

# WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING Thursday, November 17, 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 (via phone)

**Staff Present:** Executive Services Director Laura Gloria; City Attorney Steve Smith; IS Support Tim McCord; IS Support Zach Steele; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; IS Director Dale Cantrell

## 5:15 p.m. Special Meeting

**1.** Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

## 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Manuel Valencia addressed the City Council and thanked them for all of the good work. He is very thankful and happy with all of the projects that have happened over the last several years and still wants to continue to provide support for all community members.

#### 3. Consent Items

Motion to approve the agenda and vouchers

Vouchers

Claim checks #205309 through #205363 in the amount of \$709,609.67 for November 3, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$9,865.54 for November 4, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$9,213.78 for November 4, 2022
Claim checks #205364 through #205457 in the amount of \$1,547,397.27 for November 10, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve the agenda and vouchers. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### 4. Presentations

• Small Business Saturday Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby and presented to Wenatchee Downtown Association Executive Director Linda Haglund who reminded everyone to shop small on Saturday, November 26.

#### 5. Action Items

A. Agreement related to Confluence Parkway Environmental Assessment

The Mayor provided information about staff's continued work with the Chelan County PUD regarding the environmental work and the hope is to have the agreement finalized by the end of the year. He is asking permission to finalize and sign an agreement regarding Confluence Parkway. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign an Agreement related to Confluence Parkway Environmental Assessment with the Chelan County Public Utilities District #1. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. WSDOT Roundabout at US Highway 2/97 and Easy Street Detour Agreement

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report and a slide showing the detour on a map.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Local Agency Detour Agreement #HR2 0148 in substantial conformance with the attached draft version. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**C.** City Project 0623/1615/1919 – McKittrick Street (North Wenatchee Avenue to BNSF) Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County PUD

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, providing for the reimbursement of costs incurred with the design and construction of electrical and fiber utilities associated with Project 0623/1615/1919. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Multi-Family Tax Exemption Agreement with DJML, LLC Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2022-29, authorizing the execution of an 8-year Multi-Family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with DJML, LLC. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**E.** Vacant Land Lease between the City of Wenatchee and Pybus Market Charitable Foundation

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the Vacant Land Lease between the City of Wenatchee and Pybus Market Charitable Foundation and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Hornby conflict).

**F.** First Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and WA Mission & Kittitas Apartments, LLC

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the First Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and WA Mission & Kittitas Apartments, LLC and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**G.** Amendments to 2022 Budget Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-29, amending the 2022 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2021-30, as amended by Ordinance No. 2022-11, revoking, recalling or decreasing all or a portion of total appropriations provided for, entering findings that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City and requiring that this Ordinance be approved by a majority plus one of the entire Council. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 6. Public Hearing Items

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

# H. 2023 Budget Adoption

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council commented.

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-28, adopting the Final Budget for the City of Wenatchee, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Keith Huffaker expressed his concerns with an additional staff person in the HR Department and would like to review the job descriptions to get a better understanding of the Department's workload.

## 7. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
  - (1) The employee breakfast was held on Monday with a good turnout.
  - (2) The bi-weekly "Safe Park" meeting was this week. Things are going well.
  - (3) He and staff met with the State Treasurer's office this week regarding tax increment financing.
  - (4) The quarterly meeting with the Port was held this week.
  - (5) The interim control open house was on Tuesday with about 25 people from the public in attendance.
  - (6) The Mayor participated in "Coffee and Commerce" on Wednesday morning at Pybus where they topic was homeless issues.
  - (7) He attended the WDA dinner last night.
  - (8) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria said that all were thankful for the ribbon cutting ceremony this evening with Dan Nanamkin's land acknowledgement, and the work of Brooklyn Holton and Parque Padrinos in putting the program together. It turned out great!
  - (9) The Mayor thanked the IT team for their work in getting the audio/visual running in the new chambers.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker provided an update from the Chamber meeting.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he will be gone from December 9 until January 11.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she attended the interim control meeting this week and felt it went very well and that many are supportive of what we are doing.

Councilmember Mike Poirier asked to be included in the next bi-weekly "Safe Park" meeting.

- **8. Announcements.** No meeting next week. The next meeting is December 1, and the final meeting of the year is December 8.
- 9. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

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