



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 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 McCord, IS Support Zach Steele; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Parks Administrative Assistant Cammy Coble; Parks Intern Cameron Wheeler; Public Works Administrative Assistant Anna Carr; Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Senior Engineer-Utilities Jeremy Hoover; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Police Captain Brian Chance; Police Administrative Sergeant Nathan Han

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 5:16 p.m. *(the meeting started a little late due to technical difficulties)*. Councilmember Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Jack Eaton, 1216 First Street, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council regarding the city's contract with the Wenatchee School District for School Resource Officers that is up for renewal next month.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #208028 through #208140 in the amount of \$3,109,301.97 for June 15, 2023
Claim checks #208141 through #208153 in the amount of \$31,234.08 for June 22, 2023
Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$10,656.50 for June 30, 2023
Claim checks #208155 through #208168 in the amount of \$109,960.83 for June 29, 2023
Claim checks #208169 through #208257 in the amount of \$1,002,469.57 for June 29, 2023
Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,231,967.46 for June 30, 2023
Claim checks #208154 and #208271 through #208283 in the amount of \$26,058.66 for June 30, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$6,433.06 for July 5, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$648,872.27 for July 5, 2023
Claim checks #208284 through #208286 in the amount of \$24,647.27 for July 6, 2023

- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, KRCI, LLC, Inc. on the Peachey Street Basin Water Quality Retrofit Project 1903, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee.*

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, KRCI, LLC, Inc. on the Peachey Street Basin Water Quality Retrofit Project 1903, and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Jose Cuevas and presented to Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Intern Cameron Wheeler who thanked the Council.
- Bird Scooters. Bird Scooter representative Max Pecina joined the meeting via phone to provide an update on Bird Scooters in Wenatchee and to address concerns. The Mayor requested another update from Bird Scooters on August 10.

5. Action Items

- A.** Resolution No. 2023-16, appointing Tiffany Petty to the Tourism Promotion Area Board

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Councilmember Linda Herald recused herself from this agenda item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2023-16, appointing Tiffany Petty to the Tourism Promotion Area Board for a term ending December 31, 2025. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0; Herald recuse).

- B.** Memorandum of Agreement related to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Confluence Parkway Project

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Council asked questions. Brian Predmore, District Manager of Feast Investments, also addressed the Council regarding his concerns about the possibility of Denny's restaurant being demolished.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for the City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Chelan County PUD, the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the City of Wenatchee executed pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b)(iv) regarding the Confluence

Parkway project, Chelan County, Washington. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- C. Lease Agreement with Cascadia Conservation District for space at the Public Services Center

Operations Manager Aaron Kelly presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the lease agreement with Cascadia Conservation District for a portion of space at the Public Services Center and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[Councilmember Jose Cuevas left the meeting.]

- D. Eider Properties, LLC Multi-Family Tax Exemption Agreement Amendment (1101 and 1105 Red Apple Road)

Planning Manager Stephen Neuenschwander presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Chris Weidner and Flint Neely addressed the Council. Council asked questions and commented.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2023-17, approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Multifamily Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Eider Properties, LLC, and approving and authorizing the execution of a First Amended and Restated Multifamily Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and 1101 Red Apple, LLC. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

At 6:50 p.m. the Mayor called for a 5-minute recess. The meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m.

- E. Amendment to Service Agreement with Chelan County Public Utility District

Police Chief Steve Crown presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature for Amendment No. 15 to Service Agreement (No. 10-182) which reflects the reimbursement from the Chelan County Public Utility District to purchase e-bicycles and associated equipment. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

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

1. The Mayor attended a meeting with the potential purchaser of the old fire station, together with Executive Services Director Laura Gloria and Councilmember Top Rojanasthien, as they continue to work through a Purchase and Sale Agreement.
2. Bids were opened this week for the renovations on the third floor of the building for the Attorney General's office. All bids were double the estimated costs and will need to be reconsidered.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Mike Poirier attended the Red Apple Road Pop-Up Event and commended Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell for her outstanding job with the event. He would like to see more events like this for projects.

Councilmember Linda Herald attended the Misawa Sister City meeting. She also attended the AWC Annual Conference which was great, and is a member on the AWC DEIB panel, which is doing great work!

Councilmember Mark Kulaas announced that Link Transit has a new CEO, Nick Covey. There is a TPA/LTAC meeting next week. The Museum Board met yesterday and continues to work on strategic planning for the capital campaign.

Councilmember Travis Hornby attended the Performing Arts Center ribbon cutting for the new administrative offices and said a few words at the event. He also attended the WDA board meeting.

7. Announcements. The next regular meeting is July 27.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 7:02 p.m.

Frank Kuntz

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. McCord

Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk