



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 24, 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, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Neighborhood & 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. He and Council just participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new City Hall. Councilmember Keith Huffaker 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 and Resolution No. 2021-30, revising the regular meeting schedule for November and December 2021. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments

Mark Miller, 1801 Aspen, Wenatchee, Washington, and General Manager of the Town Toyota Center, addressed the Council about the Town Toyota Center's ongoing support through the COVID pandemic, and the ongoing maintenance necessary to keep the facility running. He thanked the Council for their support in providing funding to help reopen the Town Toyota Center.

Linda Sullivan, 7020 Jump Off Road, Wenatchee, spoke of her concerns about the city pool still requiring masks. Her grandchildren will be participating in a swim meet this weekend. Parks & Recreation Director David Erickson addressed her concerns and the COVID guidelines imposed by the State Department of Health.

4. Action Items

A. Master Agreement with Chelan Douglas Land Trust

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Curt Soper, Executive Director of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust was also present and stated he appreciated the great work of the city. This agreement codifies the work that has gone on over the last 10 years, the Land Trust maintains the trails and the City maintains the trailheads.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Master Agreement with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Motion carries (7-0).

Councilmember Jim Bailey thanked Dave and his parks employees for the summer programs that he has worked through with all of the changing state guidelines.

B. DJML Sixty Percent (60%) Annexation Resolution 2021-29 setting a date for Public Hearing to adopt an Ordinance

Neighborhood & Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. She had a correction to her agenda report where it states Residential High and it should be Residential Moderate.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve Resolution 2021-29 establishing a date of July 8, 2021 for a public hearing to consider final action on the DJML Annexation. Councilmember seconded the motion. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jose Cuevas. Motion carries (7-0).

C. Homeless Grant Funding Recommendations for the 2021-2023 Funding Cycle

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Rachel Todd, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Valley YWCA thanked the Council for funding the request for permanent supportive housing and said a few words about the program. Scooter Harter, interim Executive Director for the Women's Resource Center thanked the Council for funding and spoke about their permanent supportive housing project, Miller Park. William Bilderback, Women's Resource Center's Program Director, provided information about the landlord-liaison program. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the contracts with grant and subgrant recipients for homeless program services and housing identified on Exhibit "A" of the report. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carries (7-0).

5. Reports

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

- (1) He approved a request from Waste Management to collect garbage at 5:00 a.m. considering the heat wave.
- (2) Sales tax numbers continue to move along as anticipated.
- (3) No news on INFRA at this point.
- (4) An executive session will be needed at the next meeting.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jim Bailey reported today was the annual business meeting for AWC. The conference went well and the highlight of the conference was the speaker, former Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker attended the Chamber meeting and reported topics covered.

Councilmember Travis Hornby announced plans to hold an open house at Pybus for the waterfront trail improvements project.


6. **Announcements.** None.

7. **Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk