

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Thursday, July 18, 2019
5:15 p.m.**

Minutes

Present:

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

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
Administrative Assistant Laura Perez
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Economic Development Director Steve King
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman
Development Manager Matt Shales
Police Captain Brian Chance
City Engineer Gary Owen

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Flywheel Update

GWATA Executive Director Jenny Rojanasthien and GWATA board member Jenny Rickel and Flywheel Angel Fund Manager Rob Tidd provided an overview of GWATA's mission and the impacts the Flywheel Conference has brought to the community. They asked for the City to consider a three-year partner contribution of \$20,000 per year. The City will consider the request at a future Finance Committee meeting.

B. Wenatchee Downtown Association Annual Update

WDA Executive Director Linda Haglund and Program & Event Director Meredith Hilger presented the WDA's 2018 Annual Report. They were thankful for the partnership with the City on the many projects that they are included in and looked forward to good things to come to our vibrant downtown.

C. North Wenatchee Avenue Update

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman and City Engineer Gary Owen provided an update on the North Wenatchee Avenue project and an overview of the background, project objectives, recommended improvements and next steps.

D. Economic Development Updates

Economic Development Director Steve King and Economic Development Project Manager Matt Shales presented the work plan for their department. The City Council also reviewed a spreadsheet prepared by Matt that show the City of Wenatchee's overall utility rates compared to other cities.

E. Districts Discussion

Councilmember Mark Kulaas provided a handout and spoke to the Council about realigning the Planning Commission to a district format. Staff will research what other cities do and look at the city code and the makeup of the current Planning Commission. Councilmember Kulaas would like to see this implemented by the end of this year. The topic will come back before the Council in one month for further discussion and consideration.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Ruth Esparza

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk