

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WENATCHEE CITY HALL
129 South Chelan
Wenatchee, WA 98801**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017
5:15 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Ruth Esparza
Councilmember Lyle Markhart
Councilmember Keith Huffaker (via phone)
Councilmember Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
PIO/Deputy Clerk Annagrisel Alvarez
Economic Development Director Steve King
Public Works Director Matt Leonard
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Planning Manager Glen DeVries
Police Chief Steve Crown

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The excused absence of Councilmember Mike Poirier was noted for the record.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Our Valley Our Future Update

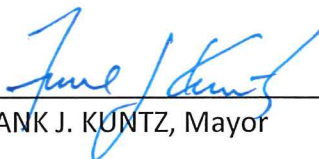
Steve Maher provided an overview of the Our Valley Our Future, highlights of the action plan of which Wenatchee is the lead on 24 action items and one "game changer" project, progress over the past nine months, sampling of first year successes, and next steps for Our Valley Our Future, including the transitioning to a non-profit status by January 1, 2019.

B. INFRA Grant Application Overview

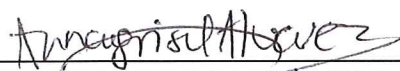
Economic Development Director Steve King, Public Works Director Matt Leonard, Link General Manager Richard DeRock, Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council Executive Director Jeff Wilkens, and Port of Douglas County Representative/RH2 Engineer Erik Howe, presented the Council with the history and plan for the Apple Capital Loop project which includes North Wenatchee Avenue improvements, Confluence Parkway, Wenatchi Landing access and connectivity, SR 28/Eastside Corridor capacity improvements project and a South Wenatchee Loop Trail connection over BNSF railway. The agencies together with the assistance of a grant writer plan to submit an INFRA grant application which is due by November 2. The City will be the applicant and this is a substantial federal request of approximately \$270 million project, and \$161 million potential application which will require an up-front investment of the city on behalf of the region.

The Mayor announced that the finance committee meeting next week will be the initial review of the budget and department requests. The Mayor is optimistic that 100% of property taxes will go to the street fund.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



FRANK J. KUNTZ, Mayor



TAMMY L. STANGER, City Clerk