



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 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 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, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw, Police Chief Steve Crown, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Capital Projects Engineer Charlotte Mitchell, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Project Engineer Jake Lewing, Neighborhood and Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton

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 Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Mark Kulaas was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to accept the work by the contractor, Rudnick & Sons, LLC, on City Project No. SW20-01, Chase Park Rehabilitation, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher; and to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13, declaring certain personal property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee and authorize the Department of Public Works to surplus the property. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Presentations

- Healthcare Heroes Proclamation read by Councilmember Keith Huffaker.
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Phase 2 Plan. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson provided a power point presentation updating the City Council on Phase 2 Parks & Recreation activities. Today, the Governor announced that all of the state would now move to Phase 3 on March 22. David will revisit the guidelines and readjust activities as needed. He also touched briefly on upcoming projects.

- Pavement Management Update. Project Engineer Jake Lewing provided a power point presentation providing an update on the city's Pavement Management Program, which included an overview of projects completed, pavement condition outlook with funding scenarios, and staff recommendations to continue investment into the Pavement Management Program to track, manage and report on the pavement network, increase long-term revenues pavement preservation, and continue to look for efficiencies.

4. Action Items.

- A. Resolution 2021-09 adopting a pledge to civility in public service.

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2021-09 adopting a pledge to civility in public service. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-11 for the appointment of Cody Beeson to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2021-11 appointing Cody Beeson to a two-year unexpired term on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee through December 31, 2022. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0) (Herald conflict).

- C. Martinez Ten Percent (10%) Annexation Petition for review, adjustment, approval or denial

Neighborhood and Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for the City Council to accept the proposed annexation boundary; adopt the proposed zoning regulations; and assume all of the existing city indebtedness by the annexation area. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- D. DJML, LLC Ten Percent (10%) Annexation Petition for review, adjustment, approval or denial

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Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for the City Council to accept the proposed annexation boundary; adopt the proposed zoning regulation; and assume all of the existing city indebtedness by the annexation area. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Multi-Family Tax Exemption Agreement with Central Cascade Properties, LLC

Neighborhood and Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Community Development Director Glen DeVries provided comments.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to pass Resolution 2021-12 authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Central Cascade Properties, LLC. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Wenatchee Valley Decant Facility Use Agreement with Douglas County

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the Wenatchee Valley Regional Decant Facility Use Agreement with Douglas County and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. Ordinance No. 2021-07 granting a franchise to Computer 5, Inc dba LocalTel Communications

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-07 granting a franchise to LocalTel Communications for the purposes of authorizing the use of the City right-of-way for a cable service. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

H. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan PUD for development projects funded with collaborative financing

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement regarding Development Projects between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County Public Utility District #1. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Reports.

a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

- (1) Congresswoman Schrier has asked the city to provide a couple of projects for earmark consideration from Washington DC. Staff is working to provide a list to her.

- (2) Additional CARES funds are being allocated to the city of \$5.9 million. Staff is researching how those funds will be used.
- (3) A major infrastructure bill has been proposed in Washington DC. The Mayor is monitoring it closely.
- (4) The INFRA grant is due next week. Staff continues to work diligently. There has been some discussion among partners to hire a lobbyist to monitor the progress in Washington DC.
- (5) The Mayor attended the "virtual" Chamber banquet last week.
- (6) The Misawa Sister City Association is planning to send a delegation to Misawa in August. Misawa is planning to send a delegation to the Wings & Wheels festival this fall. Mayor Kuntz and Councilmember Esparza would like to be the city delegates to travel to Misawa this year. The Council felt that it would be appropriate to send two delegates this year considering that we were not able to send anyone last year due to the pandemic.
- (7) The Mayor announced that it is anticipated city buildings will open back up to the public the first part of April.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jim Bailey recently attended a Community Action Council Board Meeting and said the rental assistance funding has already been fully used. Community Development Director Glen DeVries said that additional money is coming soon and that the Community Action Council has been a great partner to work with.

Councilmember Linda Herald said the Homeless Task Force is getting ready to go out for an RFP, and that she also attended a HopeSource meeting this week and spoke about the low-barrier shelter.

6. Announcements.


Executive Services Director Laura Merrill announced that Capital Projects Engineer Charlotte Mitchell has graduated from the Northwest Women's Leadership Academy.

7. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk