



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 13, 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 Zach Steele; Human Resources Director Kari Page; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

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 Kuntz called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session. All Councilmembers were present.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to convene in executive session for a time period not to exceed 5:10 p.m. with legal counsel present 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 (7-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 4:57 p.m.

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 Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments.

Debra Harkey, past President of Velocity Swim Club addressed the Council and thanked them for their support over the years supporting aquatics programs in the Wenatchee Valley, the improvements to the pool, and the assistance of the city's Parks & Recreation Staff. For their gratitude, the Velocity Swim Team presented gifts to the city (backboards, Epi-pens, masks, umbrellas, and Red Cross first aid training kits).

3. Consent Items:

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #206946 through #207034 in the amount of \$537,269.62 for March 23, 2023

Wires #1584 and #1585 in the amount of \$53,812.64 for March 27, 2023

Claim checks #207035 through #207040 in the amount of \$60,166.81 for March 27, 2023

Claim checks #207041 through #207131 in the amount of \$833,876.49 for March 30, 2023

Claim checks #207145 through #207151 in the amount of \$13,425.68 for March 31, 2023

Wire #1586 in the amount of \$300.00 for March 31, 2023

Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,183,701.31 for March 31, 2023

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$587,993.66 for April 5, 2023

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$8,359.33 for April 5, 2023

Claim checks #207154 through #207206 in the amount of \$566,618.65 for April 6, 2023

Claim checks #207152 through #207153 in the amount of \$16,196.46 for April 6, 2023

- Resolution No. 2023-07, reappointing Alan Beidler to the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee for a term ending April 21, 2026.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and Resolution No. 2023-07, reappointing Alan Beidler to the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee for a term ending April 21, 2026. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Arbor Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas and presented to Lyle Markhart who said a few words about Arbor Day events around the region.
- Stand Against Racism Proclamation read by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien and presented to YWCA Executive Director Rachel Todd who thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited them to participate in their Stand Against Racism event on April 27 from 5-7:30 p.m.
- Wenatchee Valley Senior Center Update. Wenatchee Valley Senior Center Executive Director David Tosch provided an update to the Council on Senior Center activities, expansion of the building, and continuing the lunch program at a deficit.
- Spirit of Wenatchee. Spirit of Wenatchee Board Member Greg Brizendine provided an update to the Council on their work in carrying on the legacy of Herndon/Pangborn and the historic Miss Veedol flight.

5. Action Items

A. Salary Commission Ordinance

Director of Human Resources Kari Page presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-04, revising the Wenatchee City Code to include a new chapter, known as Chapter 1.62, which creates a Salary Commission, provides for the duties thereof and the appointment of members thereto. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Potential Donations to the Public Art Collection

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

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to accept the donation of the Bernard Hosey sculptures "Ironworks," "Sphere Pilot House," "Slab Gate" from Judith Shulman, and Kevin Petelle's sculpture "Rozanne's Tango" from Beauty of Bronze, and to add the sculptures to the Public Art Collection. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jose Cuevas. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Memorial Park Native Peoples Project Artist Agreements

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the art agreements with Jud Turner, Kevin Pettelle, and Swede Albert for the Memorial Park Native Peoples Project. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Art Maintenance Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation and Interlocal Agreement with the Chelan County PUD for the Highway 2 Easy Street Roundabout

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

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve the Highway 2 Easy Street Roundabout Art Maintenance Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation and authorize the Mayor to sign, and for City Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and the Chelan County

PUD No. 1 for hydropower public art and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Interlocal Agreement for the Funding of a Regional Sports Complex Feasibility Study

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Funding of a Regional Sports Complex Feasibility Study and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

F. Wheeler Amended Development Agreement

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

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2023-09, amending a Development Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Roland E. "Sandy" Wheeler and Dianna G. Wheeler, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Development Agreement Amendment. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Reports

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

- (1) The Mayor had a phone conference with WSDOT Chair Millar and the term sheet for Confluence Parkway should be received in the next week or so.

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria provided the following:

- (2) The Wenatchee Police Department was successful in re-accreditation.
- (3) Flywheel is next week, April 19, 20 and 21st. Tickets are available for Council through the city's sponsorship.
- (4) The Kenzie's Landing ribbon cutting is next Friday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees


Councilmember Linda Herald reminded the Mayor and Councilmember Kulaas to have their deposit paid by April 21 for the trip to Misawa. She reported that she attended the Homeless Housing Task Force this week it went very well. Community Development Director Glen DeVries provided additional information regarding the meeting.

Councilmember Mike Poirier announced that the bill allowing a regional sports complex public facilities district has passed both the House and the Senate.

Councilmember Hornby reported that Monday was National Telecommunicator Day and he visited Rivercom and brought them a case of Red Bull. He also reported that the Wenatchee Downtown Association is moving forward with the guest/customer first parking initiative and providing tools to help implement the initiative.

8. Announcements. None.

9. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 6:25 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk