

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers

301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor

Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

5:15 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Project Engineer Ryan Harmon

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Ninth Street Queue Lengths

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar and Project Engineer Ryan Harmon provided background information for the Ninth Street Planning Study, and Project Manager Mike Hendricks and Lead Engineer Brett Powell of Perteet presented a power point presentation outlining the purpose of the study, the process which will include evaluating, public outreach, and a final report and recommendations. The recommendation of the consultant at this time is to look at a three-lane permissive left-turn phasing with intersection safety treatments. The estimated full project cost is \$859,000. A partial project cost with phased in improvements is estimated at \$381,000.

B. COVID Financial Impacts

Finance Director Brad Posenjak provided an overview and forecast of the city's current budget and next year's budget with a forecast of revenues and sales taxes being down, at a loss of close to \$900,000 for 2020. With the reserve balance and rainy day fund, the city should be able to absorb this loss; however, it is recommended to slow spending and not fill open positions as much as possible at this time. The budget for 2021 will not include any enhancements in services and with the CPI being less than 1%, there will not be any cost of living increases. It is anticipated that 2021 will incur a deficit of \$800,000.

He also provided an update on the CARES funding application to reimburse the city \$700,000 in costs. The Mayor added that he and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill made a recommendation to the County to include local businesses in their CARES funding disbursements and they agreed.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk