



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, February 14, 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
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
IS Support Tim McCord
Economic Development Director Steve King
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander
Senior Planner Matt Parsons
Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld
Police Captain Jim West
Facilities Manager Elisa Webb
Human Resources Director Kari Page

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, Ruth Esparza, Lyle Markhart, Mark Kulaas, Linda Herald and Mike Poirier were present.

4:45 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session for a time period of not longer than 30 minutes, with legal counsel present, to consider the acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; and to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to potential litigation to which the city may become a party, when public knowledge regarding such discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Keith Huffaker participated in the executive session via phone conference. 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 Ruth Esparza led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone conference.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Pipkin Construction, on the Red Apple Road Preservation Project, City Project No. 1607; for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-06, establishing pay ranges for temporary employees for calendar year 2019, and repealing Ordinance No. 2018-01; for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-07, establishing positions for regular status employment within the City of Wenatchee Management/Administrative Group, fixing the compensation to be paid for the calendar year 2019, and repealing Ordinance No. 2018-02; and for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a Lease Agreement with Congresswoman Kim Schrier's office. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

4. Presentations.

- World Spay Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald. A copy of the proclamation will be sent to Peri Galluci.

5. Action Items.

A. Pybus Plaza Agreement

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Also present were Pybus representatives Steve Robinson, Darren Klinginsmith, Brad Brisbine, and Mike Catlin. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement regarding granting a pedestrian easement, and design, construction use, and maintenance of the Pybus Plaza. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Annexation 10% Petition – Clennon Annexation

Community Development Director Glen DeVries and Senior Planning Matt Parsons provided a presentation and presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Councilmember Jim Bailey commented for the record that this development is very important for the community; however, there is the issue with creating islands.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the annexation boundary proposed by staff in the council packet labeled as Option #4, located in an unincorporated area within the urban growth boundary, to require the adoption of the proposed zoning regulations as it is set forth in the Comprehensive Plan of the City as Residential Single Family and Residential Low, and to require the assumption of existing indebtedness of the city by the area to be annexed. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Amendment No. 10 to Service Agreement No. 10-182 with Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Police Captain Jim West presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 10 to the agreement with the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Contract for OnBase Document Imaging Software

Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to provide authorization for the Mayor to sign the contract with OnBase. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Wenatchee Federal Building Architectural Services – Design Contract

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract with ARC Architects for design through bidding services. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County for Inmate Housing Services

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Sixth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee to provide inmate housing services. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Former Public Works Remediation Project – WSDOE Agreement – Reimbursement

Economic Development Director Steve King

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for cleanup of the Wenatchee Former Public Works Yard project. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. Historic Preservation Board Member Appointment

Presented by Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-08, designating a voting representative (Glenda Travis) to the Historic Preservation Board for a term ending December 31, 2021. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

I. Convention Center Restroom Upgrade Project 1619 Bid Award

Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest. Facilities Manager Elisa Webb presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Hildebrand Construction for the Convention Center Restroom Remodel Project 1619 in the amount of \$137,890. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0)(Herald conflict).

6. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

J. Cryptocurrency Mining Operations Interim Official Control Extension

Presented by Senior Planner Matt Parsons and Community Development Director Glen DeVries. Council asked questions.

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-04, extending an interim official control relating to cryptocurrency mining operations in the City of Wenatchee, to be effective February 23, 2019, for a period of six (6) months. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following items:
 - The public works/economic development committee met this week.
 - The new city hall planning is coming along.
 - Staff attended the PUD strategic planning meeting this week.
 - Work continues on North Wenatchee Avenue.
 - The Mayor presented the "state of the city" at the Chamber event this week, along with Commissioners Steinberg and Overbay, and East Wenatchee Mayor Pro Tem Jerrilea Crawford.
 - Staff has been working very hard on the Clennon annexation this week.
 - Finance committee met today. Approved hot chip and additional money for additional lane miles.
 - He has been watching Olympia very closely.
 - Executive Services Director Allison Williams added the following: Staff has been working hard on INFRA and gathering letters of support; assistance with scheduling meetings with the legislators for Councilmember Lyle Markhart and lobbyist Bruce Beckett; staff attended the Rivercom meeting this week, and Rivercom continues to work through their facility assessment process. Coming up next week: TedX, National RectoTech next Thursday morning with Andrew Coy.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she spoke at the Eastmont Kiwanis meeting about Misawa and recruiting for the August visit; Wenatchee will be hosting Misawa in April for Apple Blossom; Councilmember Keith Huffaker and his wife, Robin, will be traveling with the delegation in August, and Mayor Kuntz said he and his wife, Chrissie, will be going as well. Linda also participated in the Homeless Steering Committee meeting, and has received an email regarding Councilmember recruitment for District 1.

Councilmember Mike Poirier announced he will be gone the last part of March. He will provide the list of committees that he represents and will ask for an alternate to attend those meetings. He is concerned that the Council has boards/committees they represent and sometimes those meetings do not have city representatives present (i.e. Rivercom).


Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that tomorrow is the Rails & Ales event, and reminded everyone that coming up March 17 is the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councilmember Lyle Markhart reported that he had a nice meeting with Senator Hawkins and that he sends his regards.

Executive Services Director Allison Williams added that she has been participating in the PUD headquarters meetings and that they will be providing an overview at the February 28 Council meeting.

8. Announcements.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk