



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, September 22, 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; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Police Chief Steve Crown

**4:45 p.m. Executive Session.** Executive session to consider the minimum price for which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. All Councilmembers were present.

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session, with legal counsel present, for a time period not to exceed 5:13 p.m., to consider the minimum price for which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

The Council adjourned from executive session at 5:13 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 Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

## 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Edwin Fonseca, 300 Stevens Street, Wenatchee (business owner of La Tortuga Loca) thanked the Wenatchee Police Department for the wonderful job they do. He spoke about his concerns and issues they have had with the homeless population and he has met with the neighboring business owners they would like to create a "watch community." He delivered a letter to Police Chief Steve Crown about that and is hoping to do some things to help with the issues. The Mayor thanked Edwin and commented.

## 3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #204584 through #204673 in the amount of \$1,539,135.24 for September 1, 2022

Claim checks #204675 through #204685 in the amount of \$38,032.36 for September 1, 2022

Payroll (special) distribution in the amount of \$9,055.86 for September 2, 2022

Claim checks #204674 through #204763 in the amount of \$853,324.26 for September 15, 2022

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

## 4. Presentations

- Years of Service Milestone Awards. The following employees were recognized for their years of service milestones:

35 Years: Scott Lieberg  
30 Years: Yolanda Garcia  
25 Years: Shellie Collette  
20 Years: Andy Greer, Brian Miller, Jessica Shaw, Michelle Littler  
15 Years: Jenni Rayson, Lupe Ontiveros, David Erickson, Erik Vasquez  
10 Years: Frank Kuntz, Chad Noah  
5 Years: Brad Posenjak, Michael Ballard, Chris Gooch, Jessi Saucedo, Travis Clark, Aaron Kelly, Stephen Neuenschwander, Stephanie Valencia, Josh Osborne, Donald Graves

Mark Andrews, 604 Lynn Street, asked if he could speak. The Mayor asked him to come forward. He stated his home was broke into last evening by an individual living near Lincoln Park. He wants the city to enforce the parking laws and he stated he will protect his property.

## 5. Action Items

### A. Transportation Benefit District Funding Sources

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-18 rescinding the \$20 vehicle licensing fee imposed by the Wenatchee Transportation Benefit District; and for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-19 imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one-percent within the boundaries of the Wenatchee Transportation Benefit District for the purpose of financing the costs associated with transportation improvements in the District identified herein as authorized by RCW 36.73.040; providing for severability and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### B. Consider Approval of a Purchase Sale Agreement and Property Donation for the Wenatchee Foothills Regional Recreation Area Project (20-1446A)

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Also present were Chelan Douglas Land Trust representatives Curt Soper and Mickey Fleming.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the purchase sale agreement for the Volkman Property in the amount of \$373,000 for the Wenatchee Foothills Regional Recreation Area Project (20-1446A) and authorize the Mayor to sign; and for City Council to accept the donation of the East Jacobson Property from the Chelan Douglas Land Trust for the Wenatchee Foothills Regional Recreation Area Project (20-1446A) and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### C. 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology and authorize the Mayor's signature for this Grant and any other amendments to this Grant. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## D. Columbia River Local Homeless Housing Task Force Grant Proposals

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report and a Power Point presentation. The Mayor and Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into grant agreements with the following entities, for the following amounts and the identified purpose: (1) The People's Foundation for two grant contracts each with an individual funding source for a combined amount of \$405,000 for the purposes of providing 34 low barrier shelter beds at St. Francis House with a contract period extending from October 1, 2022 through the end of December 2024; (2) The Wenatchee Rescue Mission for a grant contract for a capital purpose for the installation of a commercial food freezer and authorization for any surplus contingency funding to be utilized for purchase of an oven, stove or dishwasher for a maximum combined amount of \$100,000 enabling the Mission to be able to continue to operate as a 24-7 shelter facility, providing food service to clients; (3) The Wenatchee Rescue Mission for grant contracts establishing a two phased safe park RV and vehicle program for the unsheltered; a low barrier shelter sleep center with individual detached shelter units of approximately 45 units; and an outreach program serving Wenatchee and East Wenatchee for a combined amount of \$1,360,853. Staff is asking that an additional \$168,274.29 be allocated to the grant in order for the grant to extend through the full calendar year of 2024, then coinciding with the City's budgeting cycle for a combined amount of \$1,529,127.29. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 6. Reports

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

- A TIF district is being considered for the North Wenatchee Avenue old WSDOT property area. Public hearings have been scheduled for October 3 and 4.
- He and staff met with Coast Hospitality yesterday and discussed an extension of their agreement.
- The architects for the Convention Center project presented to the PW committee. There are still decisions to be made about the two proposals.
- He met with Lighthouse Ministries this week concerning homeless issues.
- He met with interim WSD Superintendent Bill Eagle this week.
- Sales tax numbers were very good again.
- He and staff met with the developer finalists for the PUD's Fifth Street property. There are improvements the city would like to see on Wenatchee Avenue and at the Fifth Street underpass. A TIF district in this area may help support improvements, and the city will hire a consultant to review that.
- He attended the Common Ground groundbreaking ceremony.
- He attended the joint TPA/LTAC meeting this week.
- The TTC will be hosting Oktoberfest for three weekends in October.

The Mayor announced that both he and Mayor Pro Tem Travis Hornby will be out of town at the same time on October 10 and 11 and that a temporary Mayor Pro Tem would need to be appointed in their absence.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to appoint Mike Poirier as temporary Mayor Pro Tem for October 10 and 11, 2022. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that the Chamber's Business After Hours event on September 29 is sponsored by Cashmere Valley Bank. He said new car shortages continue. The Chamber is working with Chelan County for sports promotion. The Chamber may need to raise dues. There is also a concern about the sewer odor that settles into the convention center lower levels. Jessica Shaw addressed this and a fix is in the works.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien attended Community Action Council Board's training.

**7. Announcements.** Councilmember Mark Kulaas announced that Saturday is "Night at the Museum" which is both an indoor and outdoor event this year.

**8. Close of Meeting.** With no further business the meeting ended at 6:17 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk