



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 13, 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

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant (via phone); City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Jesse Saucedo, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Facilities Manager Elisa Webb, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly

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 Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Black Forest Finishing, on City Project No. SW18-07 – On-Call Concrete Flatwork, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Action Items.

A. Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment – Project No. 1716 Bid Rejection

Facilities Manager Elisa Webb and Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions and commented.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for the City Council to reject all bids received for the Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment – Project 1716. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. An amendment of the City budget for two funding changes to the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Program.

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

Motion by Council Member Linda Herald for City Council to accept a new grant award of \$642,636 by the Washington State Department of Commerce to the City of Wenatchee for the design, development, and operation of a regional low-barrier emergency shelter, and to approve a funding increase amendment to the existing CARES Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for the City Council to accept the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force's recommendations and authorize the Mayor to: enter into a new grant agreement between the Department of Commerce and the City of Wenatchee for the Low-Barrier Shelter Grant; enter into an amended agreement to increase the funding for the existing CARES Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) between the Department of Commerce and the City of Wenatchee; enter into an amended agreement for the existing ESG-CV Rapid Rehousing subgrant agreement with the Community Action Council to increase funding as recommended by the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force; and enter into new ESG-CV subgrantee agreements with Chelan Valley Hope, the Community Action Council, the People's Foundation, and the Women's Resource Center as recommended by the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the public hearing process.

- C. Resolution 2020-24 approving a Development Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Roland and Dianna Wheeler

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman 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 approve Resolution 2020-24 adopting the Development Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and the Wheeler's and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Reports.

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

1. The Mayor congratulated Councilmember Linda Herald in receiving the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities!
2. He announced that Randy Lewis will be receiving the Peace & Friendship Award from the Washington State History Committee.
3. He announced the receipt of a letter from the Washington State Department of Ecology that the Waste Water Treatment Plant had received another perfect score for 2019.
4. On the finance side of things, he stated that the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council has agreed to allocate between \$800,000 - \$1 million for the McKittrick project, and whatever is left from the East Wenatchee Ninth Street intersection project. The Port has allocated \$175,000 towards the environmental study for Confluence Parkway. He is meeting with the Link board next week and has asked for \$350,000.
5. He reported that the jail has asked for an almost 100% increase for 2021, staff is preparing a letter to go out this week to the jail in response.
6. Councilmember Linda Herald has a conflict in serving on the Community Action Council Board. Councilmember Jim Bailey has agreed to serve in her place.
Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald to appoint Councilmember Jim Bailey as the representative to the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council Board. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).
7. There has been a recent citizen complaint about the beekeeping ordinance. Code Enforcement had responded to the complaint not long ago and the beekeeping neighbor was found to be compliant with the city code. There have been no other complaints in the city about beekeeping. There has also been a recent citizen complaint about pygmy goats, and a petition in support of revising the city code related to "farm animals" in the city. Both of these matters would need to be revisited by the Planning Commission. Community Development Director Glen DeVries said that the Planning Commission has a lot on their plate at this time, and if needed they could revisit the matters next year sometime.
8. City Clerk Tammy Stanger played a video from Sister City Misawa, who wished us well and look forward to seeing us next year for the 40th anniversary of the Sister-City relationship.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas said that Chief Steve Crown and East Wenatchee Chief Rick Johnson were invited to Rotary (via zoom) last week, and he was really pleased at how well Chief Crown represents us in a grounded approach, and both Chiefs were very well received.

Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Homeless Task Force meeting this week. The task force is looking for support for HB 1590 (sales tax). The task force is also looking at possibilities for areas for a low-barrier shelter.

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



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Stanger, City Clerk