



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Frank Kuntz, Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas, Councilmember Position 2 Jim Bailey, Councilmember Position 3 Ruth Esparza (via phone), Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby, Councilmember Position 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 Attorney Steve Smith (via phone), City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Dave Erickson, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly, Facilities Manager Elisa Webb

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. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Herald participating via phone.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to approve Resolution No. 2021-02 appointing Mark Kulaas as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2021; to approve Resolution No. 2021-03, designating voting representatives on behalf of the City to various community boards, councils and organizations; and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Pipkin Construction on the Skyline Reservoir Transmission Main & Utility Improvements Phase 1, Project #1704 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentation

- Dr. Paul Gordon, Superintendent – Wenatchee School District. Dr. Gordon addressed the Council via phone with his message for everyone to get out and vote. The current WSD levy is critical for the district to support additional staffing and other important programs.
- Heart Month Proclamation. The Heart Month proclamation was read by Councilmember Ruth Esparza, and encouraged everyone to become "Heart Savers."

4. Action Items

A. Artwork Donation

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to accept the donation of the Fandango Jarocho sculpture. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Pinnacles Prep Lease Agreement

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

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the First Addendum to Lease with Pinnacles Prep and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Creating a long-term investment account, referred to as Separately Managed Accounts, with the Office of the State Treasurer

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the interagency agreement with the State of Washington Office of the State Treasurer to manage the City's long-term investments in a separately managed account. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

D. Amendment V for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP) allowing an increase in the Public Services allocation and potential use of pre-award costs to be incurred for the 2020 program year including:

- Food Box Program up to \$100,000
- Emergency Assistance to Households/Businesses up to \$127,788
- Public Services 2020 Pre-Award costs up to \$350,000

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton (via phone) and Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Amendment V to the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable applications, certifications, assurances and agreements. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- (1) The Mayor and Council discussed whether now is a good time to go back out to bid for the new City Hall project. With the 2020 budget coming in better than expected, some changes to the design to save on costs, and additional money available for the project, it was the consensus of the majority of the Council to put the project out to bid again. We will see where the bids come in at and determine at that time if the project moves forward. Councilmember Huffaker was not in favor and voiced his disapproval of moving forward with the project at this time.
- (2) The Mayor spoke about the grant application for \$2.5 million that Pinnacles Prep is submitting for improvements to the Community Center. It will require some staff time, which he hadn't anticipated being a need, when Pinnacles Prep first took over the building.
- (3) The city is looking to hire a Commercial Broker for the North Wenatchee Avenue parcels. Staff will be preparing an RFP for that service.
- (4) Councilmember Jim Bailey asked if the Mayor if he was aware of any changes on the transportation front with the new administration now in Washington D.C. The Mayor has a meeting coming up with Congresswoman Schrier, and Senators Cantwell and Murray to get a feel for what sort of transportation package is anticipated. He is watching Olympia to see if the transportation package passes there.

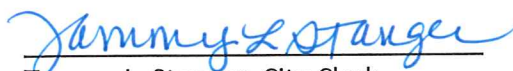
b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Ruth Esparza reported that the Town Toyota Center is now a mass vaccination site and folks can go to the Health District website to determine if they are eligible to receive a vaccination at this time. The Town Toyota Center has reported that on the first day 100 vaccinations were given, and on subsequent days that number had gone up to 500. They hope to vaccinate 1,000 a day next week.


7. Announcements. None.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor