



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 25, 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 Jessi Saucedo, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Housing Program Coordinator Sandra Van Osten, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Police Chief Steve Crown, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Neighborhood and Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton, Building/Fire Official Cliff Burdick

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 Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Mark Kulaas participating via phone.

2. Consent Items.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, to accept the work performed by the contractor, J & K Earthworks, LLC on the 2020 Sewer Rehabilitation, Project #1909, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentation.

- Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby. Lisa Melvin, Program Director for CASA, spoke about the CASA program and thanked the Council for the proclamation.

4. Public Hearing Items.

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and stated the ground rules.

A. Proposed adoption of City of Wenatchee Ordinance 2021-13

Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Housing Programs Coordinator Sandra Van Osten, and Councilmember Linda Herald provided the staff report and a presentation outlining the current issues, community impacts, and staff recommendations. Police Chief Steve Crown provided his input relative to law enforcement's limited ability to prohibit homeless from sleeping/camping on public property, and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dave Erickson provided input on the effect that the current vandalism issues are causing in public parks, including the safety issues employees have faced (a handout was provided to the Council and City Clerk for the record). City Attorney Steve Smith provided legal background for the Ordinance, and Finance Director Brad Posenjak provided the financial aspect of the proposed Ordinance.

Councilmembers asked questions of staff and discussed in depth the proposed Ordinance.

The Mayor asked for public comment. The following individuals spoke on the matter:

1. Russ Speidel stated that the cities were doing a good job of looking at this serious issue, and the Salvation Army is currently working through a five-year plan and hope to work together with the two cities to increase their efforts.
2. Laurel Turner, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center, spoke in support of the increased sales tax.
3. Linda Haglund, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Downtown Association, thanked the Council for having the discussion.
4. Dan Hamilton, downtown property/business owner, spoke in support of the increased sales tax.
5. Rachel Petro, owner of Petro Strategic Services and Advocacy Chair for the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the tax, and as indicated in the letter sent to the City Council from the Chamber, would like to see a sunset clause for the tax and that the entire region support the effort.
6. Diane Young spoke in support of the sales tax.
7. Alicia McRae, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, spoke in support of the tax.
8. Alma Chacon spoke in favor of the sales tax.
9. Karen Keleman spoke in favor of the tax.

10. Mario Reyes spoke in favor of the tax.
11. Chuck Engel spoke in favor of the tax.
12. East Wenatchee Mayor Jerrilea Crawford stated she appreciates the partnership with the City of Wenatchee.
13. East Wenatchee Councilmember Shayne Magdoff spoke in favor of the sales tax and she was pleased to see the engagement in the process.
14. Rory Turner, downtown business/property owner spoke in favor of the tax.
15. Tod McLaughlin, local business owner and President of the Chamber of Commerce spoke of his concerns with the sales tax and supported the Chamber's request for a sunset clause and the need for Chelan and Douglas County to participate.
16. Taylor Burton, Housing Grants Coordinator with the City of Moses Lake, spoke about Moses Lake's low-barrier shelter and the success they are experiencing with that.
17. Lorena (no last name provided) requested this be a community-wide decision.
18. Rachel Petro spoke on behalf of her client, Community Choice, and their desire to partner to assist.

Letters received from Alan Walker, Ralph and Diane Jiminez, Sam Mills, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Herb and Diane Young were included as part of the record. Also included was the chat log from the meeting, which included support from Dr. Julie Rickard.

The City Council then asked additional questions of staff and discussed further, including the need for a review period and metrics to be included in the interlocal agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council to adopt Ordinance 2021-13 imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for affordable housing and housing-related services as authorized by RCW 82.14.530; adding a new chapter to the Wenatchee City Code; and providing for severability and establishing an effective date, and to incorporate the implementation components identified in the staff's presentation for an interlocal agreement with the City of East Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

At 7:20 p.m. the Mayor called for a 5-minute recess. Councilmember Mark Kulaas left the meeting at this time. The meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

- B. Public Hearing for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza to accept the 2019 CDBG CAPER. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Action Items.

- C. Amendment No. 12 to Service Agreement SA No. 10-182, between the Chelan County Public Utility District #1 and the City of Wenatchee

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Amendment No. 12 to Service Agreement SA No. 10-182 which reflects the chargeable overtime rates for police officers. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- D. WCC Chapter 1.99, Fee Schedule amendments

Community Development Director Glen DeVries and Building/Fire Code Official Cliff Burdick presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-09 amending portions of WCC 1.99 Fee Schedules. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- E. Olds Station Stormwater Pond Outfall Permit

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Temporary Permit for Use of Rock Island Hydroelectric Project Lands for the Olds Station stormwater pond outfall. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- F. Regional Waterline Easement

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Easement for the Regional Waterline with Washington State Department of Transportation. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- G. Tacoma Street Improvements, City Project #1907 - Authorization to Award Construction Contract in the amount of \$1,134,508.68, pending TIB approval

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to award the contract for the construction of the Tacoma Street Improvements, Project 1907, to Selland Construction, in the amount of \$1,134,508.68 (pending TIB approval) and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- H. Tacoma Street Improvements, City Project #1907 – Supplement #2 to Agreement with SCJ Alliance

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve of and authorize the Mayor to execute Supplement #2 with SCJ Alliance for construction engineering services for the Tacoma Street Improvements (Project No. 1907). Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- I. Amendment to Interlocal Governance Agreement to Include Colville Tribes

The Mayor went over the information for the Transportation Council requesting to have the Colville Tribes as a voting member.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for the City Council to approve the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement and authorize execution of the same. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports.

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) City offices will reopen to the public again on April 12 after being closed for over a year since the pandemic began.
 - (2) He and staff attended a call with Standards & Poors yesterday for the bond rating for the sewer bonds which will go to the bond market in mid-April.
 - (3) The INFRA grant was submitted last Friday.
 - (4) The new city hall bid should be going out this next month.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. None.

7. Announcements.

Councilmember Jim Bailey announced that the Wenatchee Downtown Association annual banquet is scheduled for Thursday, April 22. The Mayor asked staff to keep the Council meeting agenda light that evening so he and the City Council could attend.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk