



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 25, 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 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; Senior Planner Matt Parsons; Senior Project Engineer Jake Lewing; City Engineer Gary Owen; Police Chief Steve Crown; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; 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. Troop 7 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Mike Poirier was noted for the record. Councilmember Keith Huffaker participated in the meeting via phone.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Doug Head, 1211 Red Apple Road, Wenatchee, presented a petition from his neighborhood requesting a commitment from the city for traffic calming in their neighborhood between Red Apple Road and Skyline Drive to Miller Street due to safety concerns and hazards with speeding vehicles. Police Chief Steve Crown came forward and spoke about the studies that were performed in the area over the summer showing over 1,000 vehicles a day and 85% of the flow was traveling over the posted speed limit. Engineering will be installing mounted speed signs in the next week and the Mayor added that staff has been working on a grant application for a traffic calming project in the area.

Marco Gonzalez, 808 Ferry Street, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council concerning a current code enforcement issue after building some space for his wife's daycare without a permit. He wants things fixed but doesn't know where to go. He has asked for union support because of the matter. The code enforcement matter is causing stress on the family and he feels the employees

have treated him unfairly. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria translated for Mr. Gonzalez and added it may be a communication issue as the permit process can be challenging and city staff will assist with communicating to help move towards a solution. Gloria Vasquez, 1925 Leavenworth Place, Wenatchee, bilingual staff is needed for the permitting process, as well as dual language permit documents.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$5,420.00 for August 5, 2022
Claim check #204291 in the amount of \$250.00 for August 10, 2022
Claim checks #2204292 through #204417 in the amount of \$1,636,349.85 for August 11, 2022
Claim checks #204419 through #204425 in the amount of \$892.04 for August 11, 2022
Wires #1566 and #1567 in the amount of \$58,346.53 for August 25, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$396,975.00 for August 19, 2022
Claim checks #204418 and #204426 through #204491 in the amount of \$495,273.18 for August 18, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$1,300 for August 19, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve the agenda, vouchers and minutes from the previous meeting. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Action Items

A. Jacoby Annexation

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report. The Mayor commented about the Boundary Review Board Process.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-22, fixing time for hearing on petition for annexation of an unincorporated area containing one parcel located south of Maple Street between Pershing Street and Princeton Avenue also known as the Jacoby Annexation. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between South of Pybus, LLC (Seller) and City of Wenatchee (Purchaser)

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Seller has provided an updated Purchase and Sale Agreement with Michael Noyd and Pybus Market Charitable Trust as Seller. Councilmember Travis Hornby recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign, in substantially similar form, the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Michael Noyd and Pybus Market Charitable Trust and the City of Wenatchee, for the purchase of property commonly known as 101-125 South Worthen Street, Wenatchee, Washington. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0) (Hornby conflict).

- C. Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between ETV, LLC (Seller) and City of Wenatchee (Purchaser)

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Councilmember Travis Hornby recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign, in substantially similar form, the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between ETV, LLC, and the City of Wenatchee, for the purchase of property commonly known as 131 South Worthen Street, Wenatchee, Washington. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0) (Hornby conflict).

- D. 2022 Pavement Preservation, City Project #2110 - Budget Amendment and Supplement #3 to Agreement with KPG

Senior Project Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute Supplement #3 with KPG for additional design services for the 2022 Pavement Preservation (Project No. 2110). Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

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

- E. Six Year Transportation Improvement Program Update

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

The Mayor then asked for public comment.

Carl Ellard, 1500 Third Street, Wenatchee, former land surveyor and engineer with the Washington State Department of Transportation, addressed the Council. While he feels a lot of good things are happening, he is concerned with the lack of information on the website and information for the public.

With no further public comment the Mayor turned it back to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-16, adopting a revised and extended comprehensive street program for the ensuing six years for the City of Wenatchee as required by the laws of the State of Washington. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) It has been an extremely busy week. He and Executive Services Director Laura Gloria met with the Nespelem Cultural Committee last week regarding the Skookum sign and they will be reaching out to Blue Bird through their legal counsel (the city will not be involved).
 - (2) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added staff continue to plan for the move to the new city hall space and there will be some office closures to the public. Information will go out in the coming weeks. The ribbon cutting has been scheduled for November 17. The marble is going back up on the outside of the building, and the budget for the city hall project is still on track.
 - (3) There has been a lot of interest in the old fire station building. The Mayor met last week with an interested restaurateur from the west side last week. The deadline for offers is September 14.
 - (4) June was another good month for sales tax.
 - (5) He is starting to hear issues about new building projects which is expected due to the rise in costs and interest rates.
 - (6) He and Executive Services Director met with Microsoft representatives yesterday as they are getting to understand the local area and city.
 - (7) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added that Dave Erickson hosted tours last week of the various parks projects and it was great to see everything that is getting done.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas mentioned that David Erickson spoke at the Wenatchee Rotary meeting today and it was very well attended and received.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she participated in a meeting with the Mayor of Vancouver about their "Safe Park" program, which is an area for RV's to park with bathrooms and dumpsters and rules. She toured the site when she attended the AWC conference earlier this year and was impressed. The Mayor added that locally it has become a growing concern and there may be the ability to have the same sort of space here for the winter.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien reported that he attended the Tourism Promotion Area board meeting this week and they are working through next year's budget.

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that the Wenatchee Downtown Association is facing some changes with Executive Director Linda Haglund's upcoming retirement and the process has begun for a replacement.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he attended the Chelan Douglas County Homeless meeting. The Wenatchee Rescue Mission had their refrigeration unit fail

and the School District is helping out letting them use theirs. There will be a joint meeting next month with the Columbia River Homeless Housing Task Force. The refrigeration unit will be a topic of discussion at that meeting. He will also be attending a LEOFF 1 meeting on Monday.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business the meeting ended at 6:26 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk