



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 10, 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 2 Mike Poirier; Councilmember Position 3 Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember Position 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember Position 5 Mark Kulaas; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker (via phone)

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; Public Works Administrative Assistant Anna Carr; Police Chief Steve Crown; Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; City Engineer Jake Lewing

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 Mike Poirier led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absences of Councilmember Linda Herald and Councilmember Jose Cuevas were noted for the record.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Becky French, 1913 3rd Street SE, East Wenatchee, on behalf of Simply Unique addressed the Council to suggest alternatives to closing Wenatchee Avenue for the Corvette Show that creates significant negative impacts to the business.

Lori Nelson 933 Coolidge Drive, Wenatchee, spoke of her concerns with the possibility of Denny's restaurant being demolished, the impact to Smitty's Restaurant with the current construction happening on North Wenatchee Avenue, and the recent decision by the city council to allow an apartment complex to change their tax credit agreement for low income housing.

Jack Eaton, 1215 First Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council to agree with Lori Nelson's concern about the low-income housing tax credit matter.

3. Consent Items:

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #208515 through #208607 in the amount of \$2,076,117.41 for July 26, 2023

Claim checks #208608 through #208611 in the amount of \$83,135.41 for July 27, 2023

Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,052,150.99 for July 31, 2023

Claim check #208625 in the amount of \$61,493.13 for July 31, 2023

Claim checks #208626 through #208633 in the amount of \$22,195.51 for July 31, 2023

Claim checks #208634 through #208736 in the amount of \$993,942.72 for August 3, 2023

- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, KRCl, LLC, on the Lincoln Park Renovation Project and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher.*

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, KRCl, LLC, on the Lincoln Park Renovation Project and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

4. Presentations

- Bird Scooters Update. Bird Scooter representative Julianne Muller was on the phone to provide an update on where Bird is with the scooters in Wenatchee. They have hired a new fleet manager and the scooters will be back up and running very soon. The Mayor and Council asked questions and commented.

5. Action Items

- A.** Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Dime Food Group for 136 South Chelan Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington

Executive Services Director Laura Gloria presented the staff report and Power Point Presentation. Council commented. Ian Nichols, David Nichols, and Kate Nichols were present via Microsoft TEAMS and provided a presentation and answered questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to approve the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with Dime Food Group, LLC for the former Fire Station building located at 136 South Chelan Avenue in the amount of \$520,000 and authorize the Mayor's signature. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

- B.** Amendment to East Cascade SWAT Team Interlocal Agreement Re Purchase of Lenco BearCat Armored Vehicle

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

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to approve and authorize the Mayor's signature for the amendment to the East Cascade SWAT Team Interlocal Agreement which reflects the initial purchase of the BearCat armored vehicle and the subsequent reimbursement by the partner agencies. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

C. Department of Enterprise Services – Tenant Improvement, Project No. 2321

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

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to reject all bids received for the Department of Enterprise Services – Tenant Improvement. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

6. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor called the public hearing to order and explained the public hearing process.

D. 2023 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby by for City Council to adopt the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan as presented. Councilmember Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

7. Reports

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

- (1) He attended National Night Out at all three locations and all were a success.
- (2) He attended a meeting with Congresswoman Schrier and NCW mayors regarding local issues.
- (3) He, staff, and Councilmember Kulaas met with Museum representatives last week to talk about the city's funding commitment to the Museum's remodel project. There is also a discussion to change the entrance to the Museum at Centennial Park. The Museum will present an update in a couple of months.
- (4) The Mayor attended the Tri-Commission meeting this week.
- (5) He and Chief Crown participated in a meeting at Pybus last evening on homeless issues.
- (6) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria announced that the city received two award letters today, one from Chelan County for \$65,000 for the North

Wenatchee Redevelopment Project CPIF, and \$1.5 million from the CDTC for the South End Pedestrian Bridge Project. Councilmember Poirier added that staff did an impressive job putting together the application.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker attended the solid waste meeting on Tuesday (although they did not have quorum). He stated that coming up will be a requirement for more recycling.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien attended the Community Action Council board meeting and toured the new facility which will be able to have a bigger operation to serve more people.

Councilmember Travis Hornby announced that Pybus will have a ribbon cutting on August 18 for the parking lot project, which is about 90% complete.

8. Announcements

The Mayor reminded everyone that the retirement celebration for Link Transit General Manager Richard DeRock is next Wednesday at Watercore.

He also reminded everyone that next week's meeting will be a special meeting, and no meeting on August 24. The next regular meeting after that is September 14.

9. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 6:32 p.m.

Frank Kuntz

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. McCord

Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk