



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 26, 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
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support Tim McCord
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Utilities Engineer Jeremy Hoover
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly
Facilities Manager Elisa Webb

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

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Alicia King, 729 Riverside Drive, Wenatchee, recently relocated back to Wenatchee after living on the west side for 30 years, and addressed the Council about concerns with homeless in Wenatchee and run down South Wenatchee neighborhoods, and offered suggested solutions that other communities have used for each. The Mayor addressed her concerns.

Jean Poirier, PO Box 228, Cashmere, WA, thanked the Council for the work on green planning in the city. She also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Mike Poirier for speaking at last week's Climate Change rally. She has a couple of questions about emergency shelters and the Mayor and Councilmember Keith Huffaker addressed her concerns.

James Bean, owner of Craft Cannabis in Wenatchee, addressed the Council with a request to extend the hours of operation for marijuana businesses in Wenatchee, with the consideration that East Wenatchee allows extended operating hours to midnight. The Mayor asked Mr. Bean to work with the Chief of Police and Planning Staff to review.

Francisco Blas, 500 Yakima, Wenatchee, new to the area, spoke of his concerns with nuisances in his neighborhood and how to best address those concerns. The Mayor and Council addressed his concerns and told Mr. Blas about GO Request, either through a phone app, or through the city website.

4. Presentations.

- WWTP Outstanding Performance Award Presentation. Department of Ecology Representative Coleman Miller was present, along with WWTP Supervisor Adam Reichert and WWTP Lab Technician Katy Landers, who accepted the award on behalf of the entire WWTP team.

5. Action Items.

A. Code Enforcement Board Appointment

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

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-38, appointing a member to the Wenatchee Code Enforcement Board (Luis Gonzalez). Motion seconded by Councilmember Linda Herald. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointment

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-40, appointing a member to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020 (Kristin Lodge). Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0; Herald recused).

C. Museum Contract

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Also present was Museum Board President Linda Haglund. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the City to enter into the Joint Agreement between the City of Wenatchee, the City of East Wenatchee, and the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, in substantially the form presented, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. HB 1406

Executive Services Director Allison Williams presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2019-39, declaring the intent of the City of Wenatchee to adopt legislation to authorize a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019), and other matters related thereto. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Olds Station Sanitary Sewer Expansion - Project No. 1718 – Phase 2, Lift Station

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to amend the construction contract with KRCl to pay for the additional inspection and repair work, and further authorize the Mayor to approve the construction change order in the amount of \$169,000. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. North Wenatchee Stormwater Improvements - Project No. 1617

Utilities Engineer Jeremy Hoover Presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County for sharing of the construction costs for the North Wenatchee Stormwater Facility Improvements (Project No. 1617). Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. North Wenatchee Pedestrian and Median Improvements - Project No. 1615

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Lyle Markhart for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with RH2 Engineering for design services for the North Wenatchee Avenue Pedestrian and Median Improvements (Project No. 1615) and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. Business Licensing

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-33, amending Title 5 Licenses and Taxation of the Wenatchee City Code (WCC) by amending portions of Chapter 5.08 Adult Entertainment, repealing Chapter 5.30 Flight Schools, amending Chapter 5.40 License-Security Police, Merchant Police, Detective Agencies, amending Chapter 5.76 Business Licenses, and amending Chapter 5.84 Utilities Tax. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

I. SSA OHO Wenatchee Project 1809

Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the remodel Project 1809 budget of \$2,840,726, authorize the Mayor to award Project 1809 and sign the construction contract to TW Clark Construction, LLC, for the amount of \$2,107,000, and authorize the Mayor to sign a change order to Project 1809 with TW Clark Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$15,500 to produce the pricing breakdown. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the public hearing process.

J. Proposed Addition of Property to Wenatchee Register of Historic Places

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

The Mayor asked for public comment.

Dan Langager, on behalf of the Wenatchee Arts, Recreation & Parks Commission, stated they were in support of the recommendation made by the Historic Preservation Board.

The Mayor then turned the matter back over to the City Council for additional comment and consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to accept the Historic Preservation Board recommendation to add the property located at 1804 North Western Avenue, the Wenatchee Cemetery and Mausoleum, to the Wenatchee Register of Historic Places based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained within Resolution No. 2019-41. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report – The Mayor reported on the following:
 - (1) The Finance Committee had a first look at the budget today, with 91 requests. A first run of the budget will be available to the City Council on Monday. Council will review again on October 10.
 - (2) The City now officially owns the WSDOT property on North Wenatchee Avenue.
 - (3) The Mayor and staff participated in a call with Drew Shirk from the Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs, about the Department of Ecology issue, and INFRA/NEPA asking for a stronger letter of support with financial backing from the WSDOT for the project.
 - (4) He attended the Port Partners breakfast this morning.
 - (5) He and staff met with Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib today.
 - (6) He welcomed the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board at their meeting today in Wenatchee.
 - (7) He met with LINK Transit General Manager about the board composition.
 - (8) He and staff met with Rashi Gupta from the Governor's office concerning Parkside. They will plan to ask for funding from the capital budget and staff will be putting a request together.
 - (9) There will be several real estate matters to discuss in executive session on October 10.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jim Bailey reported that LINK Transit has begun work to implement their strategic plan with the increased funding they will receive. Councilmember Bailey asked that the Council come up with a legislative agenda to present from the City to AWC.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that the Chelan-Douglas Health District Board received a quarterly update from ACH.

8. Announcements.

Executive Services Director Allison Williams announced that Skip Houser will present "Council Roles & Responsibilities" training in December. She provided a couple of dates for availability.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk