



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 12, 2023
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

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Gloria; City Attorney Steve Smith; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord; IS Support Zach Steele; Human Resources Director Kari Page; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell; Project Engineer Zachary Horton; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander; Senior Planner Matt Parsons; Project Engineer Jake Lewing; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Finance Director Brad Posenjak

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating in the meeting virtually. Councilmember Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Paul Schmidt, 1595 South Miller, Wenatchee, asked about the tax breaks provided to the complexes providing five or more units, and also thanked the city for snow removal.

3. Consent Items:

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

Vouchers:

Claim check #205717 in the amount of \$28,949.26 for December 2, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$90,463.57 for December 5, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$7,174.87 for December 5, 2022

Claim checks #205718 through #205785 in the amount of \$628,758.99 for December 8, 2022
Claim checks #205786 through #205887 in the amount of \$719,201.82 for December 15, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$433,140.00 for December 20, 2022
Claim checks #205888 through #205969 in the amount of \$1,470,198.23 for December 22, 2022
Wires #1575 through #1577 in the amount of \$59,227.33 for December 27, 2022
Claim checks #205984 through #206065 in the amount of \$2,472,994.13 for December 29, 2022
Claim checks #206066 to #206067 in the amount of \$26,921.47 for December 29, 2022
Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,212,041.60 for December 30, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$624,036.65 for December 30, 2022
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$11,492.46 for December 30, 2022
Claim checks #206081 through #206090 in the amount of \$117,348.12 for January 3, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$54,146.06 for January 5, 2023
Claim checks #206091 through #206132 in the amount of \$445,954.70 for January 5, 2023

The Mayor asked Human Resources Director Kari Page if she could provide information to the City Council on the recent AWC Workers' Comp Retro refund the City received in the amount of \$112,639, and she provided the history of the program and the many benefits the City has received since inception. Great work by the City's Human Resources Department through this program!

4. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

A. Confluence Parkway Project Environmental Assessment and Draft Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report and requested the City Council hold a public hearing for the purpose of collecting public comments.

The following individuals addressed the Council

1. Emily Fogle
2. Natalie Williams
3. Ryan Leffler
4. Susan Ballinger
5. Randy Lewis
6. Lisa Foster
7. Mary Big-Bull Lewis
8. Jimmy Holman
9. Paul Schmidt

[A court reporter was present to take a verbatim report of this public hearing and the comments provided. The report will be attached to these minutes.]

B. 2021 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented the staff report and a power point presentation. The Mayor asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to comment. There was no one who wished to comment.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to accept the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Action Items

- C. Resolution No. 2023-03, appointing a member to the Wenatchee Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission (Megan Kassebaum)

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2023-03, appointing Megan Kassebaum to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- D. City Project No. 2315 Red Apple Road (Vista to Miller) - Budget Approval and Grant Authorization

Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report. Council asked questions and commented.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve the project budget and authorize the Mayor to sign the Transportation Improvement Board grant agreement forms. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- E. City Project 1916 Methow Street Improvements Project – Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Project Engineer Zachary Horton presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Jose Cuevas for City Council to award the construction contract for the Methow Street Improvements Project, City Project No. 1916, to the lowest responsive bidder and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-2; Herald, Huffaker nay).

- F. Historic Preservation Board Member Reappointments (Bob Culp/Jon Campbell)

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2023-02, designating the reappointment of Bob Culp and Jon Campbell to the Historic Preservation Board to serve another three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Planning Commission Member Reappointment (Susan Albert)

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to pass Resolution No. 2023-01, designating the reappointment of Susan Albert to the Planning Commission to serve another four-year term ending December 31, 2026. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. Purchase and Sale Agreement (3420 US Highway 97A, Wenatchee)

City Attorney Emeritus Steve Smith presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore to negotiate and sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Jimmy and Paula Properties, LLC, for the City to purchase the property located at 3420 US Highway 97A, Wenatchee, WA for the sum of \$1,200,000. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

I. The River Academy Annexation – Ordinance 2023-01

Senior Planner Matt Parsons presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-01, providing for the annexation of an unincorporated area containing one parcel located on the east side of South Miller Street between Crawford Avenue and Gehr Street, also known as The River Academy Annexation, subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2007-34 and all subsequent amendments thereto. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

J. City Project 0623/1615/1919 – McKittrick Street (North Wenatchee Avenue to BNSF)
Authorization to Award Construction Contract in the amount of \$6,377,955.25
Budget Amendment for 0623/1615/1919

Project Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to amend the project budgets for Project 0623-1615/1919 and award the contract for the construction of the McKittrick

Street (North Wenatchee Ave to BNSF), Project 0623/1615/1919, to J&K Earthworks, in the amount of \$6,377,955.25 and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

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

- (1) Staff continue to work with the PUD on Confluence Parkway;
- (2) The Mayor will be in Olympia tomorrow to meet with the Governor and other Mayors to discuss homeless issues;
- (3) The Mayor testified via Zoom to the Senate re proposed changes to the PFD legislation for a regional aquatics center.
- (4) City Engineer Gary Owen retired at the end of the year.
- (5) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Multi-Cultural Festival is Saturday at the Museum and the Wenatchee Valley Uplift Awards will be presented at 2:15 p.m.
- (6) The WDA annual appreciation dinner is on February 22.
- (7) Downtown businesses have requested a parking change to downtown from 3 hours to 2 hours.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Travis Hornby attended interviews for the new WDA Executive Director and an announcement is coming soon.

Councilmember Linda Herald said an email has gone out to those who are traveling with the delegation to Misawa this summer. She also attended the Columbia River Homeless Housing Task Force Meeting yesterday. Additional funds have been appropriated to the Wenatchee Rescue Mission.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting ended at 6:31 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk