



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, July 11, 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  
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 Jessi Saucedo  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman  
Facilities Manager Elisa Webb  
Police Chief Steve Crown  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Dave Erickson  
Administrative Assistant Laura Perez  
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. All Councilmembers were present.

**4:30 p.m. Executive Session.**

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to convene in executive session with legal counsel present for a time period not to exceed 45 minutes to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; and to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (7-0).*

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

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

**2. Consent Items.**

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
- Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Transblue, LLC, on the Stevens and Mission Landscaping Improvements, City Project No. SW17-06, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher.

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

**3. Citizen Requests/Comments.**

Dolly Morgan, 500 North Emerson, Apartment 211, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns about parking on Fifth Street next to Garden Terrace Apartments. The area in question is marked for loading and unloading and for emergency vehicles and she is concerned because it is being used for regular parking. The Mayor said that parking enforcement and public works staff will work on a solution to the matter and will follow up with Dolly.

**4. Presentations.**

The Mayor announced that Councilmember Lyle Markhart had received his Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership and presented the certificate to him.

- Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Jim Bailey and presented to Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services board member Dan Langager and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson.
- City of Wenatchee Service Awards presented by Human Resources Director Kari Page and Human Resources Coordinator Katlen Henke. Present to receive their services awards were Dave Nichols (30 years); Tina Erwert (25 years); Adam Reichert (25 years); and Will Weems (15 years).
- Chelan County PUD Presentation Re: Balloons. Teka Sellars presented information to the Mayor and Council regarding metallic balloons and the risk they pose to the utilities. She provided materials to have for the public.
- Pybus Market Presentation. Current Pybus Market Executive Director Steve Robinson introduced Leslie Freytag as the incoming Executive Director. They thanked the Council for the good working relationship they have had with the City and look forward to the future of the market.

## 5. Action Items.

### A. Resolution in Support of Link Transit Ballot Measure

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Russ Speidel said a few words in support of the resolution. Lauren Loeb sack also spoke in support of the resolution. Council also commented.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-32, in support of the ballot measure in Chelan and Douglas Counties that increases a sales and use tax by 2/10's of one percent for Link Transit. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### B. Resolution in Support of RiverCom Ballot Measure

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. RiverCom 911 Executive Director Misty Viebrock spoke in support of the resolution. Council asked questions and commented.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-24, in support of the ballot measure in Chelan and Douglas Counties that renews a sales and use tax for E911 emergency communication systems and facilities utilized by RiverCom 911. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### C. Wenatchee Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Appointment

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-28, appointing a member to the Wenatchee Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission (Liliana Luna Cruz). Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### D. Contract for Legal Services for Indigent Criminal Defendants

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Also present was Andrew Kottkamp, Sean Esworthy, and Nick Yedinak. Council asked questions of Mr. Yedinak.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for Legal Services for Indigent Criminal Defendants with Kottkamp, Yedinak & Esworthy, PLLC. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### E. Isola Annexation

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-31, fixing time for hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area that includes five parcels located on the north side of Terminal Avenue between Methow Street to the west and extending east towards Cross Street stopping approximately midblock, also known as the Isola Annexation. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Tramp Annexation

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-30, fixing time for hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area located to the west of Skyline Drive in Millerdale Block A that is bordered to the south and west by urban growth area boundary, to the north by current city limits and to the east by undeveloped land that fronts Skyline Drive, also known as the Tramp Annexation. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Forte Architects Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement for GSA Social Security Building – Project No. 1809

Economic Development Director Steve King and Facilities Manager Elisa Webb presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement for GSA Social Security Project on behalf of the City with Forte Architects for additional design services for the GSA Social Security Building - Project No. 1809. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. ARC Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement for Wenatchee City Hall – Project No. 1716

Economic Development Director Steve King and Facilities Manager Elisa Webb presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement for Wenatchee City Hall on behalf of the City with ARC Architects for additional design services for the Wenatchee City Hall – Project No. 1716. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 6. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

### I. LaVergne Annexation

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report.

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. 2019-31, providing for the annexation of an unincorporated area located on the southeast corner of the intersection at McKittrick Street and Pershing Street also known as the LaVergne Annexation. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### J. Cryptocurrency Mining and Data Center Code Amendments

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor then asked for public comment.

Nick Martini, 324 South Chelan, Wenatchee, questioned the ordinance and provisions for existing mines. Staff responded that the operation would have to be an established use prior to the ordinance being adopted, and in compliance with the required permits and license.

The Mayor then turned the matter back over to Council for further comment and/or consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-30, amending Chapters 10.08 Definitions, 10.10 District Use Chart, and 10.48 General Regulations, of the Wenatchee City Code (WCC) relating to cryptocurrency mining and data centers, terminating the interim official control imposed by Ordinance No. 2019-04, and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
  - (1) The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Poirier will be absent from the July 25 Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to appoint Councilmember Ruth Esparza as Mayor Pro Tem for the July 25 Council meeting. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- (2) Council representation for RiverCom is needed.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier to appoint Ruth Esparza as the Council representative on the RiverCom board. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- (3) The Mayor provided an update on the bonding for the federal building.  
(4) The Mayor signed papers this week at the title company for the Brandt property.  
(5) The Public Works/Economic Development meeting was held this week.  
(6) He attended a meeting with Chelan County Port staff.  
(7) He and staff met with Senator Parlette regarding Parkside.  
(8) He and staff met with the Wenatchee Downtown Association regarding parking and landscaping.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- (1) Councilmember Mark Kulaas spoke about some concerns he has with the parking lot next to the Amtrak station.  
(2) Councilmember Mark Kulaas would like time at next week's work session meeting to talk about districts.

8. **Announcements.** None.

7. **9. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ruth Esparza

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk