



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, February 23, 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 "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; Police Chief Steve Crown; Police Captain Brian Chance; Operations Manager Aaron Kelly; WWTP Supervisor Mike Hodgson; Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Community Development Director Glen DeVries

4:45 p.m. Executive Session. Executive Session to consider the acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session, with legal counsel present for a time not to exceed 5:15 p.m., to consider the acquisition of real estate when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:12 p.m. Mayor Kuntz left the meeting to attend an awards ceremony where he is being honored.

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Pro Tem Jose Cuevas called the regular meeting to order. Councilmember Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Linda Herald and Mayor Frank Kuntz was noted for the record.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

3. Consent Items:

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*
Vouchers:
Claim checks #206423 through #206489 in the amount of \$498,179.57 for February 2, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$5,210.08 for February 3, 2023
Claim checks #206490 through #206548 in the amount of \$1,001,882.27 for February 9, 2023
Claim checks #206549 through #206551 in the amount of \$2,182.61 for February 9, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$446,205.00 for February 17, 2023
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Rudnick and Sons, LLC, on the Washington Street Traffic Calming, City Project No. 2005.03, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher.*
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Central Washington Asphalt, on the 2020 Pavement Preservation, City Project No. 1913, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher.*

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, to accept the work performed by the contractor, Rudnick and Sons, LLC, on the Washington Street Traffic Calming, City Project No. 2005.03, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher, and to accept the work performed by the contractor, Central Washington Asphalt, on the 2020 Pavement Preservation, City Project No. 1913, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Presentations

- Annual Point in Time Count – Chelan County Housing Coordinator Sasha Sleiman presented a Power Point presentation overview of the Winter 2023 Point In Time Count Results.

5. Action Items

- A. Ordinance No. 2023-02 of the City of Wenatchee designating the North Wenatchee Avenue Tax Increment Financing Area

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria provided the staff report and Power Point presentation. Council asked questions,

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-02, designating the North Wenatchee Avenue Tax Increment Financing Area, fixing the boundaries thereof, and providing for related matters. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Drying Bed Expansion, Project No. 2211
Authorization to Award Construction Contract**

Presented by Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Mike Hodgson presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to award the construction contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Drying Bed Expansion, Project No. 2211, to the lowest responsive bidder, Hurst Construction, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Contract Award for the Parkside Renovation Project No. 2206

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve the contract with Rudnick & Sons LLC and authorize the Mayor's signature for City Project No. 2206, Parkside Renovation Project. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

a. Mayor's Report. Executive Services Director Laura Gloria provided the following in the Mayor's absence:

1. The WDA appreciation dinner was last evening and well attended. Parks employee Jarred Gardner was recognized with the Heart of Downtown Award. It was Linda Haglund's last event and welcoming for new Executive Director Rosa Pulido.
2. The WVCC banquet is next week.
3. The "MegaKittrick" groundbreaking is scheduled for March 7th.
4. Rails & Ales is set for March 10. This event is supported by LTAC funds and has been a great event.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that he attended the Link Transit Board meeting this week and they are planning for a strategy session in March. He also attended the Museum Board meeting and they are working through the capital campaign's design phase and working closely with the city on the project and inter-phasing the improvements with city owned facilities. He also attended the LTAC meeting yesterday, and reminded everyone of the World's 2nd Shortest Parade, the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17 at 7ish.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported on the Public Safety Committee he attended last week: Wenatchee Valley Fire Chief Brian Brett is working on getting the insurance rating lower for the valley. Chelan County Sgt. Reinfeld of Chelan County Emergency Management provided an update and continues work on updating the emergency management plan. Wenatchee Police Department Captain Edgar Reinfeld, Captain Brian Chance and Records Supervisor Tammy Patterson provided an update from the police department. The initial offer has been made for the new Parking Enforcement Officer. They are still hiring for police officers (3 and some upcoming retirements next year).

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that Rivercom will be searching for an Executive Director. The interim Executive Director's role will end on October 1.

Councilmember Mike Poirier reported on the Finance Committee meeting today. The 2022 departmental budgets were reviewed. He was surprised that the costs for public disclosure requests at the police department were so high, and also the snow budget had been exceeded due to the snow in the beginning of 2022 and at the end of 2022. The salaries budget was down due to unfilled positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jose Cuevas reported that he attended both the city and county's homeless task force meetings recently. He also attended the Public Safety Committee meeting last week. The LEOFF 1 Disability Board meets on Monday, February 27. He has a meeting scheduled with Scott Johnson, the Executive Director for the Wenatchee Rescue Mission, next week to see where the pallet shelters are going and to get more information. He asked Captain Chance to provide information on the speed measuring device on Russell Street. Captain Chance reported that they currently have one speed measuring device deployed on Russell Street near Pioneer Middle School and Corporal Mark Ward will be pulling data from it soon.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas requested a study session on March 16 for a discussion about his memo he provided a month ago regarding a salary commission.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 6:07 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. Stanger, City Clerk