



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 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 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, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Senior Utility Engineer Jeremy Hoover, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Police Chief Steve Crown, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Neighborhood & Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton

4:45 p.m. Executive Session. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. The excused absence of Councilmember Travis Hornby was noted for the record.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to meet in executive session to discuss with legal counsel matters of potential litigation, with legal counsel present, and for a time period not to exceed 25 minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jim Bailey. Motion carried (6-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:10 p.m.

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 Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Travis Hornby was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Presentations

- Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas and presented to Parks Board Chair Lyle Markhart, and Parks & Recreation staff Caryl Andre, Cammy Coble, Charlotte Mitchell, Sydney McElroy, and David Erickson.

4. Citizen Requests/Comments

Sloan Parker addressed the City Council about the Hale Park Skatepark and requested a policy change for park hours and that the lights be turned on in the evenings so that kids can skate longer in the day when it's cooler outside. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson addressed his concerns and Council asked questions.

Casey Cooper also spoke in support of the skatepark lights and would like to see them on all night to help combat vandalism at the park. He provided a handout to share with the Council.

After further discussion and questions by the Mayor and Council, it was the consensus that the lights be turned on until 10:00 p.m. for a two-week trial period. Staff and the Skateboard representatives will report back at the next regular Council meeting of June 22.

5. Action Items

A. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Columbia River Drug Task Force (CRDTF)

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Columbia River Drug Task Force and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Interlocal Agreement with the County of Chelan for Construction of the Knowles Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, CPN 1908

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County for the construction of the Knowles Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. City Project 2005.03 – Washington Street Traffic Calming - Authorization to Award Construction Contract

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

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to award the construction contract for the Washington Street Traffic Calming to the lowest responsible bidder, Rudnick & Sons Excavation, and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Lincoln Park Pump Park Construction Contract Award

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard construction agreement with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance in the amount of \$181,448.88 for the construction of the Lincoln Park Pump Park Project. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Public Hearing Items

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

E. DJML Annexation Public Hearing

Neighborhood & Community Services Coordinator Brooklyn Holton presented the staff report. Community Development Director Glen DeVries was also present.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

He then turned it back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2021-21, providing for the annexation of unincorporated lands located along Horselake Road is bordered to the east by parcels in the City otherwise fully bordered by unincorporated parcels and right of way known as the DJML Annexation, subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2007-34 and all subsequent amendments thereto. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

7. Reports

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


- (1) Staff has been busy working to prepare for the INFRA grant. The \$92.4 million INFRA grant award to the City is the largest award in this round! A lot of work is head of us.
- (2) Fourth of July went well.
- (3) Next Thursday at 4:00 p.m. is the *hard hat* tour at the Residence Inn.
- (4) The State Auditor's entrance conference is Monday at 2:00 p.m.
- (5) The Mayor is meeting with the Wenatchee Downtown Association next week to go over their "wish list."

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald will be out on vacation next week. Councilmember Jim Bailey will be her alternate for Finance Committee on July 22. She will be participating that afternoon in the interviews for the new Performing Arts Center Executive Director.

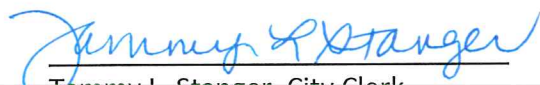
8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk