



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**  
Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

**MINUTES**

*"To create community through responsive leadership and services for the citizens and visitors of the Apple Capital of the World."*

**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; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** Executive Services Director Laura Merrill; Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Jessi Saucedo; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Human Resources Director Kari Page; Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

**5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the regular 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 Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

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

**4. Action Items**

**A. New Classification Addition to 2022 Management/Administrative Group Wage Schedule**

Human Resources Director Kari Page presented the staff report.

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the addition of the new Asset Management Coordinator classification to Grade MA20 of the 2022 Management/Administrative Group Wage Schedule. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

**B. City Pool Consultant Agreement**

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign an agreement with Schemata Workshop for engineering and construction management for the City Pool Liner and Plumbing Project. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**C. Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement for Project No. 1810 Digester 4**

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-06 for the Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**5. Reports**

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

- (1) The Finance Committee met today and reviewed the 2021 year-end budgets by department. The general fund grew by \$8 million last year, with revenues exceeding \$3 million over budget, and expenses under budget by \$2 million, largely due to unfilled positions. Overall, it was a really strong year.
- (2) He continues to monitor things in Olympia (specifically the funding request for the pool liner project and the transportation package). He also mentioned the article in "Crosscut" and only 17% of the total transportation package allocated for Eastern Washington projects.
- (3) All windows have been installed downstairs in the new city hall.
- (4) Executive Services Director Laura Merrill gave a "shout out" to the HR Department and announced that the City has received the AWC WellCity Award, which provides both the city and employees a savings on medical premiums.
- (5) The Mayor also participated in the "State of the Cities" event with the Chamber yesterday.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees


Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that he and Councilmember Cuevas sit on the LEOFF 1 Board and that the program is going very well with the assistance of Miranda Noah from Finance. The city performs an actuarial study every couple of years and it continues to work very well for our retirees in the program. He has been involved with the board for 18 years now.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that he attended the Chamber meeting last week. While retail such as coffee, yoga, and restaurants are doing fairly well, other retailers are not doing so well as it is still hard to fill positions. Hotels have been doing well and selling out on weekends. Confluence Health is closely watching proposed Bill 1868 (if passed there will be shortage of 6,000 nurses statewide).

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that this year's trip to Misawa is not looking favorable.

**6. Announcements.** Councilmember Mark Kulaas announced that Rails & Ales is happening tomorrow at 5pm on Orondo Avenue.

**7. Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk