



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 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 5 Mark Kulaas; Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald; 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 Tim McCord; Utility Planner Darci Mattioda; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Mike Hodgson; Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw; Transportation Planning and Development Engineering Manager Emma Honeycutt; City Engineer Gary Owen; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; 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 Mark Kulaas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absence of Councilmember Travis Hornby was noted. Councilmember Keith Huffaker participated in the meeting via phone conference.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Carl Ellard, 1500 3rd Street, Wenatchee, wished to thank Public Works for all the work they are getting done in the community and also thanked the Police Department for the challenges they are addressing with the transient community.

A. Gerschbach addressed the Council with concerns about Hale Park and the drugs and homeless issues at the park and would like to see more police presence at the park.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #208287 through #208396 in the amount of \$1,504,810.81 for July 6, 2023

Claim checks #208397 through #208435 in the amount of \$420,878.66 for July 13, 2023

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$457,210.00 for July 20, 2023

Claim checks #208436 through #208447 in the amount of \$6,443.25 for July 20, 2023
Claim checks #208448 through #208514 in the amount of \$3,312,256.51 for July 20, 2023
Wires #1596 through #1598 in the amount of \$68,390.23 for July 25, 2023
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$11,576.53 for July 31, 2023

- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Central Paving, LLC, Inc. on the 2022 Pavement Preservation Project #2110 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee.*

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Central Paving, LLC, Inc. on the 2022 Pavement Preservation Project #2110 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the Final Contract Voucher Certification on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Action Items

A. Broadview Sewer and Stormwater Improvements Capital Project Amendment

Utility Planner Darci Mattioda presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve the capital project budget for Project No. 2107, Broadview Sewer and Stormwater Improvements, and authorize the Mayor's signature on the amendment for scope of services from Osborn Consulting, Inc. Councilmember Mike Poirier seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Wage Realignment of Engineering Services Manager and Reclassification of Financial Analyst – Public Works (PW) to Senior Financial Analyst - PW

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize Engineering Services Manager classification realignment from Grade MA9 to MA8 and reclassify Financial Analyst to Senior Financial Analyst resulting in a change from Grade MA19 to MA18 in the Management/Administrative Wage Schedule. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. RH2 Engineering General Services Agreement – Amendment No. 4 to Add Scope and Time

Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Mike Hodgson presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to amend the General Services Agreement contract for continuing to provide on-call design and programming support services with additional scope and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor will call the Public Hearing to order and state the ground rules, the purpose of the hearing, the action that the hearing body may take on the matter, will address the appearance of fairness doctrine, and will state the manner in which the hearing will proceed. Staff will first give a report, followed by testimony of experts and/or the applicant, followed then by public testimony. All speakers must speak into the microphone and clearly state their names and addresses. All comments should be addressed to the hearing body, should be relevant to the application, and should not be of a personal nature. Public testimony may be limited to three minutes, unless further time is granted by the Mayor. If there are a large number of speakers, a representative may be appointed to speak on behalf of the group.

D. Six Year Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

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

Transportation Planning and Development Engineering Manager Emma Honeycutt presented the staff report. The Mayor opened the hearing for public comment. There was no one who wished to speak. The City Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-08, adopting the 2024-2029 comprehensive six-year transportation improvement program, and directing the same to be filed with the Washington State Secretary of Transportation. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following and asked staff to add to the report:
 - (1) The Mayor attended a meeting today with City Engineer Jake Lewing and Senator Liias (Senate Chair of the Transportation Committee) and Senator Hawkins who are in town to look at the Confluence Parkway Project.
 - (2) Executive Services Director Laura Gloria announced that next Tuesday, August 1 is National Night Out, from 6-8 pm at three locations at Café, Washington Park, and Rotary Park.
 - (3) She also reported that next Tuesday, August 1, downtown parking changes from 3 hours to 2 hours.
 - (4) Public Works Director Rob Jammerman added that paving along Worthen Street will happen at night next August 2 and 3 to minimize impacts to the businesses during the day.
 - (5) City Engineer Jake Lewing reported they are in the middle of the Confluence build-design procurement process and received 5 RFQs. They are in the first round of meetings this week. There has been a lot of interest and they are really getting the best teams. He is confident the project will reach what is envisioned.
 - (6) The Mayor met with WSD Superintendent Kory Kallahar regarding the new women's softball field project, and are looking at Triangle Park.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported he will be out from August 7 through the end of August.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported she will be out on medical leave August 2 through September 1.

Councilmember Mark Kulaas reported that the LTAC/TPA meeting was held last week and they were introduced to the new Sports Tourism Director Jason Grover. He also reported that Link has been looking at rolling back the 1/10th sales tax approved by the voters (there is some anti-transit sentiment in the community, although Link Transit has implemented everything that they said they would implement). He also added that there are a lot of great events happening in the community for locals. He attended the PAC Alley Cabaret show last weekend and downtown's Night Market event, which were both really well attended and super events.

Councilmember Mike Poirier reported that Rivercom is not going to be able to move into the CTC building due to seismic building requirements. They now may be looking at purchasing some land for a new building.

7. Announcements

Due to some planned absences of councilmembers and Mayor Kuntz and Councilmember Kulaas traveling to Misawa next month, the August 24 council meeting is being canceled. Instead, a special meeting with the work session on August 17 will be scheduled.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting closed at 5:49 p.m.

Frank Kuntz

Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy L. McCord

Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk