



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 5, 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 (via phone), IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Development Project Manager Matt Shales, Finance Director Brad Posenjak

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 Ruth Esparza 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. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Proclamation.

- Veterans Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald. Due to Covid there will be no Veterans Day Parade this year; however, the Veterans are planning a 21-gun salute and a drive through town.

4. Action Items.

- A.** Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-33 for the appointment of Armando Bendito to the Housing Authority of Chelan County and City of Wenatchee Board.

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-33 to approve the appointment of Armando Bendito to the Housing Authority of Chelan County and City of Wenatchee Board to fill an unexpired two-year term ending December 31, 2021. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. Lease with Wenatchee Aerie #204 for a space for Veterans Hall. Monthly rent of \$3,305.

Development Project Manager Matt Shales presented the staff report. George Turner addressed the Council and spoke of his appreciation for Matt's work in getting this lease accomplished and the Mayor's support of the Veterans. Ron Bruno also spoke and thanked the City. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council accept the terms provided in both lease documents and further authorize the Mayor to sign, thereby allowing the Veterans Hall to continue uninterrupted operations. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. UPS Peak Season Facility proposal to operate on vacant City property

Development Project Manager Matt Shales presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the terms provided in the license agreement and further authorize the Mayor to sign, allowing temporary peak season operations by UPS on vacant City property. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

- D. 2021 Property Tax Ordinance and Resolutions

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution 2020-34 authorizing a levy limit factor of 101% upon a finding of substantial need, approve Ordinance 2020-30 authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in the 2021 tax year, and approve Resolution 2020-35 requesting the Chelan County Assessor to collect sufficient funds to address debt service requirements of a voter approved bond levy. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Presentation.

E. Preview the Final 2021 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak provided an overview of the 2021 budget.

The Mayor noted several items that are still being worked on (Police Guild, AFSCME, jail negotiations, and Rivercom).

Council commented.

7. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report

1. He reported that Councilmember Jim Bailey joined staff as they celebrated employees this week. Lunches and swag were provided, and service awards presented.
2. The final budget will be adopted at next week's meeting.
3. The Brandt property next to the PSC looks like a parking lot now. Rob's crew has been working on that.
4. He had a phone call with the CEO of the Coast Hotel and they asked if the city would consider paying some of the utility bills of the convention center. The city may be using some of the CARES Act money for this.
5. A majority of the CARES funds administered by the Port were applied for.
6. He and staff participated in table top exercises last week (earthquakes and ransom ware scenarios).


b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

1. Linda Herald reported that the Homeless Task Force met this week. They are still looking for a site. The People's Foundation had made an offer to purchase property in the south end.

8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor