



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Wenatchee City Hall
Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Ruth Esparza
Councilmember Lyle Markhart
Councilmember Keith Huffaker
Councilmember Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald

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
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Economic Development Director Steve King
Police Chief Steve Crown
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson
Project Manager Charlotte Mitchell
Engineering Manager Jacob Huylar
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander

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. The excused absences of Councilmember Mike Poirier and Jim Bailey were noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Motion carried (5-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Carrie Gavin, 1120 Cherry Street, Wenatchee, and Pat Whitfield, 516 North Montclair Avenue, East Wenatchee (former members of the Diversity Advisory Council), read a letter into the record with an update on the status of the Diversity Advisory Council. The Mayor thanked them for serving on the board, addressed their concerns and the goal of forming a regional Diversity Advisory Council.

4. Presentations.

- National Service Recognition Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Alan Walker, Executive Director of the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council who said a few words about the volunteer programs they administer (AmeriCorps, RSVP, etc.).

5. Work Session Items.

- A. Security Camera Results. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson provided information related to the security camera installed at the Skyline Drive overlook and the reduction of crime at the location.
- B. Methow Park Project Overview. Project Manager Charlotte Mitchell and Trust for Public Land representative Cary Simmons provided an update on the Methow Park project. The "Parque Padrinos" were also in attendance and provided handouts to the Mayor and Council. The goal is to have the park complete and ready to open on the "Day of the Dead" (November 1, 2019). They thanked the City for the work on the project and the Mayor thanked TPL and Parque Padrinos for their leadership and engagement of the neighborhood.
- C. Parks, Arts, Culture & Cemetery Work Plan. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director provided an overview of the 2019 work plan.

6. Action Items.

- D. Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement – 1688 Stella Avenue

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander and Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-13, authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

E. Proposed Addition of Property to Wenatchee Register of Historic Places – 30 South Wenatchee Avenue

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-14, adding 30 South Wenatchee Avenue to the Wenatchee Register of Historic Places. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

F. LaVergne Annexation

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

The Mayor explained the public hearing process. The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to comment.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-11, providing for notice of intention to annex an unincorporated area located on the southeast corner of the intersection at McKittrick Street and Pershing Street also known as the LaVergne Annexation. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

G. Appointment to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-15, appointing Miquel Cuevas to Position 8 (generator) of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

H. 2020 Pavement Preservation Project No. 1913 Budget Authorization

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the proposed budget for City Project 1913. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

I. Iron Adjustments, City Project No. SW18-11

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to award the construction contract for the Iron Adjustments, Project No. SW18-11, to Road Products, Inc. in the amount of \$148,892.82 and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

7. Reports.

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

- The LTAC has requested a market analysis/study of the convention center and the finance committee has approved that.
- A meeting was held with the property owner of property next to the PSC to negotiate a purchase.
- The city is working on an agreement with the library for the city to take 100% ownership of the library building.
- Columbia Colstor/Lineage is selling all of their properties in Wenatchee. Staff will be touring on Friday.
- Executive Services Director Allison Williams said staff is continuing to monitor legislative topics (transportation, housing, etc.).
- Economic Development Director Steve King updated Council on the design process for the new city hall.
- The Mayor and staff attended the Port breakfast this week.
- Community Development Director Glen DeVries provided a brief overview of the proposed college district and invited the Mayor and Council to attend the April 9 meeting with Makers.

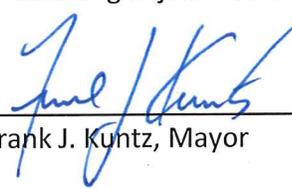
b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that he was part of a group presentation to the Senate Committee on Housing Supply & Affordability. He also spoke about the TIB award to the City of Wenatchee of \$700,000. Staff will send to the Council a list of the projects for this award.

8. Announcements.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Attest:



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk