



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 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
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 Jessi Saucedo
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton
Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover
Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar
Economic Development Director Steve King
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Project Manager
Charlotte Mitchell
GIS Manager Matt Collins
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
City Engineer Gary Owen
Police Chief Steve Crown
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson

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. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.

Motion to approve the consent items by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

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3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Teresa Bendito thanked the City Council for attending the Parque Padrinos event held last Monday and invited them to attend the next meeting.

4. Presentations.

- Poppy Days Proclamation read by Councilmember Mike Poirier and presented to Poppy Girl and Boy Olivia and Hoyt who passed out poppies to the City Council and audience.
- Stand Against Racism Proclamation read by Councilmember Jim Bailey. The Mayor read this proclamation earlier in the day at the Stand Against Racism event held by the YWCA at Wenatchee Valley College.
- GIS Update presented by GIS Manager Matt Collins.

5. Action Items.

A. White Annexation

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Resolution No. 2019-17, fixing time for hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area located generally on the east side of Methow Street between Broad Street and Hidden Meadow Drive and bordered to the west by parcels in city limits also known as the White Annexation. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4, City Project No. 1810 Authorization for Design Services

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with HDR for design services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 (Project No. 1810) and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Tacoma Avenue Improvements, City Project No. 1907
Authorization for Design Services

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with SCJ Alliance for design services for the Tacoma Avenue Improvements Project No. 1907, and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Surplus Property Sale – Les Schwab Tire Center of Washington

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

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase and sale agreement with Les Schwab Tire Center of Washington, and further negotiate final details of the agreement. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Kiwanis Methow Park Improvements

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Cary Simmons with the Trust for Public Lands, was also present and answered questions.

The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak.

Artist Terry Valdez spoke in support of the park and how the city's efforts began the momentum for the park.

Lizbeth Rivera, a South Wenatchee resident, spoke about how the park project has helped the community come together and is helping to build bridges in the community.

Armando Bendito spoke of a place that has really changed the community and would like to have the park built to benefit the children, and for the entire community to feel like they belong.

Flora Fernandez spoke in support of the park and the Parque Padrinos has made her a part of something that is very special.

Alford Ortiz spoke about his excitement for the renovation of the park and believes it is a great investment for the community and restores a sense of pride and identity.

Rudy, a child who resides in the Methow Park neighborhood, asked the Council to please give money to the park. The park is where he wants to play.

The Mayor then asked for input from Finance Director Brad Posenjak. Considering the bid is higher than the engineer's estimate, the Mayor and Council discussed the funding options. Based on the budget presented for the project an additional \$818,000 is needed. Additional discussion was held and the Finance Committee recommendation considered. It was noted that the Trust for Public Lands will contribute an additional \$100,000 towards the project.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard construction contract with KRCl in the amount of \$2,691,882.50 with the repurposing of \$770,000 from the City's budget to include \$500,000 from the rainy day fund, \$120,000 from the dilapidated property project funds, and \$150,000 from the juniper removal project, together with a \$50,000 budget amendment, for construction of the Kiwanis Methow Park Improvements Project. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-1) (Huffaker nay).

The Mayor called for a five minute break at 6:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

6. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

F. Draft Amendment I for 2018 Annual Action Plan

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt the CDBG draft Amendment I to the 2018 Annual Action Plan as a final version and authorize the Mayor to sign any updated applications, certifications, assurances or contracts necessary as a result of the amendment. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following items:
 - o He spoke at the Stand Against Racism event this morning.
 - o The Mayor attended a meeting with regional Mayors and Congresswoman Schrier yesterday.
 - o He participated in "Chief for a Day" today as emcee of the event.
 - o He will be attending the YWCA event this evening.

- He attended last week's Wellness lunch and grilled hotdogs for everyone.
 - He continues to keep an eye on legislative issues in Olympia.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees.
- Councilmember Linda Herald reported that Misawa arrives next Wednesday. The welcome reception is Wednesday at 3pm at the City Hall fountain plaza.
 - Councilmember Mark Kulaas will be selling funnel cakes next Wednesday for Apple Blossom. He also reported that he continues to be impressed with the Cemetery staff and all they do given the resources.
 - Councilmember Jim Bailey mentioned how nice the Carnegie Building looks with the fresh paint.

8. Announcements.

Executive Services Director announced that Councilmember Ruth Esparza will step off the Public Works/Economic Development Committee and Councilmember Mike Poirier will take her place. Councilmember Ruth Esparza will take Councilmember Poirier's place on the Community Action Council Board.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk