



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers

301 Yakima Street, 2nd 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; City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Jessi Saucedo; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Police Chief Steve Crown; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell; Senior Planner Matt Parsons; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

5:00 p.m. Executive Session. Councilmember Linda Herald was not present.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session, with legal counsel present, to consider the acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price for a time period not to exceed 12 minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Travis Hornby. Motion carried (6-0).

[Councilmember Linda Herald was not present for the executive session]

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:10 p.m.

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 Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Consent Items

Councilmember Mark Kulaas made a motion to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; for the City Council to accept the work performed by Alfa Laval, Inc. on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Belt Filter Press Rebuild, Project No. 2108, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee; and for the City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, R.W. Scott Construction, Inc. on City Project No. 2005-P1 – Emerson Avenue ADA Ramps, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Presentations

- Apple Blossom Royalty Proclamation was read by Mayor Frank J. Kuntz and presented to the 2022 Washington State Apple Blossom Festival Queen Rianne Salcido and Princesses Presley Nelson and Ainsley Shearer who then shared a few words and sang their “Apple Blossom” song.

4. Citizen Requests/Comments

Richard Taylor, a resident of Wenatchee, was present via phone conference and voiced his concerns regarding noise pollution in the city coming from modified exhaust systems on vehicles and requested enforcement on the law.

5. Action Items

A. RCO Grant Application Authorization

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. The Mayor asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve Resolution 2022-09 authorizing staff to prepare and submit a Recreation Conservation Office Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant application for the Bighorn Ridge Acquisition Project. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Amendment No. 13 to Service Agreement SA No. 10-182, between the Chelan County Public Utility District and the City of Wenatchee

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report. The Mayor asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor’s signature for Amendment No. 13 to Service Agreement SA No. 10-182 which reflects the chargeable overtime rates for police officers. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) Membership Agreements

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign interlocal agreements with the Washington Cities Insurance Authority for membership and pre-membership in the WCIA insurance pool. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Saddle Rock Natural Area Phase 2 Interim Remedial Action Project – Amendment Number 2 to Professional Services Agreement with GeoEngineers, Inc.

Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment Number 2 to the professional services agreement with GeoEngineers, Inc. for Phase 2 Interim Remedial Action at Saddle Rock Natural Area for construction management in the amount of \$168,208. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Fair Properties LLC Annexation – Setting Date for Public Hearing

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-08, fixing time of hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area containing five parcels located northeast of the intersection of McKittrick Street and North Western Avenue also known as the Fair Properties LLC Annexation. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. JAB Investors LLC Annexation – Setting Date for Public Hearing

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-10, fixing time of hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area containing four parcels located north of Melody Lane and west of Hilltop Place also known as the JAB Investors LLC Annexation. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

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

- (1) The Chelan County PUD has started its public process for Confluence Parkway and they have a survey that the Mayor encourages everyone to take. He plans on attending the PUD’s public outreach meetings scheduled for next week.
- (2) The Mayor and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill met with Steve Wilkinson, the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and had a great conversation.

- (3) The Mayor attended the Our Valley Our Future (OVOF) luncheon yesterday at Pybus and the OVOF action plan was presented. Executive Services Director Laura Merrill is the current chair of OVOF.
- (4) Executive Services Director Laura Merrill announced that the Apple Blossom carnival has a home this year (the former WSDOT site). City staff will work with Apple Blossom staff on a parking plan and Apple Blossom staff will prepare a map of the carnival. This will be a temporary location for now and Apple Blossom is still searching for a permanent location for the annual festival's carnival.
- (5) The Mayor reminded everyone that the Chamber banquet is next week. The next City Council meeting is April 14.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that the Port attended the recent Chamber meeting and they presented their landing improvements project. Mayor Crawford presented East Wenatchee's strategic plan, which he added was very well put together, and they are planning for growth with annexations in the near future.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that sister city visits to Misawa may not happen for several years, as Japan is only allowing 5,000 visitors into the country at any given time due to the continuing pandemic. It is not yet decided if Misawa will travel to Wenatchee in October.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien reported that the Chelan-Douglas Health District received an award from the Washington State Secretary of Health.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that Link Transit is preparing for service changes, and that the Museum Board is now recruiting for an Executive Director. The Mayor mentioned that he and Executive Services Director Laura Merrill recently met with the Museum's Interim Executive Director, Laurel Turner, and the Museum is requesting some commitment from the city for remodel costs (such as mechanical, etc.), as the City does own the building. Councilmember Kulaas stated that the architectural firm selected for the Museum remodel will be at the Museum's next board meeting (April 19). He also added that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met and reviewed the destination marketing strategic plan and they also discussed financial matters. The LTAC is now meeting monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

7. Announcements. None.

8. **Adjournment.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk