



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 10, 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 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 (via phone)

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Gloria; City Attorney Steve Smith; IS Support Jessi Saucedo; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Community Development Director Glen DeVries.

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Lee McNamara, PO Box 5426, Wenatchee, addressed the Council regarding homeless issues.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Wires #1570 through #1572 in the amount of \$70,412.20 for October 25, 2022
Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$11,492.46 for October 31, 2022
Claim checks #205192 through #205280 in the amount of \$1,210,884.49 for October 27, 2022
Claim checks #205295 and #205296 in the amount of \$20.00 for October 31, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$560,550.15 for November 4, 2022

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

4. Action Items

A. Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission Member Re-Appointment

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Lyle Markhart was also present. The Council thanked Lyle for serving not only on the Parks Board, but also in his many volunteer roles throughout the city.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2022-24, re-appointing Lyle Markhart to position one of the Arts, Recreation & Parks Commission. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Code Enforcement Board Reappointments

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2022-27 designating the reappointments of James Snyder, Amber Hallberg and Luis Gonzalez to the Code Enforcement Board for two-year terms ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Reappointments

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2022-28 reappointing Kristin Lodge, Cody Beeson, Mark Miller and Miguel Cuevas to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for two-year terms ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Herald conflict).

D. Updated Grant Agreement with Wenatchee Rescue Mission

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report and power point presentation.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into an updated grant agreement with the Wenatchee Rescue Mission extending through the time period of December 2024, in the amount of \$2,090,554.36. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

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

E. 2023 Property Tax Ordinance

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was no one who wished to comment.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2022-27, authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in the 2023 tax year. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Presentation

- 2023 Budget Document Overview – Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the 2023 Budget overview.

7. Reports

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

- (1) The employee breakfast is on Monday morning at 8:00am.
- (2) The Mayor will be hosting, along with Mayor Crawford, Steve Wilkinson and Sasha Sleiman, "Coffee and Commerce" event next Wednesday morning at Pybus regarding the homeless program.
- (3) The WDA dinner is next Wednesday.
- (4) The interim control (zoning) open house is scheduled for 5:15pm next Tuesday.
- (5) City Hall ribbon cutting ceremony is next Thursday, November 17 at 4:30pm.
- (6) City Hall tours are scheduled for November 16 at 11:30am, 12:15pm and 1pm.
- (7) There is an NCW Equity Alliance reception this evening from 6-8 pm at the Mercantile.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Misawa meeting last week. The Mayor and Councilmember Kulaas have committed to go. They are limiting the delegation to 15-20 going for next year.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas attended the Chelan Douglas Homeless Task Force meeting. There is a lot of good information and many nonprofits getting involved and providing outreach to the homeless. The housing strategic plan is in the works – they are going to coordinate with Columbia River Homeless Task Force.

Councilmember Mike Poirier attended the Chelan Douglas Transportation Council Meeting. The Freight Mobility Investment Board meets next week to decide awards, and we are ranked #2 for the McKittrick/Miller project.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien attended the Chelan Douglas Community Action Council where work continues on their capital campaign.

8. Announcements. None.

9. Close of Meeting. With no further business the meeting ended at 5:57 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk