



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 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 (via phone), Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly

5:15 p.m. Special Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Linda Herald participating via phone.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentations

- Parker Smith Day Proclamation. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz read the proclamation declaring December 3 as "Parker Smith Day."

4. Action Items

(Item E was moved to the front of the agenda at the request of the Mayor)

- A.** Adoption of the proposed amendments to Wenatchee City Code Chapter 3.36, Wildland-Urban Interface Standards

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Chelan County Fire District No. 1 Chief Brian Brett was also present and commented and answered questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-33 titled WUI Standards that are intended to mitigate the risk to life and structures from intrusion of fire from wild-land fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures and to mitigate structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. Adoption of Resolution No 2020-36 ratifying the Mayor's Approval of a Professional Service Agreement with the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority for small business grants

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2020-36 ratifying the Mayor's approval of a Professional Service Agreement with the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority for services related to implementing the Coronavirus Relief Fund Small Business Grant Program. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. For Introduction - Ordinance No. 2020-23 granting a franchise to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. This item was for presentation only and will be on the next agenda for formal adoption.

No Action Requested: Staff recommends the City Council hear Ordinance No. 2020-23 granting a franchise to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation for the purposes of providing natural gas services within the City of Wenatchee.

- D. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-22 creating regulations and permit requirements for private use of City streets and sidewalks for sidewalk cafes, storefront enhancements and display of goods, parklets, and streateries

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report and power point presentation. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-22 creating regulations and permit requirements for private use of City streets and sidewalks for sidewalk cafes, storefront enhancements and display of goods, parklets, and streateries. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. 2021-2022 Amendment to the Municipal Services Agreement with the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the Amendment to the Municipal Services Agreement with the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce for Destination Marketing and Visitor Services and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Herald conflict).

F. Solid Waste Franchise

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions. No action to be taken at this time. This agenda item will be on the next agenda for action.

No Action Requested: (1) First reading of Ordinance 2020-34 approving a solid waste services agreement granting Waste Management of Washington, Inc. a franchise for exclusive solid waste collection services within the corporate limits of the City of Wenatchee. (2) Review of the Solid Waste Service Agreement with Waste Management of Washington, Inc. for solid waste collection services within the limits of the City of Wenatchee. (3) For Council's consideration the Fourth Amendment to Contract for Solid Waste Collection Services.

5. Reports

Councilmember Jim Bailey led a discussion regarding the 2021 legislative priorities. The priorities from AWC are the same as 2020 except for the state-wide policing reforms. Council would like to see transportation and homeless issues as top priorities. The Mayor suggested that Chief Crown provide input as well. Staff will prepare a letter and ask for his review. (Chief Crown is currently serving as the President of WASPC).

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

1. The city still does not have a contract with the jail so it will be moving forward with arbitration. The city is advocating for a daily rate, the jail would like a flat fee. The city's priority is to make sure the costs are reasonable for the taxpayers.
2. City Hall will be closed on December 17-18 for the new electrical service to be installed and transformers removed from the basement.
3. He gave kudos to the city's Code Enforcement team and the Police Officers who assisted with the cleanup on Delaware Street. He also received a letter from a citizen thanking the Police Department for their help with squatters on First Street.

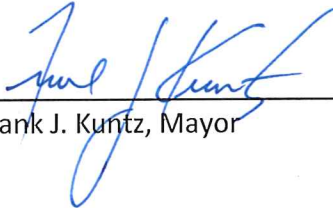
4. Next week's meeting is expected to be long.
5. The TRIAD bridge is in permit review.
6. Paving has been completed in the lot next to public works.
7. Staff is still working on NEPA.
8. All the work for the water rights transfer has been complete. The city will be receiving a check for \$1 million.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

1. Councilmember Linda Herald attended a low barrier shelter meeting yesterday. The \$640,000 grant from the state has been approved. They are looking at using 3 hotels as a shelter in the interim. They are currently trying to get a severe weather shelter in place (local churches are hesitant due to the pandemic). A permanent low barrier shelter will be very expensive so they are researching Quonset huts but need a location. The Mayor suggested going to Moses Lake to take a look at their operation. She also thanked the city for the two new "Owl" cameras at the Convention Center.

6. **Announcements.** None.

7. **Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk