



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2020**  
Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Staff Present:** Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith (via phone), City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Jessi Sauceda, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Public Works Deputy Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly, Facilities Manager Elisa Webb, GIS Manager Matt Collins

**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 Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Keith Huffaker was noted for the record.

**2. Consent Items:**

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and to approve Resolution No. 2020-25, declaring certain personal property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee and authorizing the Department of Information Systems to dispose of the personal property identified in the resolution. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**3. Action Items.**

**A. City Council adoption of the North Wenatchee Avenue Preliminary Engineering Report**

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2020-12 adopting the "North Wenatchee Avenue (SR285) Preliminary Engineering Summary Report" dated January 24, 2020 as a guidance document for future comprehensive planning and updates to pertinent City land use regulations. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- B. City of Wenatchee Project No. 1809 – SSA/OHO Wenatchee Remodel construction contract between the City and TW Clark Construction, Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$60,563.25

Facilities Manager Elisa Webb presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the contract change order with TW Clark Construction and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- C. City of Wenatchee Comprehensive Stormwater Plan Adoption

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw and Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt the 2020 City of Wenatchee Comprehensive Stormwater Plan. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- D. Revisions to Wenatchee City Code 9.16 Storm Drainage Utility

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-24 amending Chapter 9.16 "Storm Drainage Utility" of the Wenatchee City Code. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- E. Second Addendum/Amendment to Lease with the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival Association

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the Second Addendum/Amendment to Lease between the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival Association and the City of Wenatchee and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

#### 4. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
1. The encampment on Worthen Street was cleaned up and items placed and stored in the city's south yard. The same person is now squatting on Thurston Street.
  2. There have been a number of conversations recently about the Mayor's comments on homeless issues, and the Mayor is currently playing phone tag with Shawn Arrington of the Lighthouse. Locomotive Park continues to be damaged. We have had to send two staff people at a time to the park for repairs as it is not safe for one to go alone. The Convention Center fountain has been shut off. The police are doing as good a job as they can and a lot of effort and energy is being spent on staff time to clean up.

3. The WPD has sworn in a new lateral officer, Alyssa Mustain, from Seattle. The WPD is now full to budget with 43 officers.
4. Finance Director Brad Posenjak continues to work on the 2021 budget. The first draft will come to the Finance Committee in two weeks.
5. Negotiations continue with the jail.
6. The Mayor met with the City Attorney this week for their contract renewal, and they are looking at a two-year contract, with a 1% increase in 2021 and 2% in 2022.
7. The Housing Authority has a vacancy with the resignation of Mike Leeds. They are hopeful to have a city representative (council or staff) appointed.
8. Staff is working on another building for the Veterans in a location that may work for them.

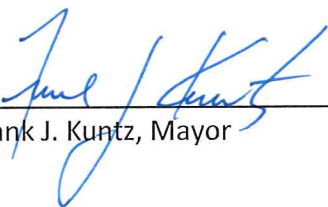
b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that the subcommittee for a low barrier shelter went over the criteria for selecting a site. Another meeting is being held next Monday.

Councilmember Ruth Esparza reported that six epidemiologists from the CDC are coming to Wenatchee to study and work on containing the disproportionate rate of the Latino community getting the virus.

Councilmember Jim Bailey reported that Link Transit is deep into the study of routes and facilities and is doing a really good job. There are a lot of things to be tweaked as the basic route system in place today is mostly the same from when Link Transit began in the early 90s. Full recommendations are expected 2021.

**5. Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk