



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 14, 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 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 Tim McCord; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Police Chief Steve Crown; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Senior Planner Matt Parsons; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander; Public Works Deputy Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Utility Planner Darci Mattioda; Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer; 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. Councilmembers Top Rojanasthien, Travis Hornby and Keith Huffaker were not present.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session, for a time period not to exceed 25 minutes, to discuss with legal counsel 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 agency. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Councilmember Keith Huffaker arrived at 5:05 p.m. and joined 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 Kuntz called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absences of Councilmembers Top Rojanasthien and Travis Hornby were noted for the record.

2. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

3. Presentations

- Arbor Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented by Mayor Kuntz to Bonnie Orr of the Greater Wenatchee Arbor Day Association who said a few words about the upcoming Arbor Day distribution event on April 23.
- Stand Against Racism Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented by Mayor Kuntz to YWCA NCW Executive Director Rachel Todd who provided information about the annual Stand Against Racism event scheduled for April 26 at the Wenatchee Valley College fountain.

4. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

5. Action Items

A. South Wenatchee Avenue Emergency Stormwater Repair – City Project No. 2210

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw provided an overview of the emergency stormwater repair work. There is no action requested. The purpose of this agenda item is to document the basis for the emergency action and enter it into the public record.

B. Wenatchee Valley Regional Decant Facility Use Agreement with City of East Wenatchee

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report. The Mayor and Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Wenatchee Valley Regional Decant Facility Use Agreement with the City of East Wenatchee and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

C. Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Board Appointments

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-11 appointing Charlotte Mayo and Cody Beeson to the Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Board to fill two (2) vacant positions with terms ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0) (Herald conflict).

- D. Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Utility District No.1 of Chelan County and City of Wenatchee related to Visualization and Model Development/Video for the Loop Trail as part of the Confluence Parkway Project

Executive Services Director Laura Merrill presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the PUD and City of Wenatchee related to Visualization and Model Development/Video for the Loop Trail as part of the Confluence Parkway project and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

- E. Consultant Service Agreement between North Forty Productions, LLC and the City of Wenatchee

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature for the Consultant Services Agreement with North Forty Productions, LLC, to produce police recruitment videos. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

- F. Department of Commerce Grant to City of Wenatchee through the 2022 Local & Community Projects Program - City Project No. 2112

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Rick Wray and Sean Koester from Pinnacles Prep were also present and answered questions and commented. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to accept the Department of Commerce grant for Project No. 2112 - Pinnacles Prep Charter Public School Phase 1.5A & 1.5B Alterations & Addition and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

G. Wenatchee Convention Center Roof Replacement – City Project No. SW22-01

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to award the contract for construction of the Wenatchee Convention Center Roofing Project, City Project No. SW22-01, to Signature Roofing Service, LLC in the amount of \$160,728.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0) (Herald conflict).

H. Lease Agreement with Dennis and Sharron Johnson for property located at 1202 South Columbia Street

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions and commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a 15-year lease agreement with Dennis Johnson and Sharron Johnson for property located at 1202 South Columbia Street at no cost for the sole purposes of housing and associated services for the homeless. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

I. Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Pre-Construction Loan Contract – City Project No. 2202

Utility Planner Darci Mattioda presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the Department of Health Contract PCL27077 Application ID 2021-3986 for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan, for City Project No. 2202 - Crawford Main Replacement Project, and adopt this project into the 2022 Budget and the 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

J. Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Pre-Construction Loan Contract – City Project No. 1918-2020

Utility Planner Darci Mattioda presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Department of Health Contract DWL27052 Application ID 2021-3984 for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan, for City Project No. 1918-2020 – AC Main Replacement Project, and adopt this project into the 2022 Budget and the 2022-2027 Capital Facilities Plan. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

K. Public Works Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreements

Utility Planner Darci Mattioda presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements for mutual aid and partner with local agencies in Washington State. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

At 6:03 p.m. the Mayor called for a short recess. The meeting resumed at 6:06 p.m.

6. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

L. Fair Properties LLC Annexation

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

The Mayor asked for public comment.

- David Granatstein, 1620 McKittrick, Wenatchee, spoke against the annexation. He is happy to be part of the County and does not want to be annexed into the city limits.

With no additional public comment, the Mayor turned this item back to the Council for additional comments and action.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-13 providing for the Notice of Intent to the Chelan County Boundary Review Board to annex certain property to the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

M. JAB Investors LLC Annexation

Senior Planner Matt Parsons and Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report and a power point presentation. Council asked questions and commented. It was noted that a letter from Chelan County had been received and provided to staff and Council and entered as part of the record.

The Mayor asked for public comment:

- Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert and Chelan County Assistant Public Works Director Josh Patrick highlighted some points from Chelan County Engineer Eric Pierson's letter dated April 12, 2022, and asked for a deeper dialogue with the City for a systematic approach on a broader scale when it comes to annexations in the GMA. They feel that the "fingers" of land being annexed are a disservice to the citizens of Chelan County. The Mayor stated that annexations are accepted by the City through requests from property owners. There is also the ability now for "islands" to be annexed by agreement between cities and counties. Commissioner Bugert added that they need a good coordinated approach and that's what the Boundary Review Board is set up to do. The Mayor agreed there needs to be a discussion on the right thing to do for both the County and the City.

With no additional public comment, the Mayor turned the matter back to the City Council. After discussion the Council agreed that the public hearing should be continued to the next regular meeting on May 12, 2022, so staff can have some additional time to review the letter from Chelan County to address concerns.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to continue the public hearing to the next regular City Council meeting of May 12, 2022. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

N. 2020 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

He then turned the matter back to the City Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

O. Road Name Change – Renaming the "2nd Street Canal Crossing" and the portion of "Second Street" located West of the Wenatchee Reclamation District canal within the Sienna Planned Development Phase I as "Ione Street"

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

He then turned the matter back to the City Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2022-05, amending the name of the 2nd Street Canal Crossing over the Wenatchee Reclamation District canal and the name of Second Street located West of the Wenatchee Reclamation District canal to lone Street. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

7. Reports

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

1. Efforts continue for the Confluence Parkway project. He asked the Council to be sure to take a look at the video that was recently created, which is a very well-done rendition of what the trail will look like.
2. Finance committee met today.
3. He asked Executive Services Director Laura Merrill for any updates she may have, and she reported that:
 - a. The Public Works Committee is canceled next week.
 - b. The Flywheel Conference is on 5/18/22 and 5/19/22. The City supports Flywheel and the economic development efforts they provide to the region. The city has tickets available if any Councilmember would like to attend. Jenny Rojanasthien and Blake Baldwin from NCW Tech will have a presentation at the next regular Council meeting.
4. The Mayor said he has been in conversations with Doug Rigoni of Coast Hotels and they are interested in extending the agreement with the Convention Center.
5. He also mentioned that negotiations have started for District Court services.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he will attend the Homeless Housing Task Force meeting next week.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she attended the Misawa Sister City Board meeting this past Tuesday. No trips are planned to Misawa this year due to the

pandemic; however, the Mayor of Misawa and a small city delegation are planning to visit Wenatchee October 1-4. She also reported that the Wings & Wheels Festival is completely changing with a new name and new dates and they are hopeful Misawa will come for that in future years.

8. Announcements. The Mayor reminded Council that next Thursday's meeting is a work session and there is also a Public Safety Committee meeting next Thursday.

9. Adjournment. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk