

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**City Hall Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Wenatchee, WA 98801**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**5:15 p.m.**

***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

**A. Public Assembly Update**

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented a power point presentation on public assembly. There is an interim control ordinance in place and the timeline was to provide an update to Council in November. Council heard the schedule and concurred that an extension of the interim control should come back before City Council in January. With a lot of public in attendance, the Mayor asked if there was anyone who would like to address the Council.

Josh McPherson, Grace City Church, spoke about his concern with the interim ordinance and how it might inhibit activities they hold at the church, where they have activities that sometimes are outside. They requested the interim ordinance expire.

Kirk Hudson spoke and emphasized the piece about the sound of "community."

Charles Steinberg, with NW Liberties Association, reminded the Council about free speech and the Religious Land Act of 2000. He believes the current noise ordinance should remain in place.

**B. Museum Presentation / Confluence Magazine**

Keni Sturgeon, Chris Rader and Steve King spoke to the Council about the cultural work being done highlighted the Confluence Magazine. Randy Lewis spoke about his work and of the desire for a Cultural Heritage Center on the Horan.

**C. Our Valley Our Future Update**

Stephen Maher provided an update on the work of Our Valley Our Future.

D. PUD Headquarters Repurposing

Dan Frazier provided an update to the Council of the PUD headquarters repurposing process and thanked the city for participating.

E. Sign Code Overview

Community Development Director Glen DeVries and Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented an overview of the process to develop the new sign code and presented an overview of the planning commission's work. The Mayor asked, given the community desire to improve the appearance of the community, if the code went far enough. Staff also provided a brief overview of billboards, which is a separate code section to be addressed.

Paul Schmidt asked about mobile signs. There currently is no code in place for mobile signs.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk