



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 23, 2020

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

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, City Engineer Gary Owen

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 Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, DW Excavating, on City Project No. 1601 – SR285 Pedestrian Crossing Improvements and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentations:

- Fire Adapted Neighborhood Hero Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas. Councilmember Cuevas will deliver to Alma Chacon on behalf of CAFÉ and Parque Padrinos.

4. Action Items.

- A. Purchase of 2.23 acres of property from the Wenatchee School District for a 60 ft. wide Springwater Avenue right-of-way extension from the west end of the existing Springwater Avenue to the north property line of the School District property (see Exhibit A-3 and A-4 in the attached Agreement)

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-18 amending Chapter 1.46 WCC “Emergency Management Organization” pertaining to the City of Wenatchee’s designated emergency organization and adoption of the June 2020 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Emergency Management Representative Stan Smoke was also present. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2020-18 amending Chapter 1.46 WCC “Emergency Management Organization” and adopt the June 2020 revision of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. City Project 1914 – First Street Bikeway Safety Improvements
Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council to approve the project budget amendment, award the construction contract for the First Street Bikeway Safety Improvements, Project No. 1914, to Rudnick and Sons LLC in the amount of \$283,054.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- D. City Project SW20-04 – Unit-Priced Concrete Flatwork
Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to award the construction contract for the Unit- Priced Concrete Flatwork, Project No. SW20-04, to Black Forest Finishing in the amount of \$295,585.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- E. An amendment to the City budget to address a funding change in the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Program funding sources and allocations:
- A new estimated award of \$1.2 million of State CARES Act funds for an Eviction Assistance Program between the City of Wenatchee and the Washington State Dept.

of Commerce (Commerce) to serve renter households facing eviction due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Housing Programs Coordinator Oliver Crain presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force's (HTF) recommendations and authorize the Mayor to enter into a new grant agreement between the Commerce and the City of Wenatchee for the Eviction Assistance Program funds, and to enter into a new grant agreement or agreements between the City of Wenatchee and a subgrantee or subgrantees recommended by the HTF to manage the program and distribute assistance to households in need. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Public Hearing Items. The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

F. Ordinance No. 2020-17 - 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2020-17 adopting the annual comprehensive street plan for the ensuing six year period of 2021 through 2026 without modifications. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Ordinance No. 2020-20 – Vacating a portion of the city right-of-way commonly known as Horan Road

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report.

Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. The following people spoke on the matter:

1. Gary Arsenault, Chelan County PUD, stated the PUD has been working cooperatively with the WSDOT to solve any issues that the DOT may have with the vacation. Mr. Arsenault asked for approval of the roadway vacation.
2. Wade Detillion, WSDOT, agreed with what Mr. Arsenault stated, but feels additional time is needed to review.

Additional discussion was held. The City Attorney asked if the City Clerk had received any written objections to the vacation. The City Clerk stated no, she had not received any written objections.

Motion for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2020-20 vacating a portion of Horan Road in the City of Wenatchee, with the exception that the northerly boundary of the proposed vacation be moved 33 feet to the south. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

1. Sales tax numbers for May are flat from same time last year, and with the extension of March/April taxes being paid, staff is still trying to get an idea of losses.
2. He and staff met with Chelan County regarding the jail contract. They have proposed a different way for charging for next year which will cause a considerable increase for the city. Work will continue to reach an agreement.
3. Environmental work on Confluence Parkway continues. The Mayor has asked Link Transit to assist, and has an information request to the Port as well, to help close the \$700,000 gap. Work will continue to get the project to the finish line for the next round of grant applications.
4. The Finance Director has begun work on the 2021 budget, and is in the middle of the State audit.
5. Public Works has the street preservation project underway, and the Ninth Street parking lot project is also in process.
6. COVID cases continue to rise. Walmart has closed its doors today until Saturday to sanitize due to 21 employees testing positive for COVID. The Governor issued more changes today. Visitors continue to come to Wenatchee for outdoor recreation. Hotels have been full.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he has been working through issues with staff about concession stands in Methow Park.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that the Museum Board met this week and they are struggling with everything. They appreciated the assistance of Executive Services Director Merrill with revising the contract with the city to comply with the grant they have received to redo the exhibit area.

Councilmember Ruth Esparza reported that the Health District will be asking various local agencies for monetary assistance for funding.

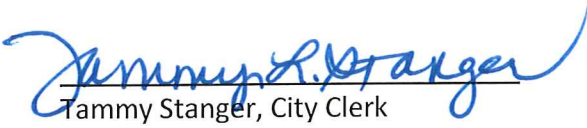
Councilmember Linda Herald continues to participate in the Homeless Task Force meetings and commended Oliver Crain and Sandra Van Osten for doing an excellent job.

7. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Stanger, City Clerk