



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**Thursday, October 20, 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 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 Gloria, City Clerk Tammy Stanger, IS Support Jessi Saucedo, Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer, Finance Director Brad Posenjak

#### A. Schematic Design/Progress for Wenatchee Convention Center

Rustin Hall, Principal in Charge of Projects, and Troy Bishop, Principal and Director of Design, with ALSC Architects, presented a power point presentation with schematic design for the Wenatchee Convention Center showing a new space build design with options at \$8.3 million and additional "ala carte" improvements updating the current space totaling \$1.7 million, all within the \$10 million project budget.

Freyda Stephens, Kyle McCubbin and Linda Herald provided their input, all supportive of the new build pre-function area, updating the lower space that currently does not function well, and the plaza being one level.

J. Woody Lotts, Executive Director of the Performing Arts Center, and Steve Robinson, Performing Arts Center Board Chair, spoke in support of the convention center improvements and were in favor of improvements that would benefit both facilities (i.e. elevators and bathrooms).

Carl Ellard, 1500 Third Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council about the project and the need for additional bathrooms, enhancing the current entry from the parking lot, and the current issues with the plaza/fountain area.

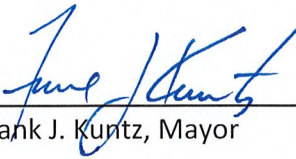
Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer provided information to the Council of the current state of the building, and critical items which include immediate needs for HVAC upgrades, the current air walls being at the end of their life, and the existing kitchen in need of new flooring, which all in total \$2.6 million is needed, which includes the “ala carte” items as presented.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker asked that the Council be cautious with the current high inflation and materials cost.

Finance Director Brad Posenjak explained the revenue capacity for a project like this and using hotel-motel tax dollars to pay for the bond payments. \$15 million would be the maximum that he suggests if needed for extra capacity after 10 years for additional projects.

ALSC Architects with continue the design work and return to the City Council in December.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

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Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk