



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 8, 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 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 (via phone), IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Police Chief Steve Crown, Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton, Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover

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 Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Travis Hornby was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council accept the work performed by the contractor, KRCL, LLC, on the Emergency Gas Piping Repair, Project No. SW20-05, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Action Items.

A. City Park Hours of Operation

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald to approve Ordinance No. 2020-26, amending city park hours of operation. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-28 for the reappointments of Kristin Lodge, Gina Mueller, Mark Miller and Miguel Cuevas to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No 2020-28 reappointing Kristin Lodge, Gina Mueller, Mark Miller and Miquel Cuevas to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee through December 31, 2022. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0; Herald conflict).

- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-27 for the reappointment of Linda Haglund to the Tourism Promotion Area Board through December 31, 2023

Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to pass Resolution No 2020-27 reappointing Linda Haglund to the Tourism Promotion Area Board for an additional term through December 31, 2023. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0; Herald conflict).

- D. 2021 Agreement for Emergency Services between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County Department of Emergency Management

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the contract between Chelan County Department of Emergency Management and the City of Wenatchee for 2021 Emergency Services for \$101,203.20 and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- E. 2021-2022 Contract for Legal Services between the City of Wenatchee and Steve D. Smith, of Davis, Arneil Law Firm, LLP

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve a two-year contract for Legal Services between the City of Wenatchee and Steve D. Smith, of Davis, Arneil Law Firm, LLP and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

City Attorney Steve Smith thanked the Mayor and Council.

- F. Ordinance No. 2020-28 amends Chapter 8.06 WCC relating to automated traffic enforcement, keeping the monetary penalty consistent with that of RCW 46.61.050 (Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device)

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2020-28, thereby keeping the monetary penalty for automated traffic enforcement consistent with RCW. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- G. Skyline Reservoir Transmission Main & Utility Improvements, Project No. 1704 Construction Change Order for Additional Work Around Existing Infrastructure

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for the City Council to amend the construction contract with Pipkin Construction to pay for the additional work performed and further authorize the Mayor to approve the construction change order #3 in the amount of \$108,684.36. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- H. 2021 Preliminary Budget Review

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the 2021 preliminary budget.

4. Public Hearings.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

- I. Amendment II for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP) including a reduction in funding up to \$150,000 from the Public Facilities – Community Center project and an increase up to \$150,000 to the new Public Infrastructure – Sidewalk Tripping Hazards project.

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none. He then turned it back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Amendment II to the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable applications, certifications, assurances and agreements. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- J. Amendment III for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP) includes a reallocation of \$9,593 in funding from “Public Services – Food System” to “Public Services – Business Assistance” and an allocation of up to \$10,407 from unallocated/unspent 2019 CDBG funding to “Public Services – Business Assistance” for a total increase up to \$20,000.

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none. He then turned the matter back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve Amendment III to the 2019 CDBG AAP and authorize the mayor to sign applicable applications, certifications, assurances and agreements. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- K. Amendment IIII for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP) allowing pre-award costs to be incurred for the 2020 program year including:
- Code Enforcement \$36,700
 - Public Services up to \$34,594
 - Administration and Planning up to \$47,459

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none. He then turned the matter back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Amendment IIII to the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable applications, certifications, assurances and agreements. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Reports.

- a. Mayor’s Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) The WSDOT property on North Wenatchee Avenue is not needed now for COVID testing, so staff will be moving forward with demolition.
 - (2) He participated in the annual lunch via Zoom with the WDA and Economic Development Group.
 - (3) He attended a meeting last week with the Governor’s office concerning tenant rights and issues they are dealing with.
 - (4) He and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill attended their regular meeting with the Chelan County Commissioners on Tuesday where they discussed the WSDOT site, annexations, and the regional jail.

- (5) He and staff continue to work through the jail contract.
- (6) He attended the Transportation Council meeting today. Rob and team will be looking at projects for next year. They are hoping for a transportation package from the legislature this year so the city will need to identify top priorities, which currently are the McKittrick underpass and Confluence Parkway.
- (7) East Wenatchee is moving forward with planning for a pedestrian overpass at Highway 28 connecting to the pedestrian bridge. We have been planning for one at Bridge Street. There may be an opportunity to combine efforts.
- (8) The Mayor is hopeful there will be a federal transportation package next year, and if so, will be applying for Confluence Parkway again.
- (9) He attended the grand opening of the remodeled library building this week. He encouraged everyone to see it when it reopens to the public after the pandemic.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

- (1) Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Homeless Task Force meeting and they are still working on a location for a low-barrier shelter.
- (2) Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that AWC has adopted legislative priorities for the next legislative session.
- (3) Councilmember Jim Bailey announced that the Director for RMSA has announced her resignation.
- (4) Councilmember Jose Cuevas said that as part of Make a Different Day month he has been helping out with Café to pick weeds and clean up garbage around South Wenatchee. It's planned to occur every weekend through October. He invited the Mayor and other Councilmembers to participate as well.
- (5) Councilmember Keith Huffaker said the solid waste facility is still doing very well, and they continue to seek a partnership with Douglas County as it would benefit both communities. Douglas County has been hesitant to join.

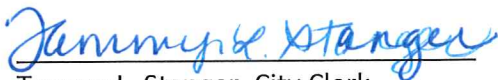
6. Announcements. Mayor Kuntz announced next week's meeting is a work session and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill stated the topics will be the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, and the solid waste contract.

7. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk