



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, February 9, 2023
Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street
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 Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Zach Steele; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Police Chief Steve Crown; Project Engineer Ryan Harmon; Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer; Human Resources Director Kari Page

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. The excused absence of Councilmember Mike Poirier was noted for the record. Councilmember Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Retiring Wenatchee Downtown Association Executive Director Linda Haglund thanked the Mayor and Council and staff for the great working relationship over the past 12 years. Rosa Pulido, the new WDA Executive Director, addressed the Council and said she looks forward to the same working relationship.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim check #206277 in the amount of \$36,046.62 for January 20, 2023
Claim checks #206278 through #206346 in the amount of \$1,092,659.08 for January 20, 2023
Wires #1578-#1580 in the amount of \$55,985.25 for January 25, 2023
Claim checks #206347 through #206394 in the amount of \$164,880.24 for January 26, 2023
Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$12,328.13 for January 31, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$587,740.07 for January 31, 2023
Claim checks #206395 through #206396 in the amount of \$47,342.60 for January 31, 2023
Benefits-Deductions in the amount of \$1,053,693.80 for January 31, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to approve the agenda, vouchers and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Presentations

- Police Chief Steve Crown announced the Police Department’s fundraising goal for Special Olympics, and if they can raise \$23,000 by March 3 he will wear a Polar Bear suit for the plunge.
- Employee Service Milestones – Human Resources Director Kari Page presented the service milestone awards. Present to receive their awards were Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover (5 years) and Human Resources Generalist Katlen Henke (5 years). The following City Employees were also mentioned for their years of service:

Employee Name	Job Title	Dept	Date
25 Years			
Terry O’Keefe	Utilities Assistant Manager	PW	01/05/23
15 Years			
Cliff Burdick	Building/Fire Official	CD	02/15/23
10 Years			
Denise Pearce	Accounting Supervisor	Finance	01/07/23
5 Years			
Kelsey Grover	Stormwater Technician	PW	11/01/22
Andy Gill	Utility Worker – Storm/Sewer Collections	PW	11/13/22
Katlen Henke	Human Resources Generalist	HR	11/14/22
Erik Magnussen	Officer First Class	Police	02/12/23

- National Random Acts of Kindness Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby and presented to Gene Sharratt who said a few words about the NCW Kindness effort and events planned for the entire year.
- Chelan-Douglas Trends – Patrick Jones presented the annual update for Chelan-Douglas Trends highlighting the following indicators for population (age and migration/immigration); economic/business (median household income, poverty rate, and top 5 employment); and transportation elements.

5. Action Items

- A. City of Wenatchee Project No. 2212 – Wenatchee Convention Center Renovation & Expansion Project, Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City and ALSC Architects

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and ALSA Architects for the Wenatchee Convention Center Renovation and Expansion project, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0) (Councilmember Herald conflict).

- B. City Project No. 2208 – McKittrick Street Improvements (Pershing Street to Pine Street) Consultant Supplement Agreement for Right of Way Services

Project Engineer Ryan Harmon presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute Supplement No. 1 with SCJ Alliance for right of way services for the McKittrick Street Improvements (Pershing Street to Pine Street), City Project #2208. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- C. City Project 0623/1615/1919 – McKittrick Street (North Wenatchee Ave to BNSF) Authorization to Negotiate

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with KPG-Psomas for construction engineering services for the McKittrick Street (North Wenatchee Ave to BNSF), Project 0623/1615/1919., and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- D. Professional Services Agreement with Northwest Studio in the amount of \$125,000 for the Reimagine Wenatchee Target Area Master Plan

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with Northwest Studio in the amount of \$125,000 for the Reimagine Wenatchee Target Area Master Plan, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
1. Jake Lewing has been selected as the new City Engineer.
 2. The Mayor and Executive Services Director Laura Gloria met with the CEO of Coast Hospitality re the Convention Center contract. They have requested a two-year extension to be in alignment with the investment/remodel of the adjoining Coast Hotel.
 3. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria announced that they have received the State Treasurer's project analysis for the North Wenatchee Tax Increment Financing Area and the ordinance for consideration will be before the City Council on February 23.
 4. The MegaKittrick groundbreaking is scheduled for March 7.
 5. The Mayor and East Wenatchee Mayor Crawford traveled to Olympia last Monday to testify on Senator Hawkins' aquatics center bill. They also met with Senator Lias, the Governor's office, and Representative Fey and will be closely monitoring the \$85,000,000 appropriation and where it needs to be when it is needed.
 6. He will be presenting a State of the Cities address tomorrow at the Chamber's Coffee & Commerce event, along with East Wenatchee Mayor Crawford.
 7. The Mayor will not be at the next Council meeting, as he will be attending an event where he will be receiving an award that evening.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees
1. Councilmember Keith Huffaker provided a solid waste update.
 2. Councilmember Linda Herald reported she will be attending City Action Days next week. She will need an alternate for the Public Safety meeting. She will also be on vacation February 23 – March 6.
 3. Councilmember Travis Hornby attended the WDA board meeting where they discussed downtown parking and moving forward with planning.
 4. Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported he will be in a lot of meetings next week.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting ended at 6:32 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor *Pro Tem*
Jose Cuevas

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk