



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 10, 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 Jessi Saucedo
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Housing Programs Coordinator Sandra Van Osten
Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly
Facilities Manager Elisa Webb
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Police Chief Steve Crown
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson

4:30 p.m. Executive Session

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to meet in executive session, 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; 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; and regarding potential litigation with legal counsel present. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:12 p.m.

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. Webelo Pack 3 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 Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

John DeVane, President of the Washington Tree Fruit Association in Yakima, WA, addressed the Council and thanked them for the ongoing improvements to the Wenatchee Convention Center and for consideration of additional improvements to keep the Convention Center competitive for the future. They rotate their convention here every three years.

4. Presentations.

- Make a Difference Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Keith Huffaker and presented to Laurel Helton and Margie Kerr who said a few words about Make a Difference Day and how everyone can be involved.
- Convention Center Market Analysis presented by Consultant Eric Hovee. It was the consensus of the City Council to move forward with an architectural study.

5. Action Items.

A. Interlocal Agreement (License) Regional Water System

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County for the exploratory drilling of wells on County property. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Homeless Grant Awards: Severe Weather Emergency Shelter

Housing Programs Coordinator Sandra Van Osten and Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the Steering Committee's recommendations and authorize the Mayor to enter into grant agreements with subgrantees as recommended by the Homeless Task Force. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Convention Center Restroom Upgrade, Project No. 1619 – Change Order No. 2 Final Payment Voucher

Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly and Facilities Manager Elisa Webb presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to approve Change Order No. 2 in the credit amount of \$7,181.50, accept the work performed by the contractor, Hildebrand Construction, Inc. on the Convention Center Restroom Upgrade, Project No. 1619, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Construction Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0; Herald conflict).

6. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

Continued from 7/25/2019

D. Tramp Annexation

Community Development Director Glen DeVries 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. 2019-35, providing for notice of intention to annex 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 Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Discussion Items.

- (1) 2020 Preliminary Budget Review. Finance Director Brad Posenjak provided an overview of the 2020 Preliminary Budget.

8. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
 - (1) He continues to meet monthly with the Chelan County Commissioners and those meetings have been going well.
 - (2) He attended the Tacoma Street pop-up event and felt it was well received by the neighborhood.
 - (3) He participated in the city video this week.

(4) The Transportation Council met today and their legislative priorities include \$45 million for North Wenatchee Avenue and all of the Confluence Parkway project.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Lyle Markhart reported that there is a Wells House tour scheduled for October 19.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that there is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the moderate waste facility on October 30 at 3:00 pm.

9. Announcements.

Executive Services Director Allison Williams announced that Blue Zone meetings are scheduled for November 5 and 6. She will send out additional information.

10. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk