

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL Thursday, November 12, 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 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 (via phone), City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Police Chief Steve Crown, Police Detective Steve Evitt, Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Human Resources Director Kari Page

5:15 p.m. Regular 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 Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Ruth Esparza was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Golden Gate Electric, on City Project No. 1915 – Miller School Zone & Okanogan Crossing Improvements and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher; and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, KRCI LLC, on City Project No. SW19-08 – Elliott Avenue Multi-Use Pathway and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Presentation.

• Small Business Saturday Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby.

4. Action Items.

A. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan)

Brooklyn Holton, Housing & Community Planner, presented the staff report and power point presentation to request feedback from Council in order to move forward with recommended activities:

- Programmatic
- Public Services
- Public Facilities & Improvements
- Housing
- Economic Development

Council asked questions and commented. No action requested at this time.

B. Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the City of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Police Guild, 2021-2023

Police Chief Steve Crown and Human Resources Director Kari Page presented the staff report Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement, mutually agreed upon by both bargaining teams and approved by Wenatchee Police Guild members by vote. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Facility Use Agreement Extension Chelan Douglas Child Services Association

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Facility Use Agreement Extension between Chelan Douglas Child Services Association and the City of Wenatchee and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. An amendment to the City budget for a funding increase to the existing CARES Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the City of Wenatchee.

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force's recommendations and authorize the Mayor to (1) 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; and (2) enter into two new ESG-CV subgrantee agreements with the People's Foundation and the Women's Resource Center for severe weather emergency shelter services as recommended by the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Ordinance 2020-32 – amendments to the 2020 budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Ordinance 2020-32 amending the 2020 budget as adopted by Ordinance 2019-39 and amended by ordinance 2020-14, revoking, recalling or decreasing all or a portion of total appropriations provided for, entering findings that this ordinance is in the best interest of the City and requiring that this Ordinance be approved by a majority plus one of the entire Council. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Temporary interfund lending of cash in 2021

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to pass Resolution 2020-37, authorizing the temporary lending of cash from the General Fund to the CDBG Entitlement Fund, Police Station GO Bond Fund, and various other funds as needed in 2021. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0).

5. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

G. Ordinance 2020-31, adopting the 2021 Budget

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak. He then turned it back over to the Council for their action.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Ordinance #2020-31 adopting the final budget for the City of Wenatchee for fiscal year 2021. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
 - (1) With regard to the PUD park improvements and city LRF funding, he recently walked the park area with Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, PUD General Manager Steve Wright, the PUD's landscape architect for ideas.
 - (2) He met with East Wenatchee Mayor Jerrilea Crawford to discuss mutual city issues.

- (3) He attended a meeting with Rivercom representatives, Misti Viebrock and Staci Larsen, and Rivercom Board Member Kevin Overbay.
- (4) He continues discussions with staff and also spoke with Commissioner Bob Bugert regarding the jail contract.
- (5) Staff is considering a request from Coast Hotels, who manages the city's Convention Center, for utility assistance. Staff is researching if those costs can be covered through the CARES Act funding.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. None.

7. Announcements.

The next Council meeting will be on December 3 and the last meeting of the year is scheduled for December 12.

8. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

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