

WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL Thursday, March 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 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 Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy Stanger; IS Support Tim McCord; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Project Engineer Ryan Harmon; Community Development Director Glen DeVries

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. Councilmember Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.
- 2. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

3. Consent Items:

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #206552 through #206636 in the amount of \$816,955.43 for February 16, 2023 Claim checks #206637 through #206649 in the amount of \$58,370.35 for February 23, 2023 Claim checks #206650 through #206741 in the amount of \$544,140.53 for February 23, 2023 Claim checks #206742 and #206743 in the amount of \$400.00 for February 24, 2023 Wires #1581 and 1582 in the amount of \$24,275.04 for February 27, 2023 Wire #1583 in the amount of \$10.00 for February 27, 2023 Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,031,234.60 for February 28, 2023 Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$12,753.53 for February 28, 2023 Payroll distribution in the amount of \$599,991.80 for March 3, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Red Cross Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Doug Jones who said a few words on behalf of the Inland Northwest Red Cross.
- Apple Blossom Royalty Proclamation read by Mayor Frank Kuntz and presented to 2023
 Apple Blossom Queen Scarlette Cron, Princess Natalie Pearson, and Princess Dylan Schmitten. Queen Scarlette Cron addressed the Council on behalf of the royalty.

5. Action Items

A. Angle Parking by Washington Park

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2023-03, amending Wenatchee City Code Section 6B.06.155 to authorize angle parking adjacent to Washington Park. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Appointment of Rosa Pulido to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Committee

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. 2023-05 for the appointment of Rosa Pulido to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired two-year term ending December 31, 2023, and Resolution No. 2023-06 for the appointment of Rosa Pulido to the Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Herald conflict).

C. Third Amended and Restated Management Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Coast Wenatchee, LLC

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself due to a conflict of interest. Coast Hospitalities CEO Doug Rigoni also addressed the Council, and the following individuals spoke in support of the management agreement with Coast Hospitalities: Tim Covis, Director of Communications and Events for the Washington State Tree Fruit Association; Francine Chrisman with WIETA; and Steve Wilkinson, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the Third Amended and Restated Management Agreement in substantially similar form between the City of Wenatchee and Coast Wenatchee, LLC, and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0) (Herald conflict).

D. City Project No. 2002 – Pershing & Poplar Sewer Extension Change Order for Roadway Rebuild of Pershing Street/New City Tax Rate

Project Engineer Ryan Harmon presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order 9 with Matia Contractors, Inc., for the Pershing & Poplar Sewer Extension, City Project No. 2002. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
 - 1. There is a surprise retirement party for Linda Haglund at Pybus Market where he will be headed when the meeting concludes.
 - 2. Work continues on Confluence Parkway.
 - 3. He is watching closely the bill for the aquatics center and other legislation as well.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees. None.
- 7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 5:57 p.m.

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk