



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, August 27, 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, City Attorney Steve Smith, City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Public Works Deputy Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw, Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly

4:45 p.m. Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session for a time period not to exceed 30 minutes, and with legal counsel present, to discuss with legal counsel representing the city matters of potential litigation to which the city is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:05 p.m.

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.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor J & K Earthworks, on City Project No. 1521 – Lewis and Clark Elementary Sidewalk Improvements, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentations.

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation – Councilmember Travis Hornby read the proclamation.

4. Action Items.

A. Emergency Digester Gas Piping Repair, Project No. SW20-05

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw provided the Council the information for the emergency repairs made to the digester gas piping at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. No action was requested.

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 - Project No. 1810 - Authorization for Consultant Supplemental Agreement #2

Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Consultant Supplemental Agreement #2 on behalf of the City with HDR Engineering, Inc. for additional design services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 - Project No. 1810. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Ordinance 2020-21, updating City Code to clarify Public Art Fund procedures and calculations

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance 2020-21 amending Chapters 1.48 and 1.52 WCC as related to the Public Art Program. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Facility Lease between the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center and the City of Wenatchee

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council approve the lease between the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center and the City of Wenatchee and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Reports.

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

1. There is approximately \$220,000 remaining of CARES Act funds that won't be used internally by the City. More information is coming regarding additional CARES funding and deadline extensions. The Mayor would like Council input on what an application process may look like for local businesses to apply for funding. The Port has done a good job with their application process.
2. Confluence Health has asked about the possibility of using the DOT property as a drive-thru testing site.
3. The Mayor attended the homeless meeting this week where they discussed the grant received for planning a low-barrier shelter. The County is not on board with a 1/10% sales tax that would be needed to fully implement and operate a low-barrier shelter.
4. He spoke about the homeless issues in Wenatchee and the many complaints being received. He has discussed with the City Attorney and has authorized the vehicles that are camped on Worthen Street to be towed.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. None.

6. **Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Stanger, City Clerk