



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 11, 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 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 Jessi Saucedo, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Police Chief Steve Crown, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Public Works Deputy Director Jessica Shaw, Development Project Manager Matt Shales

#### 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 Travis Hornby 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. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### 3. Action Items.

##### A. Art Display Agreement

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

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the agreement for location, care and maintenance of art with the Chelan County PUD. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### B. Consider Acceptance of an Art on the Avenues Donation.

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the acceptance of the donation of sculptures from Art on the Avenues. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Hale Park Phase Two Construction Bid Award

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard construction agreement with Smith Excavation in the amount of \$607,479.57 for the construction of the Hale Park Phase Two Project. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Adoption of Resolution No's 2020-17, 18, and 19 for the reappointment of Darci Christoferson and Linda Haglund and appointment of Leslie Freytag to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to pass Resolution No 2020-17 appointing Leslie Freytag; Resolution No 2020-18 reappointing Darci Christoferson; and Resolution No 2020-19 reappointing Linda Haglund to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Herald recused).

E. Adoption of Resolution No 2020-16 extending a demonstration project for the private use of public space for the purposes of outdoor seating

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to pass Resolution No 2020-16 to extend the demonstration project for the private use of public spaces through December 31, 2020 or adoption of a new city code that addresses said use, whichever occurs earlier. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

At this time the Mayor allowed Dave Riggs to speak as "public comment". Mr. Riggs read a statement from Spokane elected leaders concerning "armed vigilantes" and he asked that the Mayor and Council consider doing the same sort of public statement. He believes that having armed persons at peaceful protests is not in the best interest of the city.

F. Ordinance 2020-14 – amendments to the 2020 budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Ordinance 2020-14 amending the 2020 budget as adopted by Ordinance 2019-39, revoking, recalling or decreasing all or a portion of total appropriations provided for, entering findings that this ordinance is in the best interest of the City and requiring that this Ordinance be approved by a majority plus one of the entire Council. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- G. Interagency agreement with WA State Department of Commerce for Federal CARES Act Funding

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interagency Agreement with WA State Department of Commerce to receive Federal CARES Act funds. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- H. North Wenatchee Redevelopment Project #1712, Surplus Property Sale – Two Bros, LLC

Development Project Manager Matt Shales presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign the Real Estate Purchase & Sale Agreement (REPSA) with Two Bros, LLC in substantially similar form as the attached agreement. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- I. Proposed Sewer Code Amendments, Ordinance No. 2020-13

Public Works Deputy Director Jessica Shaw and Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-13 amending Chapter 4.08 "Sewers-Rates and Charges" of the Wenatchee City Code. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- J. Resolution No. 2020-20, appointing three (3) City Council members as voting representatives on behalf of the City of Wenatchee at the Association of Washington Cities annual conference business meeting

The Councilmembers discussed who would be appointed as voting delegates at the AWC annual conference business meeting. It was decided that Linda Herald, Jim Bailey, and Mark Kulaas would be designated.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to approve Resolution No. 2020-20, appointing Linda Herald, Jim Bailey and Mark Kulaas as voting representatives on behalf of the City of Wenatchee at the Association of Washington Cities annual conference business meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Travis Hornby. Motion carried (7-0).

#### 4. Reports.

##### a. Mayor's Report.

The Mayor reported on the events of the last couple of weeks, including the demonstrations that have been happening. So far everything in Wenatchee has been peaceful. Chief Crown and Captain Reinfeld have a good plan in place with extra officers on duty from outside agencies. He commended the police department and said they are doing an excellent job as always. The Mayor was present at the Saturday demonstration as well. There was also the senior cruising event which seemed to go well. There have been a lot of complaints about the people with assault rifles at the demonstrations and people feeling intimidated by their presence. The Mayor has been asked to make a public statement and would like direction from the Council. They said his statement to the news media was spot on and they appreciated that.

The Council asked the Chief to provide an update. Chief Crown stated that there is another demonstration planned to Friday, June 12 and he has reached out to the organizers of that event. As far as the people with firearms at the events, there are constitutionally protected rights to take into consideration. Where it crosses the line is when firearms are unholstered, unshouldered, or pointed in a direction.

The Mayor announced that we should hear about the INFRA grant by next Wednesday, June 17.

The topic at next week's work session is the new city hall.

##### b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees


Councilmember Mark Kulaas announced that he has been appointed to serve on the AWC Legislative Steering Committee. Tomorrow is the last day to take the AWC legislative priorities survey. He also reminded everyone that Sunday is Flag Day.

Councilmember Ruth Esparza, as part of her work on the Health Board, said the next two to three weeks will be critical to watch the numbers, and if they do not rise they will apply for Phase 2.

**5. Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk