



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday, December 2, 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 (via phone); Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas; 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, Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar, Project Engineer Ryan Harmon, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Police Chief Steve Crown.

#### 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. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Ruth Esparza participated in the meeting via phone. The excused absences of Councilmember Linda Herald and Councilmember Travis Hornby were noted for the record.

#### 2. Consent Items:

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and to approve Resolution No. 2021-36, reappointing Elvis Garcia to the Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

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

#### 4. Action Items

- A. City Project 2002 – Pershing and Poplar Sewer Extension – Authorization to Award Construction Contract**

Project Engineer Ryan Harmon presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to award the construction contract for the Pershing and Poplar Sewer Extension to Matia Contractors, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

- B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building Improvements – Project No. 2106  
Authorization to Negotiate Design Services with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc

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

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for design services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building Improvements - Project No. 2106 and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

- C. Code Enforcement Board Reappointments

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to pass Resolution 2021-39 designating the reappointments of Adriana Farnsworth and Emilka Furmanczyk to the Code Enforcement Board for two-year terms ending December 31, 2023. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

## 5. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) He attended the Public Facilities District Board meeting on Monday.
  - (2) A swearing-in ceremony is scheduled next week prior to the regular meeting and a reception for Jim and Ruth after the meeting.
  - (3) Committee assignments for 2022 will be reviewed at next week's meeting. Top Rojanasthien would like to serve on the Health District Board; Mark Kulaas would like to serve on the LINK Board.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees.

Councilmember Bailey reported that he attended the RMSA board meeting yesterday and rate increases are consistent as what they have been in the past with strong reserves in place. They were able to finalize all contracts with reinsurers. The insurance industry is in turmoil with all of the natural disasters and a lot of insurers are pulling out of the market.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas stated the Museum Board is beginning the recruitment process for the new Executive Director. They meet with the consultant tomorrow.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that he was unable to attend the recent Chamber board meeting but stated they have formed a committee for the process of hiring a new Executive Director.

**6. Announcements.**

Councilmember Jim Bailey announced that the Museum will be hosting an exhibit beginning tomorrow "30 Years of Link Transit" as part of the First Friday event.

**7. Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk