

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2020
5:15 p.m.

Council Tour:

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. North Wenatchee Avenue and Regional Water

Present:

Mayor Frank Kuntz
Councilmember Jose Cuevas
Councilmember Jim Bailey
Councilmember Travis Hornby
Councilmember Mark Kulaas
Councilmember Linda Herald
Councilmember Keith Huffaker

Staff Present:

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill
City Clerk Tammy Stanger
Economic Development Director Steve King
Community Development Director Glen DeVries
Finance Director Brad Posenjak
Public Works Director Rob Jammerman
Police Chief Steve Crown
Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton

Discussion Items:

A. Consolidated Plan Overview/CDBG Vision

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton and Consultant David Stalheim, with Mud Bay Consulting, presented an overview of Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan Funding Options. The City of Wenatchee is an “entitlement community” and receives funding each year. The 2020-2024 five-year planning update is underway to identify community priorities and to prepare the annual action plans to reach those goals within five

years. Over the next six months staff will be working to identify goals and priorities and help guide the community engagement process for the plan. The Council would like additional discussion and input. Staff will put together practical suggestions and come back before the Council in the next few months for additional input before review by the Planning Commission. The Council asked staff to email the map to them showing the areas of the city that are eligible to receive CDBG funds.

B. Needle Exchange Discussion

Councilmember Keith Huffaker led the needle exchange discussion. This topic has been brought to the Chelan-Douglas Health District (Councilmember Ruth Esparza is the city's representative on the CDHD Board). Police Chief Steve Crown addressed the Council with his research about needle exchange programs in Moses Lake and Ellensburg, stating that a program needs to be well organized and well-run to work, with the Police Department being heavily involved in the planning and with involvement by the city. The Council believes more information is needed and the subject is worth exploring further for an informed decision.

C. Council Work Session Topics

Additional topics that the City Council would like to see for work sessions are as follows:

1. Code Enforcement Tour;
2. A review of the sidewalk inventory/implementation of maintenance;
3. Tree inventory – update from recommendations;
4. Park naming guidelines;
5. Planning Commission by district;
6. Review of meeting policy for speaker time allotment;
7. South Wenatchee tour/implementation of SDAT;
8. Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan – staff interface with Council;
9. City Hall design process update;
10. Status of new street signs;
11. Addressing – public outreach (public safety);

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk