



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
Thursday, February 18, 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 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, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Housing Program Coordinator Sandra Van Osten, Police Chief Steve Crown, Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander

5:15 p.m. Work Session. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The excused absence of Councilmember Ruth Esparza was noted for the record.

A. Shoreline Master Plan Update

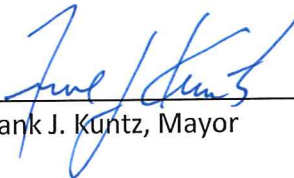
Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander provided a presentation titled "City of Wenatchee Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update." This update is required every 8 years. He provided an overview of the Shoreline Management Act and Shoreline Master Program; the periodic update process and schedule, and Shoreline Master Program next steps. The deadline for adopting the updated Shoreline Master Program is June 30, 2021. There are only minor updates needed at this time. Staff will bring the final Shoreline Master Program updates to City Council on May 13, 2021.

B. House Bill 1590 Funds for Homeless/Housing Services

Councilmember Linda Herald provided opening and concluding remarks, and Housing Programs Coordinator Sandra Van Osten, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, and Police Chief Steve Crown provided a power point presentation "Strategies to Housing the Unsheltered Homeless Population and Decrease Community Impacts in Chelan and Douglas Counties." The presentation included the scope of problem, individual and community impacts, staff research and recommendations, 1590 funding background, and project description (phases 1 and 2). Council discussed. It was the consensus that with Wenatchee as the regional hub, Wenatchee cannot do it alone; it will only be feasible to move forward with a low-barrier shelter if there is another governmental agency willing to participate. Both Chelan and Douglas Counties have said

they are not willing to participate at this time. Also, the Council would like to see performance measures in place to be certain the plan is working. Service providers will need to be available on-site with assertive contact. Chief Crown addressed the Council that this is just a small piece and tools are needed to help people get headed in the right direction without using the leverage of the law. It was the consensus of the Council for the City Attorney to draft up an ordinance and for staff to move ahead with a plan and public engagement as much as possible.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk