



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 8, 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, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Parks Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover, Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld

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. The excused absence of Councilmember Jim Bailey was noted. All other Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Presentations

- Arbor Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas and presented to Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, on behalf of the Arbor Day Committee, who said a few words about the distribution event this Saturday at the cemetery.

4. Action Items

A. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Appointment

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution 2021-14 appointing Ryan Harmon to position eight of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Park Design Standards and Development Policies

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Park Design Standards and Development Polices update. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Vandalism Reduction Program Policies

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution 2021-16 Removal of Garbage and Temporary Shelter Policy and Procedure, Resolution 2021-17 Loose Needle Collection Policy and Procedure, and Resolution 2021-18 Lost and Found Policy and Procedure. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 – Project No. 1810 – Authorization for Consultant Supplemental Agreement #3

Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Consultant Supplemental Agreement #3 on behalf of the City with HDR Engineering, Inc. for additional design services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 - Project No. 1810. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- E. School Street Sanitary Sewer Extension – Project No. 2105 – Authorization to Negotiate Design Services with RH2 Engineering, Inc.

Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for design services for the School Street Sanitary Sewer Extension - Project No. 2105 and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- F. Resolution to update and combine existing financial policies into one manual

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution 2021-19 adopting an amended, restated, and combined Financial Policy and Procedure Manual. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- G. Revisions to utility customer low income assistance programs

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt Ordinance No 2021-14, relating to low income assistance for utility customers; amending WCC 9.02.010(4) and WCC 9.02.010(7). Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- H. Ordinance No. 2021-15, amending Chapter 6A.30 Wenatchee City Code pertaining to controlled substances, declaring a public emergency regarding controlled substances and providing for an effective date

City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to pass Ordinance 2021-15 amending Chapter 6A.30 of the Wenatchee City Code pertaining to controlled substances, declaring a public emergency regarding controlled substances and providing for an effective date. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
1. He attended a Tri-Commission meeting this week;
 2. Community Development has a staffing issue with a retirement coming up;

3. The Mayor attended a Firewise event this week with DNR Fire Commissioner Hilary Franz on Boodry Street;
4. He participated in a phone call with Congresswoman Schrier about ARP funding;
5. He attended the County Commissioner's meeting this week;
6. Director's meeting held today;
7. There is a possibility we will move back to Phase 2 next week;
8. He will be unavailable for next Thursday's work session; Mayor Pro Tem Kulaas will lead the meeting;
9. The April 22 meeting will be the first meeting back open to the public in over a year. The WDA banquet is scheduled that evening.
10. He participated in regional jail discussions with Chelan County, Douglas County and the City of East Wenatchee; however, Douglas County does not want to participate further.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Travis Hornby said that the WDA and City are looking at new trash cans for downtown, which could include a "Big Belly" trash compactor/recycler.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas spoke about the work of staff and multiple agencies for a "Mule Deer Bank."

Councilmember Keith Huffaker requested that the Council discuss the Interlocal Agreement for the low barrier shelter. He also provided an update on solid waste and the moderate waste facility.

Councilmember Linda Herald said an email has gone out for agency proposals for the homeless funding grants. An orientation has also been scheduled.

6. Announcements. None.

7. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk