



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 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; Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill, City Attorney Steve Smith, IS Support Tim McCord, Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Community Development Director Glen DeVries

5:00 p.m. Executive Session. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to potential litigation to which the city is likely to become a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the city, for a time period not to exceed 5:10 p.m. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

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

5:15 p.m. Special Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items:

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

3. Presentations

- Veterans Day Proclamation read by Mayor Frank Kuntz and accepted by Doug Gardner who invited everyone to participate or watch the Veterans Day Parade on November 11.

4. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

5. Action Items

A. Consider Acceptance of an RCO YAF Grant

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Due to the recent discovery of a leak in the pool he recommended postponing accepting the grant until they are able to explore where the leak is in the pool. The Mayor provided additional information and Council asked questions.

No action taken at this time. Postponed to a future meeting when additional information is available.

6. Public Hearing Items

B. 2022 Property Tax Ordinance

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none so he turned it to the Council for action.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker commented.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance 2021-29 authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in the 2022 tax year. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-1; Huffaker nay).

7. Informational

- Review revised Preliminary 2022 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak provided a power point presentation of the 2022 Budget Document Overview.

8. Reports

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

- (1) The Mayor attended the grand opening of the Burlington store last Friday.
- (2) Public Works/Economic Development committee met this week.
- (3) Work continues on the Confluence Parkway Project.
- (4) He will attend the Rivercom Board meeting next Wednesday.
- (5) Executive Services Director Laura Merrill thanked the Council for attending the construction tour, and spoke about the revised Yakima Street parking. Another City Hall tour will be scheduled in a couple of months.
- (6) The Mayor asked for the date of the swearing-in ceremony. December 30 was a good date for everyone.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas mentioned an email from AWC announcing an opening for many positions, which includes the legislative priorities committee which he would encourage others to apply. The Mayor said he will apply for that if no one else does.

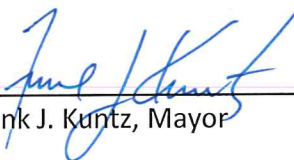
Councilmember Jim Bailey mentioned that the city's Accountant Miranda Noah will be serving on the Operations Committee of RMSA next year.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas mentioned that on November 16 there will be a meeting with the Transportation Council regarding South Wenatchee Avenue improvements.

Councilmember Linda Herald said the Misawa Sister City Board is doing a membership drive. Dates are set for next year's trip to Misawa. Mayor Kuntz is planning on visiting Misawa next year with the delegation.

9. Announcements. Mayor Kuntz announced there is no meeting next week. The next meeting is November 18.

10. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk