



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 26, 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; 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; WPD Records Supervisor Tammy Patterson; Police Chief Steve Crown; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Project Engineer Ryan Harmon; City Attorney Gary Owen; Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar; Finance Director Brad Posenjak

4:45 p.m. Executive Session. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session, for a time period not to exceed 5:10 p.m., to discuss with legal counsel representing the city 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 Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Executive session closed at 5:09 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. City Clerk Tammy Stanger led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

1. Cindy Bird, 1901 Canyon Breeze Road, Wenatchee, addressed the Council regarding concerns about homeless and gangs in Wenatchee, and the homeless encampment that is growing next to Lincoln Park on Methow Street where there are currently 15 motor vehicles parked of which 10 are not licensed, and a lot of garbage. She suggested forming a committee of concerned citizens and officials to come up with some ways to work

through this issue. The Mayor agreed and would like to have something scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

2. CCFD#1/DCFD#2 Fire Chief Brian Brett addressed the Council on the upcoming ballot measure for the formation of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA). He would like to meet with each Councilmember to provide information on the financial model and operations model of the proposed RFA. The Mayor asked for that to be in a public meeting and his presentation will be added to the June 9 meeting agenda. Chief Brett also mentioned that there is a state-wide shortage of resources for the upcoming fire season due to vaccine mandates, which is very concerning.
3. Julie Nielsen, 121 North Emerson, and Grayson Flemming, 126 North Emerson, addressed the Council with concerns with safety on First Street (roundabouts and speeding), and requested speed bumps be installed to slow cars down, and a speed radar. The Mayor commented and said he will talk to the Chief to see if we can get one to collect the data for First Street to help make decisions.

3. Consent Items

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; and to approve Resolution No. 2022-18, appointing voting representatives on behalf of the City of Wenatchee at the Association of Washington Cities annual conference business meeting. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Memorial Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Keith Huffaker and presented to Patricia Hale who spoke about the Memorial Day ceremonies and invited everyone to attend.
- Main Street Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented to Wenatchee Downtown Association Executive Director Linda Haglund who spoke about Main Street Week and the Revitalize WA Conference in October.
- Fire Adapted Neighborhood Hero Month Proclamation read by Top Rojanasthien and presented to CAFÉ representatives. Laura Rivera said a few words about the partnerships of the program.

5. Action Items

A. Body Worn Camera Recordings Redaction Fees

Wenatchee Police Department Records Supervisor Tammy Patterson presented the staff report. City Attorney Steve Smith was also present to answer questions. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-10, amending Chapter 1.99 WCC, pertaining to the Fee Schedules, adding a section related to body worn camera recordings redaction fees. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Homeless Service Grant Award to PowerHouse Ministries

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to accept the Homeless Task Force's recommendations and authorize the Mayor to enter into a new grant agreement between the City of Wenatchee and PowerHouse Ministries for the amount of \$40,000 for the operation of their homeless day center program. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Memorial Park Native Peoples Project

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

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the selection of the design team of Hazen Audel and Land Expressions for the Memorial Park Native Peoples Project and authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign the project agreement. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Interagency Memorandum of Understanding for Management of Recreational Opportunities on Public Land in Central Washington

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding for Management of Recreational Opportunities on Public Land in Central Washington. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County Public Utility District No. 1

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement regarding Development Projects between the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County Public Utility District No. 1. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- F. City Project No. 2208 – McKittrick Street Improvements (Pershing Street to Pine Street) Authorization to Negotiate

Project Engineer Ryan Harmon presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker requested to the City Council authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with SCJ Alliance for design services for the McKittrick Street Improvements (Pershing St. to Pine St.), City Project # 2208, and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

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

- G. Petition to Vacate a Portion of City Right-of-Way between SR285 and Park Street and East of Mission Street (Gary Noyes)

City Engineer Gary Owen presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment.

Michelle Taylor with NW GeoDimensions came forward and stated she was present on behalf of Gary Noyes and could answer any questions if there were any.

The Mayor then turned it back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-07, vacating a street and/or alley located in the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Reports

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

- (1) He participated in the press conference earlier this week for Bird Scooters and test drove a scooter. There are quite a few people riding the scooters and they seem very popular for both commuting and recreation.
- (2) He attended the Flywheel conference last week where \$350,000 was awarded to three different businesses.
- (3) He attended a meeting with the County Commissioners regarding annexation last Tuesday.
- (4) He attended the Boundary Review Board meeting last evening on Zoom.
- (5) He attended a meeting with the PAC Board of Directors and discussed ownership and capital improvements.
- (6) Next Wednesday he will attend the OVOF Housing Summit.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker attended the Chamber meeting. He said it was reported that the cherry crop is 40% down and could be up to 60% down. The next Business After Hours event is June 30 at the Chamber with the Hispanic Business Council.

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that Rivercom approved an increase in pay for supervisors (there hasn't been an increase in four years).

8. Announcements. None.

9. Close of Meeting. With no further business the meeting ended at 6:37 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk