



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday, November 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 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:** City Administrator Laura Gloria; City Clerk Tammy McCord; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; IS Support Tim McCord; Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Police Chief Steve Crown; Community Development Director Glen DeVries

### 5:15 p.m. Special Meeting

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** Mayor Frank J. Kuntz called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present with Councilmember Linda Herald participating via Microsoft Teams.

### 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Craig Day, 600 Riverside Drive, Wenatchee, addressed the Council.

Bryan Campbell, 1837 Jefferson Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council.

James McLaughlin, 2028 Center Court, Wenatchee, addressed the Council.

### 3. Consent Items:

- *Motion to approve agenda and vouchers.*

*Vouchers*

*Claim checks #209881 through #209965 in the amount of \$1,207,514.41 for November 9, 2023*

*Claim checks #209966 through #209975 in the amount of \$8,234.58 for November 9, 2023*

- *Motion for City Council to accept the work completed by the contractor, Matia Contractors, for the Pershing and Poplar Sewer Extension Project, City Project No. 2002, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee.*

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda and vouchers, and for City Council to accept the work completed by the contractor, Matia Contractors, for the Pershing and Poplar Sewer Extension Project, City Project No. 2002, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### 4. Presentations

- Small Business Saturday Proclamation read by Councilmember Travis Hornby and presented to Rosa Pulido and Josh Tarr who said a few words about the great things happening in downtown.
- Diabetes Awareness Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien and presented to Matthew Heppner and the Type 1 Diabetes Support Group members, who thanked the Council for the proclamation and support.

#### 5. Action Items

##### A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Hauling & Beneficial Use Contract for Boulder Park

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for the City Council to approve the contract for Biosolids Beneficial Use Services at the Boulder Park Project and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract document. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### B. Stormwater Rate Ordinance No. 2023-23

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Mike Poirier for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-23, amending section 9.16.060 "Service charge rates" of the Wenatchee City Code. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

##### C. City of Wenatchee Project No. 2206 – Parkside Renovation Project Change Order No. 2

Public Works Director Rob Jammerman presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the contract Change Order No. 2 with Rudnick and Sons LLC in the amount of \$140,922 and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**D. 2023 Budget Amendment**

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-21, amending the 2023 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-28, as amended by Ordinance No. 2023-06, 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 Mark Kulaas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

**6. Public Hearing Items.** The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

**E. 2024 Budget Adoption Public Hearing**

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. There were two comments, as follows:

Craig Day said he was concerned about revenues.

James McLaughlin said he would like to see the budget focused on other things (homeless, youth, law enforcement).

The Mayor turned the hearing back to the Council for action.

*Motion by Councilmember Mark Kulaas for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-22, adopting the Final Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

**7. Reports**

**a. Mayor's Report**

City Administrator Laura Gloria provided the Mayor's report:

1. The Mayor, Council and staff attended a dinner with the Wenatchee Downtown Association on Tuesday evening.
2. GIS Day was held on Wednesday, and highlighted the good work of the city's GIS team.
3. She reminded everyone that the next meeting on December 7 will begin at 4:00 p.m.

**b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees**

1. Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that the Chamber meeting times are being changed from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2. Councilmember Mike Poirier reminded everyone that you can text 911 in an emergency.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Close of Meeting.** With no further business, the meeting closed at 6:01 p.m.

*Frank J. Kuntz*

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Frank J. Kuntz, Mayor

Attest:

*Tammy L. McCord*

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Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk