



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers

301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Wenatchee, WA 98801

### MINUTES

**Present:** Mayor Frank Kuntz; Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas; Councilmember Position 2 Jim Bailey; Councilmember Position 3 Ruth Esparza; Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember Position 5 Keith Huffaker; Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; PIO/Deputy Clerk Annagrisel Alvarez; IS Support Tim McCord, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Police Captain Brian Chance; Economic Development Director Steve King; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

#### 5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.** The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Jose Cuevas 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; to approve Resolution No. 2020-03, designating voting representatives on behalf of the City to various community boards, councils and organizations; to accept the work performed by the contractor, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company on behalf of Bianchi Construction, on City Project No. 1409 – Mission and Crawford Improvements, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher; to accept the work performed by the contractor, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company on behalf of Bianchi Construction, on City Project No. 1611 – South Chelan Avenue Sidewalks Phase 2, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### 3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Manuel Valencia, with the United Neighborhood Association, said they were looking forward to working with Jose Cuevas and thanked the city for the improved security in the city with the noticeable extra patrols. He also wished to thank the snow removal team for the great work they have done. He stated that the city can count on the UNA to assist with whatever they need. The Council congratulated Manuel for his daughter being in the Apple Blossom Royalty Top 10!

The Mayor then introduced new Executive Services Director Laura Merrill and announced that her parents surprised her with a visit and were also present. She officially begins with the City on February 3 and we are all looking forward to working with her.

### 4. Presentations.

- Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center Presentation. Keni Sturgeon, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center, presented to the Council the Museum's fall report and what's coming in 2020. With the My Sky exhibit October – January, attendance was 67% above the same quarter last year!

### 5. Action Items.

#### A. Kenzie's Landing Project – Consultant Agreement

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign an agreement with Pacific Engineering for engineering and construction management for the Kenzie's Landing Project. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### B. Lincoln Park Project – Consultant Agreement

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign an agreement with Pacific Engineering for engineering and construction management for the Lincoln Park Project. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0; Hornby abstain).

C. Interlocal Agreement for Cell Phone Forensics

Police Captain Brian Chance presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Wenatchee Police Department to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for Cellular Phone Forensic Examinations. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Implementation of House Bill 1406 (Sales Tax Credit for Housing)

Economic Development Director Steve King and Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-01, relating to local sales and use taxes; authorizing the maximum capacity of the tax authorized under the provisions of Substitute House Bill 1406 for affordable and supportive housing and rental assistance for collection beginning February 1, 2020; amending Chapter 1.20 of the Wenatchee Municipal Code to create a new fund; and adding a new Chapter 5.110 of the Wenatchee Municipal Code as more particularly described herein. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**6. Public Hearing Items.**

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the hearing process.

E. Public Hearing Re: Extension of an interim control for neighborhood centers, auditoriums, places of public assembly, and places of public worship in the residential zoning districts

Community Development Director Glen DeVries and Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. The following people spoke:

1. Charles Steinberg, 2525 Lester Road, Wenatchee, Vice President of NW Liberties Association, advocating for people of faith, urged the City Council to let the interim controls expire, or adopt the version that excludes places of worship.
2. Russ Kagele, 2904 Alvista Place, Wenatchee, and part of the Lower Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association, addressed the City Council with concerns about noise from Grace City Church.
3. Russ Kagele then read a letter from Jim Ethier, which asked the Council to add an extension to the interim control.

4. Mike Wilson, 3669 Dianna Way, and Lead Pastor for Sage Hills Church, stated the proposed ordinance limits their programming and requested that the Council remove “places of worship” from the ordinance.
5. Kirk Hudson, 1438 Somerset, and a member of Grace City Church, stated that the church is addressing the concerns of the neighbors, they want to be good neighbors, and measurements are being put into place to be good neighbors. If the interim control ordinance is extended it will limit events they have planned. He asked the Council to let the interim control ordinance expire, or remove “places of worship” from the ordinance.
6. Kathy Kagele, 2904 Alvista Place, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns about noise from Grace City Church.
7. Bernie Hony, 195 Sun Valley Drive, Wenatchee, spoke about the impacts to the neighborhood and conflicts with noise from Grace City Church.
8. Thom Nees, 10 North Western Avenue, and Director of Serve Wenatchee Valley, asked the City Council to have the interim control ordinance expire. There are many outdoor events and churches are good stewards and want to be good neighbors. He hoped neighbors would work together to find a solution.
9. Josh McPherson, 2138 East Ridgeview Road, Monitor, Pastor of Grace City Church, spoke about a letter recently sent from area pastors, and stated they want to be good neighbors and are available to assist with a mutually beneficial outcome.
10. Wendy LeSense, 217 West Peters, stated it is against the law to provide special privileges to one group. She is concerned about the alternate ordinance that would exempt places of worship and stated the proposed ordinance is too vague as written.

The Mayor then turned the matter back over to the Council for consideration. The Council asked additional questions and debated.

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2020-05, renewing an interim control within the City of Wenatchee on the permitting of neighborhood centers, auditoriums, places of public assembly, and places of public worship in the RF, RS, RL, RM and RH zones. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-3; Hornby, Kulaas, Huffaker nay).*

A brief recess was taken at 6:42 p.m.

**7. Reports.**

a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

- (1) The directors met today, as did the finance committee. He attended media meetings with new Executive Services Director Laura Merrill.
- (2) There was a PW/ED meeting this week.
- (3) The housing bill that he testified on is still floating around.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas spoke about the Multicultural Festival, and reported that he and former Councilmember Mike Poirier presented current city events and held a mock meeting with Boy Scouts this week. He attended the Museum Board meeting this week and they are currently working through their strategic planning process.

Councilmember Jim Bailey said he attended the LINK Transit board meeting on Tuesday and they are working on expansion and hiring a firm for the analysis of their system.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she will be going to AWC next week.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker attended the Chamber meeting this week. He asked why the city is not a voting member considering the amount of dollars provided to the Chamber?

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he and Councilmember Travis Hornby toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk