



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 11, 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."

4:30 p.m. Special Meeting. City Council tour of new city hall space.

Present: Mayor Frank Kuntz; Councilmember Position 1 Jose Cuevas; Councilmember Position 2 Mike Poirier; Councilmember Position 3 Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas; Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Merrill; Assistant City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord; Human Resources Director Kari Page; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Detective Steve Evitt; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Police Captain Brian Chance; Utilities Assistant Manager Terry O'Keefe; Deputy Public Works Director – Utilities Jessica Shaw; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; 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 meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Travis Hornby was noted for the record.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Connie Morris, 718 Grandview, Wenatchee, addressed the council with her concerns about the Castle Heights development (traffic, infrastructure, pedestrian safety, etc.). The Mayor explained the development process and that these types of land use decisions go through the Hearing Examiner and to be sure and address her concerns through that process (staff will forward her comments to the Hearing Examiner as well).

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #204027 through #204116 in the amount of \$1,129,616.24 for July 21, 2022

Wires #1563 through #1565 in the amount of \$59,175.73 for July 25, 2022

Claim checks #204117 through #204208 in the amount of \$828,472.65 for July 28, 2022

Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$968,580.52 for July 29, 2022

Claim checks #204223 through #204233 in the amount of \$27,384.62 for August 2, 2022

Claim checks #204234 through #204290 in the amount of \$684,598.30 for August 4, 2022

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$616,651.20 for August 5, 2022

- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Signature Roof Service LLC for the Wenatchee Convention Center Roofing Project, Project No. SW2201, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certificate.*
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Barcott Construction LLC, on City Project No. 1905-1 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher.*

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Signature Roof Service LLC for the Wenatchee Convention Center Roofing Project, Project No. SW2201, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certificate; and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Barcott Construction LLC, on City Project No. 1905-1 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Presentations

- Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council – Executive Director Alan Walker provided an update and shared a video produced by his staff of a story of the Literacy Council and the successes it provides to the community.

5. Action Items

A. Mid-Year Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in response to the rising cost of inflation

Director Human Resources Kari Page and Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2022-15, repealing Ordinance No. 2021-32, and to authorize the Mayor to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between the City/AFSCME and City/Police Guild. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Consider Acceptance of a Washington State Department of Commerce 2023 Local and Community Projects Grant

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson provided an update on the current pool operations and presented the staff report. He also announced that an additional grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the pool repair project was awarded last week.

Council commented. Councilmember Mike Poirier asked to add to the record that this is a temporary solution and there is a bigger picture to look at. The Mayor added that he does have an upcoming meeting with Senator Hawkins and others regarding a regional aquatics center.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to accept the Washington State Department of Commerce 2023 Local and Community Projects Grant (23-96643-129) in the amount of \$533,500 for the Wenatchee City Pool Repair Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- C. Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for North Central Washington Special Investigations Unit

Police Captain Brian Chance presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature on the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for North Central Washington Special Investigations Unit. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- D. Drinking Water Capital Improvement Project Plan Amendment

Utilities Assistant Manager Terry O'Keefe presented the staff report. The Mayor commented and the Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt the 2022-2032 Drinking Water Capital Improvement Project Plan and amend the City of Wenatchee 2018 Comprehensive Water System Plan. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

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

- E. *Continuation of Public Hearing from July 28, 2022*

2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. The Council had been provided a packet of the written comments received for this public hearing item.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment. There was no one who wished to speak.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign associated assurances, certificates and contracts necessary for implementing the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Mark Kulaas added for the record that it was the consensus “one mind” of the Council to continue to support the Literacy Council from other funds because of the importance to the community. Councilmember Keith Huffaker commented regarding Carl Elleard’s email and the use of acronyms in documents making it difficult to understand.

7. Reports

- a. Mayor’s Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) The office has been really busy. There has been a lot interest in the old fire station building. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added that offers are being accepted until September 14, and they will then be reviewed by the committee.
 - (2) The Mayor and Executive Services Director Laura Gloria have been invited to meet with the Nespelem Tribe next Thursday, August 18, regarding the Skookum sign. Councilmember Mark Kulaas requested that the Tribe be invited to the grand opening of the new City Hall.
 - (3) The Mayor is attending a meeting next month with Senator Hawkins regarding a regional aquatics center.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mike Poirier attended the Transportation Council meeting today where they approved the Bicycle Plan.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that National Night Out was fun. He stated that Link Transit is also considering a wage adjustment.

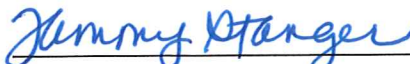
Councilmember Jose Cuevas added that he will be attending the Homeless Task Force meeting next week.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that the solid waste meeting was canceled, and the next meeting will be in October.

8. Announcements. City Council was reminded of the tour of parks construction projects next Tuesday with the Arts, Recreation & Parks Board.

9. Close of Meeting. With no further business the meeting ended at 6:09 p.m.

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor