



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 9, 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 (via phone); 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 Tim McCord, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Project Engineer Jake Lewing

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 Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Mark Kulaas participating via phone.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Ascendent LLC, on the North Wenatchee Avenue Building Demolition, City Project No. 1712, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentations

- Wenatchee Downtown Association.

Wenatchee Downtown Association Executive Director Linda Haglund provided handouts to the Mayor and Council and thanked them and staff for their partnership and a great year. She introduced new WDA Operations and Outreach Coordinator Katie Bryant, and highlighted the past year and upcoming events. Although downtown struggles again with COVID-19, the year also seen some great successes.

4. Citizen Requests/Comments

Shelly English, 701 Yakima Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns about police not responding to a call at recent disruptive school board meeting and rumors about the Mayor attending a meeting with a local church. The Mayor responded to her concerns.

5. Action Items

- A. City Project 1905 – Waterfront Gateway Phase 1 - Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to award the construction contract for the Waterfront Gateway Phase 1 project to the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- B. City Project 2109 – 2021-2023 Pavement Condition Assessment
Approve Project Budget and Authorization to Sign Professional Services Agreement

Project Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the project budget for the 2021-2023 Pavement Condition Assessment (Project No. 2109) and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with NCE on behalf of the City. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
1. The 2022 budget requests from departments will be presented at the next meeting. They Council will also review sewer and water rates.
 2. The Mayor has been working through the PFD bonding. The PFD received an A-3 bond rating this week. He will attend a meeting with the bond market in the next couple of weeks.
 3. The City is working with the Port on tax increment financing, and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill added that there will be a mapping exercise to look at investment options.
 4. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill also announced the second Riverfront Park Open House is scheduled for September 28 at Pybus.

5. Staff will be meeting with Pinnacles Prep tomorrow regarding the \$2.5 million improvements grant received from the Department of Commerce.
6. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill attended the Wenatchee Downtown Association/Apple Blossom meeting this week, planning for a successful festival next year, minimizing downtown impacts.
7. Staff continues to work on Confluence Parkway, INFRA, NEPA, etc.
8. The Mayor has appointed former Mayor Dennis Johnson to serve on the Boundary Review Board on behalf of the City of Wenatchee.
9. The Mayor attended the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council meeting this morning. They are closely watching legislation hoping for additional transportation funds.
10. The monthly director's meeting was held today. Salary reviews have been conducted and the Council may see some increases with the 2022 budget.
11. The Mayor spoke about the President's announcement today on vaccine mandates. When more information is received, staff will work through the requirements and how best to manage.

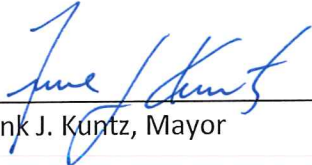
b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald attended an AWC Education Committee meeting last week planning for City Action Days and next year's conference.

Councilmember Jim Bailey attended the Community Action Council meeting yesterday and they continue to disburse the dollars to those in need in the community. They are still searching for a permanent home. He also announced that AWC CEO Peter King has resigned.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk