



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 27, 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 "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord, Public Information Officer Annagrisel Alvarez, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Economic Development Director Steve King, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Police Chief Steve Crown, City Engineer Gary Owen, Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander

**4:45 p.m. Executive Session.** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. Councilmember Linda Herald was absent.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to convene in executive session to discuss with legal counsel matters of potential litigation to which the city is likely to 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), for a time period not to exceed 30 minutes. Motion seconded the Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (6-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:06 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 Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Linda Herald was noted for the record.

#### 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 (6-0).

#### 3. Citizen Requests/Comments.

St. Patrick's Day parade organizer Tom Irvin invited the Mayor and Council to participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> year of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. New this year they will see if the Mayor's shadow is cast for an early spring. The parade will begin at 7ish on 3/17/2020.

#### 4. Action Items.

##### A. Civil Service Commission Code Update

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Police Chief Steve Crown was also present.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-09, amending Wenatchee City Code (WCC) Chapter 1.58 related to the civil service system. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

##### B. Civil Service Commission Appointments

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Police Chief Steve Crown was also present. Also present were Civil Service Commission Secretary Lynn Floyd and new Civil Service Commission members Wayne Loranger and Gabriela Sanchez.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2020-06, appointing voting representatives to the Civil Service Commission (Gabriela Sanchez, Sean Gross, and Wayne Loranger). Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

##### C. Sale of City Owned Property to Douglas County

Economic Development Director Steve King presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a purchase and sale agreement with Douglas County or assigns for the sale of real property commonly known as the City of Wenatchee gravel pit property. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

##### D. Authorization to Award Construction Contract, Project No. SW19-08 – Elliott Avenue Multi-Use Pathway

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to award the construction contract for the Elliott Avenue Multi-Use Pathway, Project No. SW19-08, to KRCl, LLC, in the amount of \$108,365.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

#### 5. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

##### E. Community Development Fee Revisions

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-08, amending Chapter 1.99.040 WCC, pertaining to the Community Development Department Fee Schedule. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Addition of Property to Historic Register (922 Idaho Street)

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2020-07, adding 922 Idaho Street to the Wenatchee Register of Historic Places. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. Authorization for Condemnation of Property for the McKittrick Street and Wenatchee Avenue Signal Project No. 0623

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-06, authorizing condemnation of property for improvements at the intersection of McKittrick Street and North Wenatchee Avenue, public roadways. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

## 6. Reports.

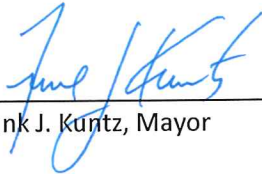
- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
  - 1. He attended the Wenatchee Downtown Association annual banquet last evening, where the WDA presented Steve King with an award and spoke very highly of him.
  - 2. He asked a procedural question of the Council about how they would like their projects and priorities to be considered. It was the consensus that they would like to open up a discussion at a future time.
  - 3. He reported that PIO Anna Alvarez participated in a webinar today about the coronavirus.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees.

Councilmember Mark Kulass reported that he participated in the Museum's strategic planning meetings held last week. This goal setting, visioning and mission process will continue for the next several months.

## 7. Announcements.

The Mayor announced there will be a "hard hat" tour of the library facility that is currently under renovation on March 12.

8. **Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk