



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 9, 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 (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  
Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Utilities Manager John Ricardi  
Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar  
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton  
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander  
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Recreation Supervisor Caryl Andre  
Recreation Coordinator Gina Shaw  
Police Chief Steve Crown

4:15 p.m. Wenatchee City Council Tour of Hilton Garden Inn, 25 North Worthen Street, Wenatchee.

**5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting**

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

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone conference.

**2. Consent Items:**

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

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve the agenda, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

**3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.**

**4. Presentations.**

- Municipal Clerk's Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented to City Clerk Tammy Stanger and Public Information Officer/Deputy Clerk Annagrisel Graef.
- Arts Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Ruth Esparza and presented to Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Board Chair Dan Langager.
- Water Safety Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Lyle Markhart and presented to Recreation Coordinator/Pool Manager Gina Shaw.
- National Public Works Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Jim Bailey and presented to Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar and Utilities Manager John Ricardi.
- Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center – Executive Director Keni Sturgeon presented a Quarter 1 update to the Mayor and Council.
- Link Transit – General Manager Richard DeRock presented an overview of the services provided and information regarding the sales tax ballot measure. Chuck Johnson, City of East Wenatchee Councilmember, was also presented and asked for support, through a resolution from our Council.

**5. Action Items.**

**A. Inmate Labor Agreement**

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

**Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the agreement between Chelan County Regional Justice Center and the City of Wenatchee as presented. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).**

**B. Community Choice Community Center License Agreement**

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the License Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Community Choice for the use of the Wenatchee Community Center and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

C. Remedial Action Grant Amendment Department of Ecology

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

**Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. TCPRA-2018-Wenatc-00035 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and City of Wenatchee for the Gold Knob Prospect Site. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

D. Local Government Investment Pool Authorization

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

**Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-19, authorizing investment of City of Wenatchee monies in the local government investment pool. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

E. City Code Update – Financial Administration

Presented by Finance Director Brad Posenjak. Council asked questions.

**Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-17, relating to the financial policies of the City and, specifically, amending and restating Chapter 1.20 WCC “Funds – Special” and repealing Chapter 1.40 WCC “Rental of City Buildings.” Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

F. WWTP Snowmelt & Old Clarifier Demolition Project

Utilities Manager John Ricardi presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Pacific Engineering for design services with option to add construction services for the WWTP Snowmelt & Old Clarifier Demolition Project (Project No. SW19-05), and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

The Mayor called for a five minute recess at 6:23 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:28 p.m.

G. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Analysis, City Project #1910 – 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 #1910. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

H. South Wenatchee Safety Improvements, City Project #1911 – Budget Authorization

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the proposed budget for City Project #1911. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

I. Miller and Montana Pedestrian Crossing Improvements, City Project #1912 – Budget Authorization

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

**Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart for City Council to approve the proposed budget for City Project #1912. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

J. Voting Representatives for Association of Washington Cities Annual Meeting

**Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-20, appointing two (2) City Council members, Jim Bailey and Lyle Markhart, as voting representatives on behalf of the City of Wenatchee at the Association of Washington Cities annual conference business meeting. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

K. Multifamily Tax Exemption Agreement – 1301 Walla Walla Avenue

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

**Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-21, authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Three Feathers, LLC. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

L. Multifamily Tax Exemption Agreement – 1545 South Mission Street

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report.

**Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-22, authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Wenatchee Housing, LLLP. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

6. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

M. Wenatchee City Code Revisions

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

The Mayor then asked for public comment. The following citizens spoke:

1. Rory Turner, 1414 North Benoy, Wenatchee, asked Council for support of the code revisions.
2. Paul Schmidt, 609 Sage Hills, asked about any potential traffic concerns with drive-through facilities.

With no additional comments, the Mayor turned the matter back over to the City Council for action.

**Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-18, amending the development regulations of the City including, specifically, Wenatchee City Code (WCC) Chapter 10.10.020 to allow for the adaptive re-use of existing drive-through facilities in the Central Business District (CBD) and Historic Entertainment Over (HEO) for drive-in and drive-thru restaurants; and WCC Chapter 12.08.080(3) to revise an existing exemption in the Critical Areas Ordinance for specific use for public and private utility work in an improved surface. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).**

N. White Annexation Public Hearing

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 Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-23, providing for notice of intention to annex an unincorporated area located 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).**

## 7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following items:
  - (1) The Clennon annexation is complete and is effective as of April 30.
  - (2) He attended many events for Apple Blossom, including the All Service Club Luncheon where city staff was recognized for their hard work in helping to make the festival a success; the Carnegie Building has new paint and looks beautiful; we welcomed our Misawa friends last week.
  - (3) He has involved in discussions with the Chelan and Douglas County Port Districts in looking at a functional consolidation of the Ports.
  - (4) He attended a homeless meeting yesterday with Commissioners Overbay and Straub.
  - (5) He attended the unveiling of the WVC Girls Basketball Team Championship NWAC banner yesterday.
  - (6) On the legislative front in Olympia, NEPA was not funded and the housing bill passed does not assist the city with our needs for affordable housing.

- (7) The North Wenatchee Avenue project was presented at the Transportation Council meeting this morning.
- (8) Allison Williams added that at next week's Public Safety Committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. the Police Chief will be presenting the WSU survey results. Staff will post as a special meeting so all Councilmembers may attend if they like.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas indicated he would like to see a discussion about Housing Bill 1408. He would also like to see a discussion about Council Districts. He asked for information about the city's purchasing practices to ensure professional services are being offered to minority and disadvantaged contractors. Brooklyn Holton gave a brief update on the consolidation plan amendments that we will hope to foster more of the businesses in the region.

**8. Announcements. None.**

**9. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk