

**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020  
5:15 p.m.**

Present:

Mayor Frank Kuntz  
Councilmember Jose Cuevas  
Councilmember Jim Bailey  
Councilmember Ruth Esparza  
Councilmember Travis Hornby  
Councilmember Mark Kulaas  
Councilmember Linda Herald (via phone)  
Councilmember Keith Huffaker

Staff Present:

City Clerk Tammy Stanger  
Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw  
Utilities Manager John Ricardi  
Economic Development Director Steve King  
Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar  
City Engineer Gary Owen  
Community Development Director Glen DeVries  
Finance Director Brad Posenjak  
Development Project Manager Matt Shales  
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman  
Police Chief Steve Crown

***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

**A. Chelan Douglas Trends Update**

Dr. Patrick Jones, Executive Director of the Institute for Public Policy & Economic Analysis at Eastern Washington University provided an annual update to the Council of the current trends in the Chelan-Douglas County Metro Area through the Chelan-Douglas Trends website. He went over current trends, growth management forecast, and economic indicators for the region.

B. Canyon Drain Plan/Update

Environmental Manager Jessica Shaw and Utilities Manager John Ricardi updated the Council on the assessments and alternatives analysis done by NW Hydraulics for No. 1 Canyon and reviewed five options to help with reducing flooding in the city limits, which included (1) do nothing; (2) public maintenance and education; (3) conveyance improvements; (4) detention and conveyance; and (5) dedicated drain line. After Council questions and discussion it was the consensus for staff to take a deeper dive and provide more detailed numbers for maintenance costs for the various options. Option 5 was preferred, but if not grant funded then Option 3 would be the next best option.

C. WSU Tree Fruit Integrated Planning Grant Final Report

Economic Development Director Steve King provided a presentation to the Council updating them on the study for housing on the WSU Tree Fruit Center property. Staff left the process feeling like the plan is a viable option and satisfied overall with the work performed through the Integrated Planning Grant.

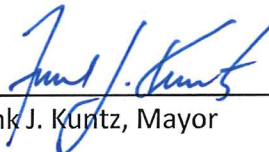
D. 2020 PW Capital Improvement Program Overview

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar and City Engineer Gary Owen presented an overview of the 2020 Public Works Capital Improvement Program, which included project origination and implementation of the transportation improvement plan and utility comprehensive plan. Council asked for more involvement when determining what projects hold priority over others. The suggestion was for staff to send the Council an email and ask for input on certain elements of the programs.

E. Council Committee Assignments. The Mayor and Council went through the list of Council Committee Assignments for 2020.

F. The Council discussed timing of agendas and packets for review prior to meetings. They would like to have those available one week prior to a meeting on Thursdays.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk