



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** Executive Services Director Laura Merrill; City Attorney Steve Smith; IS Support Jessi Saucedo; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Building & Fire Official Cliff Burdick; Senior Project Engineer Jake Lewing; Finance Director Brad Posenjak

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

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and Councilmember Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Linda Herald was noted for the record.

#### 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Christy Binge, 760 Monroe Street, Wenatchee (Wenatchee Montessori School), Wenatchee addressed the City Council regarding a planning department/code enforcement warning letter she received for a newly installed fence, and her hope for a solution for a secure environment for the children. The Mayor thanked her and asked for the conversation to continue with the Planning Department/Code Enforcement concerning the fence code.

#### 3. Consent Items

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

#### 4. Presentations

- CCFD #1/DCFD #2 Fire Chief Brian Brett provided an update on the proposed Regional Fire Authority that will be on the ballot in August.
- Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce 2021 Tourism Impact Report. Chamber of Commerce Destination Marketing Operations Director Jerri Barkley and Executive Director Steve Wilkinson presented a power point presentation and the annual report.
- Downtown Future. Bart Clennon, Todd Kiesz and Rory Turner presented a power point presentation on their vision for the future of downtown. With over \$300 million being invested in the next 3-5 years, and a potential of 1,500 new residents, they see some challenges connecting downtown. They would like to have a committee formed to help frame a plan of how they might move forward collectively as a public-private group to work together on solutions.
- Pride Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas.

The Mayor called for a five-minute break at 6:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:35 p.m.

#### 5. Action Items

##### A. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Member Appointment

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2022-19, appointing Darci Mattioda to position four of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

##### B. Wenatchee City Code 3.36 Wildland-Urban Interface Standards Amendments

Building & Fire Official Cliff Burdick presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-09, adopting amendments to Wenatchee City Code 3.36, Wildland Urban Interface Standards. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

##### C. Ordinance No. 2022-11 – Amendments to the 2022 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2022-11, amending the 2022 budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2021-30, revoking, recalling or decreasing all or a portion of total appropriations provided for, entering findings that this ordinance is in the best interest of the City and requiring that this ordinance be approved by a majority plus one of the entire Council. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. 2022 Pavement Preservation, City Project #2110

Senior Project Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report and a handout of the proposed 2022 pavement preservation map. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to award the contract for the Construction of the 2022 Pavement Preservation, Project 2110, to Central Paving, in the amount of \$3,418,372.91 and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

## 6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
1. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria provided an update on the Confluence Parkway environmental assessment, and the PUD's noise consultant assessment. The consultant validated the city's work and provided additional education and answered questions for the PUD Commissioners.
  2. She mentioned next week's work session only had one item scheduled, and the Council opted to have the meeting canceled and add the item to the June 23 agenda.
  3. The Mayor has continued his discussions with the Performing Arts Center.
  4. The Museum has asked for city participation for the improvements to the Museum.
  5. He and staff have met with the Salvation Army on the shelter project.
  6. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added that the Riverfront Park planning process started this week. Greenworks is in town today and tomorrow, and the first phase is starting.
  7. Rob's team has been working hard to clean up from the flooding this past week.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas mentioned that Chief Crown's appointment as the President of WASPC is a big deal and it's great for our community and for Eastern Washington to have represented. We are proud to have him as our Chief.

Councilmember Mike Poirier reported that the regional bicycle plan was discussed at the Chelan Douglas Regional Transportation Council meeting.

The Mayor added that they talked about Bird Scooters at the Public Works meeting this week and they are going to add an additional couple of weeks before coming back before Council for discussion. Councilmember Rojanasthien added that he had a good conversation with Tony and he's all about working with the city to keep it going. The Mayor added overall there are more positives than negatives. Tony was present and addressed the Council. He would like to be part of the conversation for additional geofencing and would really like to see the program work for the City of Wenatchee.

**7. Announcements.** None.

**8. Close of Meeting.** With no further business the meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk