



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 11, 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; Assistant City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy McCord; IS Support Tim McCord; Operations Manager Aaron Kelly; Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar; Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Police Chief Steve Crown

#### 4:45 p.m. Executive Session

Executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to convene in executive session for a time period not to exceed 5:15 p.m. with legal counsel present, to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase 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.*

The executive session ended at 4:56 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 Jose Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating in the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

## 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Carl Ellard, 1500 Third Street, Wenatchee, presented photos showing trash from camps along the waterfront loop trail and his concerns with the new pedestrian bridge being built to include rocks and boulders to deter camping.

## 3. Consent Items:

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*  
Vouchers:  
Wires #1588-#1590 in the amount of \$54,824.16 for April 25, 2023  
Claim checks #207389 through #207473 in the amount of \$1,003,828.00 for April 27, 2023  
Claim checks #207474 through #207475 in the amount of \$32,648.23 for April 27, 2023  
Claim checks #207488 through #207496 in the amount of \$23,100.76 for April 28, 2023  
Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,029,878.73 for April 28, 2023  
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$588,457.29 for May 5, 2023  
Claim checks #207497 through #207572 in the amount of \$593,448.41 for May 4, 2023  
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$2,041.54 for May 5, 2023  
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$17,548.67 for May 5, 2023
- *Motion for City Council to approve the Final Contract Voucher with TW Clark Construction, LLC for Project No. 1716 – Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment project, and authorize the Mayor’s signature.*

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings and for City Council to approve the Final Contract Voucher with TW Clark Construction, LLC for Project No. 1716 – Wenatchee City Hall Redevelopment project, and authorize the Mayor’s signature. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

## 4. Presentations

- Jonathan Garcia-Mendoza Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas and presented to Jonathan Garcia-Mendoza.
- Police Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Mike Poirier and presented to Police Chief Steve Crown and Wenatchee Police Department Officers.
- Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien and presented to Gloria Vasquez and childcare providers.
- Public Works Week Proclamation read by Councilmember Linda Herald and presented to Public Works Director Rob Jammerman and public works staff.
- National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Mark Kulaas and presented to Historic Preservation Board member Heather Ostenson.
- Common Ground Presentation – Serve Wenatchee Valley Executive Director Thom Nees presented an informational power point presentation for the Common Ground Housing Trust.

## 5. Action Items

### A. Chelan County Solid Waste Management Plan

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly and Chelan County Solid Waste Coordinator Brenda Blanchfield presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2023-10, approving and adopting the Chelan County Solid Waste Management Plan dated April 2023. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### B. Lease Agreement between the Wenatchee Valley Young Men's Christian Association and the City of Wenatchee for Parking

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease Agreement between the Wenatchee Valley Young Men's Christian Association and the City of Wenatchee for parking. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan Amendment

Public Works Deputy Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented an informational power point presentation and the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt the City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan Amendment. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### D. City Project 2007 – Springwater Avenue Improvements

Budget Amendment

Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to amend the project budget, and, pending TIB concurrence, award the contract for construction of the Springwater Avenue Improvements to the lowest responsive bidder and further authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract documents. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. City Project 2007 – Springwater Avenue Improvements  
Authorization to Negotiate for Consultant Services

Engineering Services Manager Jacob Huylar presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with TranTech Engineering, LLC for construction management services on the Springwater Avenue Improvements project and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Red Apple Road – Vista Place to Miller Street, Project #2315 – Consultant Agreement

Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to negotiate with SCJ Alliance for public outreach services for Red Apple Road – Vista Pl. to Miller St. – Project No. 2315 and further authorize the Mayor to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Ordinance No. 2023-06 – Amendments to the 2023 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt Ordinance 2023-06 amending the 2023 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-28, to revoke, recall or decrease all or a portion of total appropriations provided, and entering findings that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. Historic Preservation Board Member Appointments – Blythe Kelly

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2023-11 appointing Blythe Kelly to the Wenatchee Historic Preservation Board to fill a vacant term expiring December 31, 2024. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) The Apple Blossom Festival went very well. Police calls were slightly higher but no major concerns.
  - (2) The All Service Club Luncheon was wonderful.
  - (3) We have a new Police Officer, Norman Criss, a lateral from Austin, Texas.
  - (4) The Mayor attended the grand opening of the new East Wenatchee Police Department building.
  - (5) The city has been successful on the latest round of grants awarded. Public Works Director Rob Jammerman listed the following projects that were awarded grant funding: Roundabout at Crawford and Okanogan; Orchard Street improvements; and pedestrian/bike paths where the old Pioneer irrigation easement behind EZ's and Discount Tires is located.
  - (6) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria added that there are two events next week:
    - (a) 5/23 at 4:00 p.m., Lincoln Park reopening ceremony; and
    - (b) 5/25 at 4:30 p.m., Okanogan Street Community Garden opening.
  - (7) The Mayor also announced the recycle event being held on Saturday, May 13.
- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that Rivercom is conducting interviews for the executive director position. He attended the Reimagine Wenatchee site tour and the open house at Pybus and is excited about the visioning. He reminded everyone that Pybus Market will be celebrating 10 years on Saturday.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that the Museum Board met this week and they will be reaching out to the city about their remodel project and the entrance to the Museum being moved to the Centennial Park side of the building.

## 7. Announcements

8. **Close of Meeting.** With no further business, the meeting closed at 6:59 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk