

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers 301 Yakima Street, 2nd Floor Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Frank Kuntz; 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, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Sauceda, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Public Works Director Rob Jammerman, Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw, WWTP Supervisor Mike Hodgson, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover, Senior Planner Matt Parsons, Police Chief Steve Crown, IS Technician Tim McCord

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

- **1.** Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmembers Jim Bailey and Ruth Esparza led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Jose Cuevas was noted for the record.
- **2. Swearing-In Ceremony.** Chelan County Superior Court Judge Robert E. Jourdan presided over the swearing-in ceremony of newly elected Councilmembers, Top Rojanasthien and Mike Poirier, and re-elected Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Each stated their oath of office and signed the official Oath of Office document.

3. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve agenda, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, J&K Earthworks, LLC, on City Project No. 1805, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Citizen Requests/Comments

East Wenatchee Mayor Jerrilea Crawford thanked the outgoing Council for their service to the region and welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Kim Martin, 203 Snohomish Street, Wenatchee, spoke to the Council about her concerns with a homeless camp in her residential neighborhood. She provided a photo to the City Clerk to share with the Council.

5. Discussion Item

2022 Council Committee Assignments. Committee assignments were reviewed for 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to adopt the Council Committee Assignments as noted by the City Clerk to take effect on January 1, 2022. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Action Items

A. Multi-Family Tax Exemption Agreement with FNWD Deer Haven, LLC

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2021-40 authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with FNWD Deer Haven, LLC. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Multi-Family Tax Exemption Agreement with Eider Properties, LLC

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2021-41 authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Eider Properties, LLC. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Historic Preservation Board Reappointments

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2021-42, designating the re-appointment of Darlene Baker, Wendy Priest, and Heather Ostenson to each serve another three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Contract with Wenatchee Rescue Mission for Low Barrier Shelter Beds

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Scott Johnson, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Rescue Mission was also present and spoke about the program and answered questions. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the Wenatchee Rescue Mission to provide twenty (20) low barrier emergency shelter beds for adult homeless men for a two-year period. Five (5) of the twenty (20) beds will be held empty and reserved for law enforcement referrals from the cities of East Wenatchee and Wenatchee. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. City Project No. 1810 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 Authorization to Award Construction Contract to Apollo, Inc.

Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ruth Esparza for City Council to award the contract for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester #4 - Project No. 1810 to Apollo, Inc. and further authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Fair Properties LLC Ten Percent (10%) Annexation Petition

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council asked questions. Public Works Director Rob Jammerman provided information about sewer connection.

Motion by Councilmember Jim Bailey for City Council to approve the annexation boundary as proposed by staff and labeled option 1 in response to the ten percent (10%) annexation petition for property located in an unincorporated area northeast of the intersection of McKittrick Street and North Western Avenue, to require the adoption of the proposed zoning regulations as it is set forth in the comprehensive plan of the city, and to require the assumption of existing indebtedness of the city by the area to be annexed. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. JAB Investors LLC Ten Percent (10%) Annexation Petition

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the annexation boundary as proposed by staff in response to the ten percent (10%) annexation petition for property located in an unincorporated area north of Melody Lane, to require the adoption of the proposed zoning regulations as it is set forth in the comprehensive plan of

the city as Residential Moderate (RM), and to require the assumption of existing indebtedness of the city by the area to be annexed. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

H. City Project No. 2208 – McKittrick Street (Pershing Street to Pine Street) Budget Approval and Grant Authorization

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the project budget and authorize the Mayor to sign the Transportation Improvement Board grant agreement forms. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

7. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the public hearing process.

I. City of Wenatchee 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none. He then turned it back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2021-43, adopting the 2022-2027 City of Wenatchee Capital Facilities Plan. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

J. Proposed Amendments to Title 10 and Section 11.20.060 of the Wenatchee City Code and the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Community Development Director Glen DeVries and Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report and a power point presentation.

Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none. The Mayor then turned it back to the Council for action. Council discussed further. They would like to schedule another work session to further review slopes.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-38, amending Wenatchee City Code (WCC) Title 10 Zoning. Councilmember Jim Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-40, amending Wenatchee City Code (WCC) Section 11.20.060 Easements. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2021-44, amending the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Ruth Esparza seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

8. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. None.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald recently attended a Misawa Sister City Association board meeting, and announced that currently the borders in Misawa are closed.

- 9. Announcements. None.
- 10. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk