



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 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 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill; Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant; IS Support Tim McCord; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Senior Planner Matt Parsons; Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover; Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer; Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar; 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. The excused absences of Councilmember Linda Herald and Councilmember Top Rojanasthien were noted for the record.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments. There was no one who wished to comment.

3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings*
Vouchers:
Claim checks #203581 through #203676 in the amount of \$1,191,757.67 for June 16, 2022
Wires #1561 and #1562 in the amount of \$51,419.47 for June 27, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$11,351.12 for June 30, 2022
Claim checks #203677 through #203798 in the amount of \$1,726,295.46 for June 30, 2022
Claim checks #203799 through #203809 in the amount of \$26,799.79 for June 30, 2022
Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,104,223.36 for June 30, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$574,878.11 for July 5, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$7,561.98 for July 5, 2022
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-20, revising the regular meeting schedule for November and December 2022*

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve the agenda, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings and Resolution No. 2022-20 revising the regular meeting schedule for November and December 2022. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

4. Presentations

- Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby and presented to the City of Wenatchee Parks and Recreation staff.
- Special Olympics Volunteer Recognition - Recreation Supervisor Caryl Andre presented a special plaque to Jim Haney who has been a faithful and dedicated volunteer for the past six years.
- WHS Interact Club and CDLT Recognition – Capital Projects Manager Charlotte Mitchell recognized the WHS Interact Club, which is a youth version of the Rotary Club with a motto of “Service Above Self.” They have fundraised \$22,000 towards the Kenzie’s Landing project. WHS Interact Club Advisor John Magnus, Angela Morris of the Land Trust, and students Oscar LaVergne and Violet Madson were present and the Mayor thanked them for their great work. Angela Morris with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust also said a few words of appreciation.
- Velocity Swimming/Pool Update – Rachel Madson, Vice President of Velocity Swimming and Debra Hernke, past President of Velocity Swimming, addressed the Council regarding the City Pool and that they are very thankful to have that resource for the swimmers and would like to be involved in any discussions that may occur for a new regional facility/aquatic center. They also thanked the city for their swift action in getting the boiler up and running. Velocity Swimming has a great presence in the region and would like to continue to be a community partner. The Mayor thanked them for being at the meeting, and spoke about the capital costs that are needed to continue pool operations. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson addressed the Council concerning the recent bid for the pool liner and plumbing project which came in significantly over at \$1,000,000. He provided some options that the Council could consider and his recommendation moving forward. The Mayor and Councilmembers commented. It was the consensus of the Council to reject the current bid and re-bid this fall. Staff will bring it before Council at the next regular meeting.

5. Action Items

A. Closing the Local Improvement District (LID) Guaranty Fund

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-13, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Local Improvement District (LID) Guaranty Fund to the General Fund. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Planning Commission Member Appointment – Anupama Vembar

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-21 appointing Anupama Vembar to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

C. The River Academy Ten Percent (10%) Annexation Petition

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the annexation boundary as proposed by staff in response to the ten percent (10%) annexation petition for property located in an unincorporated area on South Miller Street between Crawford Avenue and Gehr Street, to require the adoption of the proposed zoning regulations as it is set forth in the comprehensive plan of the city as Residential Moderate, and to require the assumption of existing indebtedness of the city by the area to be annexed. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

D. Olds Station Stormwater Pond Trail Easement

Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Non-Exclusive Easement for Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

E. Contract award for City Project No. 2112 – Pinnacles Prep Charter School Phase 1.5A

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Sean Koester with Pinnacles Prep Charter School was also present and thanked the Council for their support. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the contract with Cascade Central Construction, LLC and authorize the Mayor's signature for City Project No. 2112 – Pinnacles Prep Charter School, Phase 1.5A. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

F. City Project 2008 – Walla Walla Avenue Stormwater Retrofit
Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to award the construction contract for the Walla Walla Avenue Stormwater Retrofit, City Project No. 2008, to the lowest responsive bidder, that being Pipkin Construction, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents, and for the City Council to approve the project budget amendment. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria reminded everyone that on July 27 the WDA will be hosting a "Possibilities Tour" with nine stops, including the former fire station, former police station, and City Hall.
 - (2) The Mayor and Executive Services Director Laura Gloria met with Mr. Weidner and team earlier this week who request an extension for the Mission/Kittitas Street project.
 - (3) YMCA attended the finance committee today and presented information for their campaign.
 - (4) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria met with the PUD yesterday on a number of items.
 - (5) The Mayor said he spoke with County Commissioner Bob Bugert regarding the annexation process that has become very cumbersome with the Boundary Review Board now in place. It has caused a lot of additional staff time and extra costs incurred.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees.

Councilmember Mike Poirier attended the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council meeting where Highway 28 between East Wenatchee and Rock Island was a topic of discussion. He has also received some inquiries from residents in his district about the July 9 shooting and about graffiti.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business the meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk