



## **WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, March 16, 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 J. Kuntz; Councilmember Jose Cuevas, Councilmember Mike Poirier, Councilmember Top Rojanasthien (via phone), Councilmember Travis Hornby, Councilmember Mark Kulaas and Councilmember Keith Huffaker.

Staff Present: Executive Services Director Laura Gloria, City Attorney Danielle Marchant, IS Support Zach Steele, Finance Director Brad Posenjak, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson

#### **5:15 p.m. Work Session**

##### Discussion Items:

- A. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented a Power Point Presentation and update of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan, including goals, objectives and implementation for the updated plan.
- B. Councilmember Salaries/Salary Commission – Councilmember Kulaas opened the discussion recommending a better way for salary adjustments for the Mayor and Councilmembers through a salary commission. Human Resources Director Kari Page went over the draft ordinance establishing a Salary Commission. City Attorney Danielle Marchant also provided an overview of the statute. The Mayor and Councilmembers discussed. A Salary Commission will make it much more efficient to determine Councilmember salaries.

It was the consensus of the Council that there be a three-person Salary Commission (a quorum to be three members, and a majority two) to review at least annually the salaries of the Councilmembers.

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- C. Councilmember Community Engagement – Councilmember Mike Poirier opened the discussion on community engagement. He would like to see the City Council more open and transparent, and be more accessible to constituents. City Attorney Danielle Marchant said there is no reason Councilmembers could not hold a town hall meeting, but recommended not having a quorum for town hall meetings or other types of events (however, during an election year Councilmembers cannot promote themselves during official business). The Mayor’s office is available to assist.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 6:12 p.m.

  
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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

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Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk