remedial Action Consultant Selection

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Project Manager Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the selection of GeoEngineers as consultant for the Saddlerock Interim Remedial Action Grant (IRA) Project and authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign the consultant agreement for the project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (5-0).

C. City Council Compensation

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Council asked questions and commented. Council requested additional research and more definition as to whether the changes to Council salaries can be tied to something more objective (built-in automatically, i.e. cost of living adjustments). Staff will present an update to the Council in the next six months. It was noted for the record that this change will not affect the salaries of the current City Council as it does not go into effect until 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-03, establishing compensation for the City Council Members, establishing an effective date, and repealing Ordinance No. 2007-38 to the extent it is inconsistent with this Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Marhart. Motion carried (5-0).

D. WSU Property Integrated Planning Grant

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a consultant agreement with Maul Foster Alongi for work associated with an Integrated Planning Grant to support redevelopment of property at the WSU Tree Fruit Research Center. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

E. WSU Property Access Agreement

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a right of access agreement with Washington State University to perform work associated with an integrated planning grant. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (5-0).

F. Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Estate of Alice Jewell Brandt

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Estate of Alice Jewell Brandt. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

- G. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, and Washington State Parks Department for the Construction of Sewer Discharge Meter and Vault in the Wenatchee Confluence State Park

Presented by Public Works Director Rob Jammerman. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County and Washington State Parks Department for the construction of a new flow metering assembly as part of the Olds Station Lift Station Project, City Project Number 1718 – Phase 2, and authorize the Mayor to sign the final agreement. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

6. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

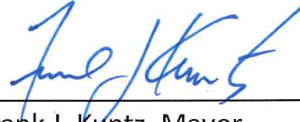
- (1) The LocalTel Federal Building Condo Association met yesterday. Things are going well for the association and it has been a pleasure working with LocalTel. The association discussed security, parking lot repaving, and mechanical updates, among other things.
- (2) The PFD board had a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, but only two board members showed up. He wasn't very happy about that.
- (3) He attended the School Board meeting on Tuesday night where city staff presented the board with the Springwater property access proposal. He thanked Councilmembers Jim Bailey and Mike Poirier for attendance at that meeting.
- (4) He is closely watching Olympia, especially as they work through the transportation budget. Allison Williams added that on the legislative front Shiloh Burgess presented the OVOF housing report and they invited her back to meet with the committee chair next week. It was very well received.
- (5) The INFRA grant process has started again.
- (6) The Mayor, Steve King and Allison Williams toured the new Stemilt plant this week.
- (7) He and staff met with Jeff Lucas (owner of the Cascadian fruit warehouse building) about a project he proposed. As previously agreed, curb will be installed near his property on Worthen this year.
- (8) Allison Williams added that there will be a Public Works/Economic Development committee meeting next Tuesday, and a Director's meeting next Thursday.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Lyle Markhart announced he will be attending the AWC City Action Days on February 13 and 14 in Olympia.

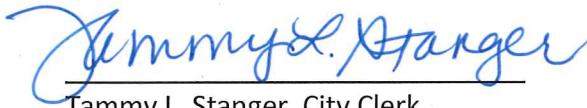
7. **Announcements.** None.

8. **Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk