



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers

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

Wenatchee, WA 98801

### MINUTES

**Present:** Mayor Frank J. Kuntz, Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas, Councilmember Position 2 Jim Bailey, Councilmember Position 3 Ruth Esparza (via phone), Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby, Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas, Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald, Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith (via phone), City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Police Chief Steve Crown

#### 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. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Ruth Esparza participating via phone.

#### 2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### 3. Action Items.

##### A. Actions Pertaining to a Local Emergency for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2020-08 and adopt the Proclamation of Emergency in order to allow the City of Wenatchee to declare a total emergency and ratify the action to close all city offices to the public effective on March 17, 2020. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### B. DAHP Grant Agreement for Clark Mausoleum Restoration Project

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 sign grant agreement #FY20-90009-001 with the State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for the Clark Mausoleum Restoration Project. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Community Center and Joint Use Agreement with Pinnacles Prep

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Community Center Lease Agreement and Joint Use Agreement with Pinnacles Prep and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Legal Services Contract for Conflict Attorney Services

City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Contract for Legal Services with Arianna Cozart. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Lineage (North Node) Agreement between City and Port Authorities

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the "Lineage (North Node) Agreement with the Port of Chelan County and the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority, and further authorize the Mayor to sign access easement once reviewed by city staff. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### 4. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
  1. The city received the jail contract today, which he signed.
  2. The sales tax numbers reported to the council were incorrect, and were revised and actually came in flat, not down as reported.
  3. The land deal for the Douglas County pit property is expected to close in the next few days.

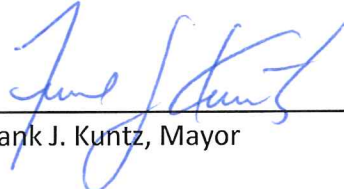
4. Staff continues to work through a parking agreement with Winco, and there remain some issues.
5. Working on a potential water rights lease.
6. The Veteran's lease with Ballard is coming soon.
7. The city has limited staff, as most are working from home with the current COVID-19 situation. Remote work and conference calling appears to be the new normal for a while.
8. The Mayor will keep the Council posted on everything and he encouraged everyone to continue practicing safe distancing.
9. The finance committee met today and there is concern about a recession and a reduction in sales taxes.
10. There is a concern with a reduction in hotel-motel taxes as well, and how that may impact payments for the Chamber and Convention Center, and work to prioritize will occur.
11. The Mayor attended the PFD board meeting today and they agreed to continue to pay staff through the shut down. There may be a claim through the PFD insurance carrier for losses due to the pandemic.
12. In response to an email received from Todd Cordell, the Mayor has responded to Mr. Cordell, and has asked staff to follow up with some direction for him.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jim Bailey participated in the RMSA board meeting conference call yesterday.

Councilmember Ruth Esparza asked how the sewer system was doing and staff will follow up.

**5. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk