



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 27, 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 McCord; IS Support Tim McCord; Operations Manager Aaron Kelly; City Engineer Jake Lewing; Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Police Chief Steve Crown.

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 Keith Huffaker 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 #207209 through #207274 in the amount of \$498,653.51 for April 13, 2023
Claim checks #207275 through #207290 in the amount of \$9,126.70 for April 13, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$442,700.00 for April 20, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$10,690.53 for April 28, 2023
Claim checks #207291 through #207386 in the amount of \$1,636,606.97 for April 20, 2023
Claim checks #207387 through #207388 in the amount of \$30,999.36 for April 20, 2023
- *Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-05, amending Wenatchee City Code Section 1.90.070 to reflect the current address of City Hall.*

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and pass Ordinance No. 2023-05, amending Wenatchee City Code Section 1.90.070 to reflect the current address of City Hall. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Poppy Days Proclamation read by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. American Legion Poppy Princes Caroline Sullivan joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams and read her speech. Julie Jacoby and Christy Robinson with the American Legion Honor Guard accepted donations and handed out poppies on behalf of Caroline who was unable to attend the meeting in person as she was at camp.
- Apraxia Awareness Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald. The proclamation was presented to Oliver Cannata and his mother Katie Cannata. Oliver addressed the Council and said thank you for the proclamation.
- General Aviation Appreciation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Port Commissioner Richard DeRock.
- Bike Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby and presented to Amy Davis with TREAD, Riley Shewak with Chelan Douglas Transportation Council, Tony Hickock with Evergreen, and Anna Carr with City of Wenatchee. Amy Davis with TREAD addressed the Council and said the group was happy to help promote health and wellness in the community and access to the outdoors.
- Link Transit Presentation – Richard DeRock, General Manager of Link Transit, provided a Power Point presentation providing an overview of their annual report, the Vision 2020 recap, and Link Transit’s vehicle electrification schedule update which is anticipated to be complete in 2025 making Link Transit the second transit authority that is fully electric.

5. Action Items

A. Department of Enterprise Services Lease for the Attorney General’s Office

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the Lease from the Department of Enterprise Services to lease a portion of the third floor of City Hall and authorize the Mayor’s signature. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**B. City Project 2201.2 – South End Bike/Ped Access Bridges
Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Consultant Agreement**

City Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Exeltech Consulting, Inc. for design services on the South End Bike/Ped Access Bridges (Project No. 2201.02) and further, pending WSDOT concurrence, authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. Authorization to Negotiate Design Engineering Services with TD&H Engineering Crawford Avenue Water Main Replacement - Project No. 2202

Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with TD&H Engineering, Inc. for design services for the Crawford Avenue Water Main Replacement – Project No. 2022 and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) The legislature was unable to take any final actions to strengthen the state's drug possession laws in response to the Washington Supreme Court's "Blake" case. He reminded everyone that last year we passed an ordinance imposing a gross misdemeanor for drug possession and that we are in a good position than most other cities and counties. The Chief and City Attorney are going to take another look at the ordinance to see if there's anything that needs to be updated, but for now we are in good shape to continue enforcing it.
 - (2) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added the following:
 - a. Flywheel was last week. The Mayor said it was great to see the companies in town and Jenny Rojanasthien did an amazing job putting it all together.
 - b. Kenzie's Landing was dedicated last Friday and is now open. The Mayor said it was the biggest turnout he's seen for a trailhead ribbon cutting.
 - c. One of the city digesters had an issue during the week. The spill has been cleaned up and emergency repairs will need to be made. The city will be operating only two of three digesters until the repair is made.
 - d. It's Apple Blossom time! The Mayor attended the Chief for a Day event today and it was the largest crowd he can remember!
 - (3) The Mayor will be attending the YWCA Stand Against Racism event this evening right after City Council and then is heading to the Apple Blossom festivities at Memorial Park.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that Solid Waste has completed their comprehensive plan and will be providing a template for cities to use to implement. Solid Waste will be presenting at the May 11, 2023 meeting. He also reported that a grant from Ecology has been received for the Moderate Risk Waste Facility. The city's match will be approximately \$66,000.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she attended the AWC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging Committee on Tuesday. The committee works to provide cities with information to implement DEI. She also reported that she will be attending the on-site meeting at the Wenatchee Rescue Mission on May 4 to kick off the engineering development phase to get a package together for the pallet shelters to be installed.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he attended the Chelan Douglas Homeless Task Force meeting just prior to the council meeting today. They performed grant interviews and said there is a lot of work that goes into the program and it's not always easy. There are a lot of great providers in the community working very hard.

7. Announcements

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 6:22 p.m.



Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk