



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers  
301 Yakima Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Police Sergeant Nathan Hahn

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

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Mike Poirier led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

#### 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Elvis Garcia, 24 South Miller, Wenatchee, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing his Foundation to hang the diversity banners in June, and stated if flying the banners saves just one life it's worth it.

#### 3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*

Vouchers:

Claim checks #203825 through #203910 in the amount of \$836,595.33 for July 7, 2022

Claim checks #203911 through #203026 in the amount of \$1,144,763.43 for July 14, 2022

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$405,520.00 for July 20, 2022

Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$11,492.46 for July 29, 2022

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve the agenda, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

#### 4. Presentations

- Gothead Warriors – Doug Pauly presented a Power Point presentation highlighting the past six years of effort to eradicate the goatheads in the region. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their partnership and the Mayor and Council thanked him for all of his hard work and dedication with the program.

#### 5. Action Items

##### A. Consider Rejecting the Pool Repair Project Construction Bid

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to authorize the Mayor to reject the bid from The Pool Company for the City Pool Repair Project. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### B. Resolution No. 2022-12 declaring certain real property surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-12 declaring the real property located at 136 South Chelan Avenue as surplus to the needs of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### C. Removing Inequities in Outside City Limit Sewer Rates

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-14 amending and restating Section 4.08.060 WCC "Special Provisions." Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### D. Interlocal Agreement for Providing District Court Services Between Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Providing District Court Services Between Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- E. Facility Lease Term Extension between the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center and the City of Wenatchee

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and approve a lease extension agreement with the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- F. Partnership Operating Agreement between BlueBridge Alliance, City of East Wenatchee, and City of Wenatchee

Police Administrative Sergeant Nathan Hahn presented the staff report and Power Point presentation. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on the Partnership Operating Agreement between BlueBridge Alliance, City of East Wenatchee, and City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas 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. 2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan

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

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

Letters received from Jim Bailey, Alan Walker, Jennifer Witherbee, and Patricia Whifield were entered into the record. They all requested that CDBG funding be kept in place for the Literacy Council. The Mayor asked if the Literacy Council could be funded from the city's general fund. Finance Director Brad Posenjak responded that the literacy program could be funded through the city's general fund. The staff recommendation, at the direction of the Council, is to use the CDBG funds for larger projects (i.e. sidewalks).

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to continue the hearing to August 11, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for decision only to adopt the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign associated assurances, certifications and contracts necessary for implementing the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).



## 7. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) UPS has signed a lease to use the former WSDOT site on North Wenatchee Avenue for six months at \$10,000/month.
  - (2) A letter is being prepared for the Museum for the \$2,000,000 commitment over a period of time for Museum improvements.
  - (3) He attended the *Possibilities* tour yesterday, which included the old fire station building and old police station building.
  - (4) The new City Hall ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for November 17. A tour for City Council will be arranged for 4:30 p.m. on August 11.
  - (5) Mid-level wage adjustments are being considered, subject to Council approval, and staff is working with AFSCME and the Police Guild for MOU's related to that.
  - (6) He and Executive Services Director Laura Gloria have attended a lot of meetings (PUD, ALSC Architects, PAC, etc.).
  - (7) The Mayor and Executive Services Director Laura Gloria have been invited to meet with the Nespelem Cultural Committee regarding the Skookum sign to discuss the future of the sign. Blue Bird has replied that they are not interested in dealing with the city
  - (8) The Mayor met with the Chelan Rotarians to see how their glass crusher operation works. Councilmember Kulaas stated the three local Rotary clubs are interested in partnering with an environmental stewardship program (particularly with the wineries).
  - (9) Staff continue to negotiate with the Salvation Army for the sleep center, and Powerhouse Ministries has had to close their location in East Wenatchee.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reminded everyone that National Night Out is next Tuesday, August 2.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported he attended the recent Chamber meeting and the housing market is interesting, with several \$1,000,000+ homes, and others that have gone down in price. The Honda dealership owner is now driving a Jeep because there are no Hondas to sell currently. Councilmember Huffaker will attend next week's solid waste meeting.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported he will be meeting with several members of the Homeless Housing Task Force next week to learn more about their efforts.

## 8. Announcements. None.

9. **Close of Meeting.** With no further business the meeting ended at 6:42 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk