



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, April 22, 2021**  
Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Senior Planner Matt Parsons, Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell, Housing & Community Planner 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 Jim Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

**2. Consent Items**

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-16, amending 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, and to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 to Agreement No. TCPRA-1921-Wenatch-00073 between the City of Wenatchee and State of Washington Department of Ecology for the Gold Knob Prospect site also known as Saddle Rock Park. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

**3. Presentations**

- Poppy Days Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas. The 2021 American Legion Poppy Princess, Ellie Rubio, accepted the proclamation from Mayor Kuntz and read the poem "In Flanders Field." She then handed out poppies to everyone present at the meeting.

**4. Citizen Requests/Comments.** The Mayor asked for public comment, and there was no one who wished to speak.

## 5. Action Items

### A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-20 to ratify an action related to COVID-19

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2021-20 to ratify the order of the Mayor rescinding the proclamation of emergency issued on March 18, 2020 and rescinding subsequent orders and resolutions pursuant thereto related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### B. JAB Investors LLC Ten Percent (10%) Annexation Petition for review, adjustment, approval, or denial. The proposed annexation area is located in the lower Sunnyslope area.

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report, which included a power point presentation and a handout showing the proposed annexation area. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass a motion to: accept the proposed annexation boundary, to adopt the proposed zoning regulation, and to assume all or any portion of existing city indebtedness by the annexation area. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 6. Public Hearing Items

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

### C. Actions pertaining to certain real property owned by the City of Wenatchee and the North Central Washington Libraries District

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak on the matter. He then turned it back over to the Council for further discussion and action.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2021-21 declaring certain real property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee and authorize the transfer of said real property to North Central Washington Libraries; and authorize the Mayor to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 310 Douglas Street, Wenatchee WA. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**D. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan)**

Housing & Community Planner Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report, which included a power point presentation.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak. He then turned the matter over to the City Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Resolution 2021-15 to approve the 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan, Assessment of Fair Housing and the 2020 CDBG Annual Action plan, and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable applications, certifications, assurances and agreements. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**7. Reports**

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) The February 2021 sales tax report is in and shows a negative adjustment related to 2015 collections. Staff is looking into that and will report back.
  - (2) The Mayor met with Chelan Douglas County Health District Director Luke Davies about Apple Blossom.

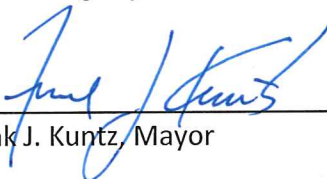
b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker recently attended the Chamber board meeting and reported there is quite a demand for new vehicles, and for vehicles only a couple of years old. He also reported that the median price of housing has raised from \$350,000 last year to over \$450,000 this year.


Councilmember Linda Herald reported that there was a low barrier shelter meeting this week.

**8. Announcements. None.**

**9. Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk