



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 14, 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 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 (via phone)

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Police Chief Steve Crown, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer, Operations Manager Aaron Kelly, 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 Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Jim Bailey was noted. Councilmember Keith Huffaker participated via phone conference.

2. Consent Items:

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to approve Resolution No. 2021-33, declaring certain personal property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee and authorizing the Department of Information Systems to dispose of the personal property identified herein; and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Rudnick and Sons LLC, on City Project No. 1914 – First Street Bikeway Safety Improvements, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments

Mark Miller, General Manager of the Town Toyota Center, thanked the Mayor and Council for the ARP stimulus funds that were requested to assist the arena with reopening. At the time of the request, the arena had not qualified for any state or federal relief programs. However, that changed recently and the arena has been included in the Shuttered Venues Operators Grants program. The Public Facilities District Board will be returning the ARP funds in the amount of \$131,000 to the City.

4. Presentation

- Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Mary Big Bull-Lewis and Paige Reyes, who were present on behalf of the Indigenous Roots & Reparation Foundation (IRRF). Mary and Paige thanked the Council for approving the proclamation and spoke about the work they are doing and look forward to working with the city and other organizations in a positive way.

5. Action Items

A. Chelan County LTAC Agreement

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report and provided an update on the project.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the Chelan County Lodging Tax Fund Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Lincoln Park Project and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Member Reappointments

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2021-32, reappointing Ryan Harmon to Position 8 of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission, and to approve Resolution No. 2021-34, reappointing Lukas Hedtke to Position 6 of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. City of Wenatchee Project No. 1716 - Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment construction contract between the City and TW Clark Construction, LLC, Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$134,438.00 plus WSST

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the contract change order with TW Clark Construction, LLC and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Actions pertaining to Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreements between WSDOT, the City of Wenatchee and Gary Noyes for property generally located near South Mission and Stevens Street

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council to: (1) Approve the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and City of Wenatchee and authorize the Mayor's signature; and (2) Approve the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Gary Noyes and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- E. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee School District for School Resource Officer (SRO) Services

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the agreement with the Wenatchee School District and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- F. Update City Code to reflect the current list of Funds for financial budgeting and reporting purposes

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-27 amending and restating section 1.20.010 WCC "Funds Defined – Purposes." Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- G. 2022 Preliminary Budget Review

Finance Director Brad Posenjak provided an overview of the preliminary 2022 budget. The Mayor and Council commented. The next budget review will be October 28.

- H. Sidewalk Tripping Hazards Repair

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Precision Concrete Cutting, for the repair of 848 tripping hazards, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Second Amendment to the Agreement and Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

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

1. He met with Woody Lotts, the new Executive Director of the Performing Arts Center. The Performing Arts Center has made a request for \$100,000 of ARP funds, and the Finance Committee discussed today and have approved their request. The

funding will help offset the negative economic impacts to the nonprofit due to the COVID pandemic and state-mandated closures to the facility.

2. He reported that the tax increment financing program was not a tool that we thought it would be and was disappointed that new construction would not count. Staff is still researching the program.
3. The Mayor and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill met with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Chamber.
4. He attended two Wenatchee Police Department ceremonies recently.
5. RMSA has awarded the city with "Significantly Improved Experience." Accountant Miranda Noah does a great job managing the city's claims.
6. The Mayor attended the condo association meeting last week. A new fire sprinkler system is currently being installed.
7. He attended a regular meeting of the County Commissioners.
8. He met with some folks who are interested in a food cart pod.
9. He attended a regional water meeting.
10. He attended the Rivercom Board retreat on Wednesday.
11. He participated in the Transportation Council meeting this morning.
12. December 9 will be the last meeting of the year.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that there will be a joint TPA/LTAC meeting next week to review and adopt the 2022 budgets. He also asked that Councilmembers consider serving on the AWC Legislative Priorities Committee next year. He has served for quite some time on the committee and believes it's an important committee for the city to participate in.


The Mayor also asked Council to be thinking about what boards and commissions they'd be available to serve on next year. With Councilmembers Bailey and Esparza finishing up their terms this year, and new Councilmembers coming on board, there will be several boards and committees for new representation. For example, Councilmember Bailey has served on the RMSA Board, Museum Board and Link Transit Board for many years.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas recently attended a Homeless Task Force meeting. Additional grant funding for rapid rehousing has been received.

Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Low Barrier Shelter meeting this week. A final site has not yet been determined.

7. Announcements. The Mayor announced that next week's meeting will be a work session.

8. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk