



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 2022

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 Mike Poirier; Councilmember Position 3 Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas; Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill; City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell; Recreation Supervisor Caryl Andre; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Administrative Assistant Cammy Coble; Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Operations Manager Aaron Kelly

4:45 p.m. Executive Session

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. Councilmember Keith Huffaker was absent.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session with legal counsel present for a time period not to exceed 25 minutes, to discuss matters of 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. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

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. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Keith Huffaker was noted for the record.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to amend the agenda by adding a new agenda item A for an emergency Ordinance No. 2022-02 for snow removal, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings, and to approve Resolution No. 2022-02, designating voting representatives on behalf of the City to various community boards, councils and organizations. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Citizen Requests/Comments

Chelsea Mahuika, of 3524 Dianna Way, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington, addressed the Council with her concerns about the youth basketball program being canceled this past Fall.

4. Action Items

- A. Ordinance No. 2022-02 amending WCC 7.24 related to snow and ice removal from sidewalks

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly provided an update and power point presentation on the current snow removal efforts after the recent record-breaking snowfall event. City crews have been working long hours. The city has also hired additional contractors to assist with snow removal efforts, resulting in an extra \$200,000 cost to date.

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman and City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02 amending WCC 7.24 related to snow and ice removal from sidewalks. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- B. Lincoln Park Construction Contract Award

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council asked questions and commented. Finance Director Brad Posenjak also answered questions related to ARP funds being used for the project.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a standard construction agreement with KRCl in the amount of \$2,580,045.50 for the construction on the Lincoln Park Project. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Consider Acceptance of an RCO YAF Grant

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office Youth Athletic Facilities Program grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the Wenatchee City Pool Renovation Project (20-1238D) and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Member Appointment

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution 2022-03 appointing Kasey Koski to position seven of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Riverfront Park Master Plan

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Riverfront Park Master Plan and incorporation of the plan into the City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan and related documents. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

The Mayor called for a three-minute recess at 6:28 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:31 p.m.

A short video of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson's snow removal efforts was shown and a good laugh was had by all.

F. Interlocal Agreement for Water Studies: Regional Water Second Source

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement Funding Water Studies between the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority, City of Wenatchee, and Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County and authorize the

Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. City Acquisition of Three Parcels Owned by Wenatchee Mining Partnership

Capital Project Manager Charlotte Mitchell and City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a real estate purchase and sale agreement including one addendum with Wenatchee Mining Partners. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

H. 2022 Mayor Pro Tempore

The Mayor and Council discussed who would serve as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2022. It was the consensus of the Council that Councilmember Hornby would serve and he was agreeable.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve Resolution 2022-01, appointing Travis Hornby as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2022. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Reports

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

(1) This year's Social Justice Award nominees have been selected:

Organization: Pinnacles Prep

Individual: Elvis Garcia

The Museum's annual Multi-Cultural Festival has been canceled due to the pandemic.

(2) The Mayor met with the PUD's new General Manager Kirk Hudson this week. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill continues to work with PUD staff through the Confluence environmental process, with a letter of concurrence before the Chelan County PUD Commissioners in the near future.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

(1) Councilmember Top Rojanasthien attended the Community Action Council board meeting yesterday.

- (2) Councilmember Mike Poirier attended the Chelan Douglas Transportation Council meeting today and reported that Confluence Parkway remains at the top of the list. The Mayor added that he continues to watch Washington D.C. for additional grants for the Confluence Parkway bridge.
- (3) Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that he attended the Rivercom board meeting this week. He also reported that the Health District Board may be revising representative cities on the board.
- (4) Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported he will be meeting with Commissioner Overbay tomorrow concerning the South Mission/Terminal Streets intersection.

7. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk