



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 11, 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, Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby, Councilmember Position 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, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Parks, Building/Fire Code Official Cliff Burdick, City Engineer Gary Owen, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Police Chief Steve Crown.

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 Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, removing agenda item J, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Action Items

- A.** Memorandum of Agreement between the Port of Chelan County, Port of Douglas County, City of Wenatchee, and City of Rock Island for the Brownfields Assessment Coalition

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Port of Chelan County, Port of Douglas County, City of Wenatchee, and City of Rock Island for the Brownfields Assessment Coalition funded through the award of a \$600,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. Agreements to construct and maintain a new structure across the Wenatchee Reclamation District Canal at Maple Street

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the two agreements with the Wenatchee Reclamation District and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. Springwater Avenue Improvements, City Project #2007 – Authorization to Negotiate

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Perteet for design services on the Springwater Avenue Improvements (Project No. 2007) and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0).

- D. 2018 International Codes Adoption

Building/Fire Code Official Cliff Burdick presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-01 relating to the adoption of the 2018 International Codes as amended by the State of Washington. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- E. 2018 International Fire Code Adoption

Building/Fire Code Official Cliff Burdick presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02 relating to the adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code as amended by the State of Washington. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- F. Repeal of portions of WCC Title 4, Health and Sanitation

Building/Fire Code Official Cliff Burdick presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

K. First Amendment to the Convention Center Management Agreement with Coast Wenatchee, LLC

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Convention Center Management Agreement for utilities reimbursement of up to \$100,000 or through January 1, 2022, whichever is sooner. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0; Herald conflict).

L. Adoption of Resolution No 2021-07 to ratify an action related to COVID-19

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2021-07 to ratify an emergency order of the Mayor related to paid emergency supplemental leave in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Reports

a. Mayor's Report

- (1) Pledge to Civility in Public Service. The Mayor requested this item on the agenda for the Council for discussion. Other local government agencies are also reviewing. While the current City Council is thankful for their civility, they are supportive of the pledge, and having something in writing for future Councilmembers would set a standard. City Attorney Steve Smith will take a look at the pledge and incorporate into current policy for adoption at a future meeting.
- (2) The Mayor participated in the Chamber's "State of the Cities" zoom meeting today.
- (3) He continues to watch for the transportation budgets in Washington D.C. and Olympia. He continues the conversation with staff and Senators Cantwell and Murray, and Congresswoman Schrier.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas mentioned his concern about the traffic near the new Winco store and the left turn lane into the store backing up on Maple Street.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker recently attended a Solid Waste meeting. He said that Chelan is moving forward with their glass grinding program. This will allow for folks to recycle glass as Waste Management is no longer accepting glass for recycling. He also mentioned that Linda Haglund is working hard trying to help restaurants and is looking at a program that Tacoma and Pierce County have done that provided discounts to patrons while providing reimbursement to restaurants through CARES Act funding. He is hopeful our region can do the same.

5. Announcements

The Mayor announced that next week's work session will include a presentation on "1590 funds," and a discussion regarding a 1/10 of 1% sales tax that can be used for operating costs. He said there is no way to have a low-barrier shelter in place using current funding for operating costs; it will take away from other needed and essential programs. While the City of East Wenatchee has said they would be interested in partnering with this, the two counties have said no.

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



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk