



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, September 8, 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 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 Tim McCord; Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer; Senior Planner Matt Parsons; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Community Development Director Glen DeVries

**4:45 p.m. Executive Session.** Executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. The excused absence of Councilmember Mark Kulaas was noted for the record. All other Councilmembers were present.

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to convene in executive session, with legal counsel present, for a time period not to exceed 5:10 p.m., to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

Executive session ended at 5:10 p.m.

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

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Mark Kulaas was noted for the record. All other Councilmembers were present.

**2. Citizen Requests/Comments.** None.

### 3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #204492 through #204569 in the amount of \$925,088.70 for August 25, 2022

Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$11,492.46 for August 31, 2022

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$595,972.58 for September 2, 2022

Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$961,011.46 for August 31, 2022

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

### 4. Presentations

- Constitution Week Proclamation. The proclamation was read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented by the Mayor to Marjorie Radford.
- Wenatchee Downtown Association. Wenatchee Downtown Association Executive Director Linda Haglund provided a Community Impact Report to the Council and spoke about the upcoming Main Street Conference in Wenatchee on October 19, 20, and 21, and about upcoming WDA sponsored events (Trick-or-Treat on the Ave on October 31, Downtown Wine Walk on November 12, and the Cookie Stroll on December 3). Linda announced she is retiring in February 2023. Councilmember Huffaker thanked Linda for all of her efforts and hard work on behalf of the downtown businesses.

### 5. Action Items

- A. Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment Project No. 1716 - TW Clark Change Order No. 14

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve the contract change order with TW Clark Construction, LLC, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

- B. Fair Properties LLC Annexation

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report.

*Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to pass Ordinance No. 2022-17 providing for the annexation of an unincorporated area containing five parcels located northeast of the intersection of McKittrick Street and North Western Avenue also known as the Fair Properties LLC Annexation, subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2007-34, and all subsequent amendments thereto. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

Councilmember Huffaker commented and Mayor Kuntz provided additional comments concerning the annexation process through the Chelan County Boundary Review Board.

C. City Project SW22-05 Unit-Priced Concrete Flatwork - Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to award the construction contract for the Unit-Priced Concrete Flatwork, Project No. SW22-05, to Jones Concrete in the amount of \$149,036.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Public Hearings. The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

D. Jacoby Annexation

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak. He turned the matter back over to the Council for action.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2022-23 providing for the Notice of Intent to the Chelan County Boundary Review Board to annex certain property to the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

7. Reports

a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

1. The Mayor met with the County Commissioners this week and provided his thoughts about the Boundary Review Board process for annexations.
2. The Public Works and Finance Committees discussed the elimination of the \$20 car tab fees and implementation of the sales tax which is allowed per recent legislation, and he provided a brief update to Councilmembers Poirier and Huffaker who should reach out to Finance Director Brad Posenjak for additional information.
3. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added that there are two open houses scheduled on September 13 from 4-7pm and on September 14 from 7-10am at Pybus for the Riverfront Park planning process.
4. She also added that September 14 is the deadline for receiving offers on the fire station building. A subcommittee may be needed to review the offers, depending on what's received.

5. The Mayor and staff recently met with two developers who were inquiring about the city's processes for a development of the PUD's Fifth Street campus.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she will be on vacation next week. Councilmember Jose Cuevas will fill-in for her at the Homeless Housing Task Force meeting next Tuesday, and Councilmember Mike Poirier will be her alternate for the next Public Works Committee meeting on September 20 as she will be attending a conference.

Councilmember Mike Poirier reported that there has been a lot of discussion about a regional aquatics center and there is a lot of enthusiasm from the whole region. The Mayor will be attending a meeting that Senator Hawkins has arranged on September 15.


Councilmember Travis Hornby announced that Fiestas Mexicanas is on September 16 and 17. He will be in attendance as Mayor Pro Tem and invited everyone to attend the festivities.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Close of Meeting.** With no further business the meeting ended at 5:49 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk