



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2017

Wenatchee City Hall

129 South Chelan

Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

In attendance:

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

Staff in attendance:

Executive Services Director Allison Williams
City Attorney Steve Smith
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
IS Support
Utilities Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover
Police Captain Jim West
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander
City Engineer Gary Owen
Utilities Manager Mitch Reister
Associate Planner Matt Parsons
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. Councilmembers Keith Huffaker, Mike Poirier, Jim Bailey, and Ruth Esparza were present.

4:00 p.m. Executive Session

Executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

Executive session 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. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

Executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to litigation or potential litigation to which the agency may become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Motion to meet in executive session with legal counsel present for a time period not to exceed 5:15 p.m. by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0)

Councilmembers Mark Kulaas and Linda Herald joined the executive session via phone conference. Councilmember Lyle Markhart joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

The City Council adjourned from executive session at 5:14 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. Councilmember Ruth Esparza led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmembers Mark Kulaas and Linda Herald participating via teleconference.

2. Consent Items:

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.

Motion to approve the consent items by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Comments. None.

4. Presentations.

- Young Professionals Week Proclamation was read by Councilmember Ruth Esparza. Mayor Kuntz presented the proclamation to Meredith Hilger who said a few words about the events planned for Young Professionals Week in downtown Wenatchee.
- Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation was read by Mayor Frank J. Kuntz and presented to Dr. Julie Rickard who spoke about the suicide prevention coalition and the importance of community involvement working to help prevent suicide.
- GEAR Up Week Proclamation was read by Councilmember Jim Bailey and presented to Gaby Fernandez who said a few words about the program. Also in attendance were CWU GEAR Up site directors Hilary Martinez, Gabriel Cline, Brian Holt, and Diana Sanchez.
- Certificate of Municipal Leadership Presentation. Councilmember Lyle Markhart has received the Association of Washington Cities Certificate of Municipal Leadership. He joins Councilmembers Jim Bailey and Linda Herald who have also received the

Certificate of Municipal Leadership, and Councilmember Mark Kulaas who has received the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

5. Action Items.

A. Wenatchee WWTP Grit Removal improvements – Project No. 1705

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for design services for the Wenatchee WWTP Grit Removal Improvements (Project No. 1705) and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Interlocal Agreement for Establishing a Multi-Agency Digital Forensic Investigation Unit

Wenatchee Police Department Captain Jim West presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Interlocal Agreement between Chelan County, Douglas County, the City of Wenatchee, the City of East Wenatchee, the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Police, and the Columbia River Drug Task Force for establishing a multi-agency Digital Forensic Investigation Unit to include the purchase and annual licensing for Cellebrite Mobile Forensics. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Moratorium on Uses with Outdoor Storage in the North Wenatchee Business District in the Olds Station Area

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Ordinance No. 2017-20, adopting a six (6) month moratorium within the City of Wenatchee on the acceptance of applications for establishment, siting, location, permitting, of new outdoor sales or rentals, or new uses involving storage of merchandise, inventory or equipment in the North Wenatchee Business District located in the Olds Station area, to be effective immediately, setting a date for the public hearing on the moratorium, and declaring an emergency necessitating immediate adoption of a moratorium. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[Councilmember Mark Kulaas left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.]

D. Vacation of a Portion of the City Right-of-Way Along Ohme Garden Road

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2017-47, initiating the vacation of a portion of the city right-of-way along Ohme Garden Road. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Final Acceptance: Mission St. – Miller St. Intersection & Chelan Ave. – Miller St. & Springwater St. Intersection Project No. 1303

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, KRCI LLC, on the Mission St. – Miller St. Intersection & Chelan Ave. – Miller St. & Springwater St. Intersection Project No. 1303, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Motion seconded by Lyle Markhart. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Final Acceptance: Mission Miller Pavement Preservation, Project No. 1519

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Granite Construction Co., on the Mission/Miller and Chelan/Miller Pavement Preservation Project No. 1519, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. Citywide Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Final Acceptance

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, WM Winkler Company, on the Citywide Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Project No. 1502/1230, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

H. Transfer Agreement – Regional Stormwater Pond, Olds Station

Utilities Manager Mitch Reister presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with Chelan County and the Port of Chelan County, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

I. Shieni Annexation – Setting a Public Hearing Date

Associate Planner Matt Parsons and Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution 2017-48, fixing time for public hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area at the northeast corner of Stella and Walnut also known as the Shieni Annexation. Councilmember Lyle Markhart seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

J. Interlocal Agreement for 609 Lynn Street Clean Up

City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Public Hearings. None.

7. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

- (1) The Mayor reported that he had an amazing time visiting Misawa, Japan. He encouraged the City Council to plan to go if they can next year.
- (2) The preliminary budget is looking possible to place all property taxes to streets.
- (3) Executive Services Director Allison Williams added that there is a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting next week. Next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. is the Our Valley Our Future Housing Forum, at Pybus Market. There will be a director's meeting next Thursday and the work session topics so far will be the INFRA grant.
- (4) The Mayor added that Fiestas Mexicanas is this weekend.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- (1) Councilmember Ruth Esparza wanted to share that the Young Professionals are open to any age.
- (2) Councilmember Jim Bailey reported that the RMSA Board will meet towards the end of September and determine next year's rates.
- (3) Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that there will be a slight increase in the 2018 budget for Rivercom.

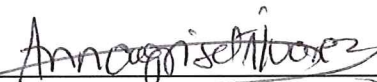
8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk