

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL Thursday, June 10, 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 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Sauceda, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Community Development Director Glen DeVries

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 Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absences of Councilmembers Esparza and Herald were noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

4. Action Items

A. Ordinance No. 2021-19 – Amendments to the 2021 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. The Mayor commented and Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-19, amending the 2021 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2020-31, revoking, recalling, or decreasing all or a portion of total appropriations provided for, entering findings that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City and requiring that this Ordinance be approved by a majority plus one of the entire Council. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

5. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

B. Adoption of the periodic update to the City of Wenatchee Shoreline Master Plan (SMP)

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. This item is a continuation from May 13, 2021. Council commented and asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak. He then asked Council for additional comments and action.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2021-33, adopting the City of Wenatchee Shoreline Master Program update, including the new shoreline jurisdiction boundaries and environment designation maps, and repealing the existing Shoreline Master Program. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
 - (1) Apple Blossom is happening and going well, and the carnival at Lincoln Park has been well received. He attended the All Service Club Luncheon yesterday. A few chairs are out for the parade on Saturday.
 - (2) He participated in the Residence Inn Apple Dessert Tasting Contest last weekend. The General Manager of the Residence Inn, Char Mayo, invited him and the Council for a "hard hat" tour which has been scheduled for July 15.
 - (3) A transportation budget was announced on Monday and it currently shows \$8.6 million for pedestrian connections on both sides of the river.
 - (4) We still have not heard from INFRA yet, although it could be this week or next.
 - (5) The city received \$3.2 million in COVID recovery funds last week. The Finance Committee approved paying a portion to the Town Toyota Center to assist with recovery and reopening.
 - (6) Sales tax numbers are going well.
 - (7) TRIAD is gearing up to build 60-70 houses a year with a national contractor.
 - (8) He reported that the PFD is starting the process of refinancing their bonds, which will be an approximate \$7.5 million in savings with the current interest rates being so low.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker attended the Solid Waste meeting this week and Ecology is providing some funding for the next couple of years to support operations and a bulk of the money will go towards the moderate waste facility.

Councilmember Jim Bailey attended the Community Action Council board meeting yesterday and they are gearing up for the distribution of the rent/utility assistance program. On Tuesday he attended a luncheon hosted for the National Guard. The National Guard has been very well received by the community.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas attended the police tactic training this past week.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas recently attended the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Committee meeting and they are gearing up for the 2022 session. He also recommended that everyone visit the Museum to see the new exhibit space which turned out very nice.

- 7. Announcements. None.
- 8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk