



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, September 23, 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, Police Chief Steve Crown, Police Captain Brian Chance, Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell, Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw, Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar

**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 Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

**2. Consent Items:**

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**3. Citizen Requests/Comments.** None.

**4. Action Items**

- A.** Remaining open Articles for 2022 and 2023 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the City of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Police Guild, 2021-2023

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached open Articles of the CBA, mutually agreed upon by both bargaining teams and approved by Wenatchee Police Guild members by vote. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**B. Consider Acceptance of an RCO WWRP Grant**

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to accept the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office WWRP Program grant in the amount of \$491,750 for the Wenatchee Foothills Regional Recreation Area Project (20-1446A) and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**C. 2022 Agreement for Emergency Services between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County Department of Emergency Management**

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the contract between Chelan County Department of Emergency Management and the City of Wenatchee for 2022 Emergency Services for \$103,132.80 and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**D. Interlocal Agreement Establishing the Management and Disposition of HB 1590 Affordable Housing Sales Tax Funds and Other Homeless Services Funds Between the Cities of East Wenatchee and Wenatchee**

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council was provided with an updated copy of the Interlocal Agreement as there was an error in the cited RCW in the second "whereas" on page 2 of the document.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Affordable Housing and Housing Related Services. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**E. Contract for WASPC Mental Health Field Response Team Grant for 2021-2022**

Operations Bureau Commander Edgar Reinfeld presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Councilmember Jim Bailey requested a work session be scheduled for an overview of the program and how it's been operating.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to provide authorization for Mayor Kuntz to sign the Mental Health Field Response Team Program Grant Funding Contract for 2021-2022. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Interlocal Agreement Authorizing Formation of Multi-Agency SWAT Team

Police Captain Brian Chance presented the staff report. Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett and East Wenatchee Assistant Police Chief Erik Hampton were also present. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the East Cascade Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Second Amendment to the Convention Center Management Agreement with Coast Wenatchee, LLC

Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Second Amendment to the Convention Center Management Agreement for utilities reimbursement of up to \$150,000 or through January 1, 2023, whichever is sooner. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Herald conflict).

H. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wenatchee and RAM Development Partners, LLC an Alabama limited liability company regarding the North Wenatchee Redevelopment Project Retail Strategies Memorandum of Understanding

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. The Mayor commented and Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wenatchee and RAM Development Partners, LLC an Alabama limited liability company regarding the North Wenatchee Redevelopment Project and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

I. School Street Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Project No. 2105 - Agreement with Wenatchee Reclamation District for Sewer Line Crossings

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council authorize to the Mayor to sign an Agreement, in substantial conformance with the presented agreement between the City of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Reclamation District for the construction of the new sewer line crossings associated with the School Street Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Project No. 2105. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

J. Stormwater Effectiveness Study Interlocal Agreement

Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw and Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Interlocal Agreement for Development and Implementation of an Effectiveness Study related to Regional Stormwater Management and Permit Compliance. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

K. Rescind Approval to Sign Contract with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Councilmember Travis Hornby recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest. Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to **rescind** approval for the Mayor to sign a contract with Evergreen Mountain Bike alliance in the amount of \$181,448.88 for the construction of the Lincoln Park Pump Park Project. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Hornby conflict).

L. City Project 2111 – Easy Street Sewer Relocation – Budget Authorization

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the proposed budget for City Project 2111. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

M. City Project 2110 – 2022 Pavement Preservation – Budget Authorization

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the project budget for the 2022 Pavement Preservation (Project No. 2110). Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 5. Reports

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

1. The Mayor reported that the PFD bonds went to the bond market this week and have sold.
2. The Finance Committee met today and went over departmental budget requests. The preliminary budget will be available October 1.
3. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill reminded Council of next week's Riverfront Master Plan open house at Pybus Market for feedback on concepts. She and Councilmember Hornby appeared on La Nueva Radio to promote. She is setting a regular schedule with La Nueva Radio and encouraged Council to schedule radio time and she can interpret for them.
4. The Mayor asked Finance Director Brad Posenjak to provide Council with an update on tax incremental financing. There are still a lot of unknowns and research needed. The program doesn't seem to be what staff had hoped it would be.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

1. Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that he attended the Chamber meeting this week and learned the airport is having trouble getting fuel due to a driver shortage; the airport runway is being improved and upgraded lighting installed for winter landings; the housing market is really inflated; East Wenatchee is considering a ban on fireworks; and the property where the "Giga Watt" pods are located is becoming a "trades district".
2. Councilmember Ruth Esparza reported that Rivercom has a new Executive Director.
3. Councilmember Linda Herald announced that the Council has been invited to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception of the historic Miss Veedol flight, being held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum.
4. Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that he and Councilmember Linda Herald recently attended a tour of the new Residence Inn and the restaurant is open to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and beautifully interfaces with the park.

**6. Announcements.** The Mayor reminded Council that the next meeting is October 14.

**7. Adjournment.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk