

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

5:15 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Police Chief Steve Crown

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Sign Code Update/Housing Code Update

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented outreach efforts, survey findings, proposed design standards and clutter management tools for the sign code update.

The Planning Commission has a few more meetings to review and will hold a public hearing on November 20, and will come back before City Council for consideration in December.

He then provided a brief update for the housing code. Makers is continuing to look at scale and compatibility issues, protecting the homes that are in place. Single-family residences will continue to be allowed in Residential High density areas. This will come back before the City Council in October for consideration.

B. Climate Change Update

Executive Services Director Allison Williams provided an overview of the city's green efforts. Staff has been working on an update to Resolution No. 2010-44, and Directors have been reviewing and working towards measurements and more specificity. With tomorrow's climate change rally planned in front of city hall tomorrow, staff put together a list of green efforts across the city.

C. Overview of House Bill 1406 and Next Steps

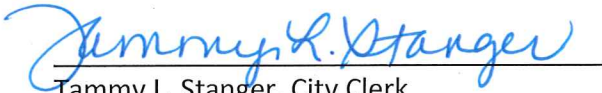
Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented an overview of HB 1406, which allows a rebate of sales tax for affordable housing. It was the consensus of the Council to prepare a Resolution of intent to start the process for the program.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk