



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION**

Thursday, October 21, 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 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 Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Tim McCord, Police Chief Steve Crown, Captain Brian Chance, Captain Edgar Reinfeld

5:15 p.m. Work Session

Wenatchee Police Department

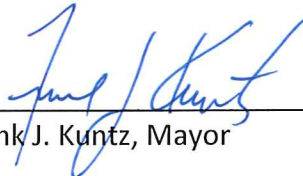
- Special Services Division and Columbia River Drug Task Force

Captain Brian Chance presented a power point presentation and provided information highlighting the history and development of the Special Services Division. With the program being so successful partner agencies have proposed regionalization of the Special Services Division with the Columbia River Drug Task Force. He provided the current status of the proposed "new task force" which will include an Interlocal Agreement that is currently being drafted, and a copy of the proposed organizational chart for the force.

- Mental Health Field Response Team

Captain Edgar Reinfeld presented a power point presentation on the Mental Health Field Response Team in partnership with Catholic Charities. Hector Avila, who serves as part of the Catholic Charities Diversion Team, was also present. Captain Reinfeld presented the history of the field response efforts, the establishment of the diversion services in Wenatchee in 2015, program expansion, grant overview and the current state of affairs. There is a great need for this work in our community and we are seeing success from the program. The grants received have covered the program, and additional funding may be necessary to assist the program for continued success. Unfortunately, there is high turnover of Diversion Team members and they are paid on stipend per call. The Mayor suggested additional funding to create a permanent position and suggested using 1590 funds. Other agencies are also looking at implementing additional funding to assist with the program.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk