



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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 Mike Poirier; Councilmember District 1 Jose Cuevas; Councilmember District 3 Top Rojanasthien; 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; IT Support Tim McCord; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw; Utility Planner Darci Ronning; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Community Development Director Glen DeVries

4:40 p.m. Executive Session. Mayor Mike Poirier called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. for the purpose of meeting in executive session.

Executive session to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. RCW 42.30.110(1)(h).

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker and seconded by Councilmember Jose Cuevas to convene in executive session for a time period not to exceed 5:10 p.m., with legal counsel present, to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). Motion carried (4-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:04 p.m.

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Mike Poirier called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Linda Herald led the Pledge of Allegiance. The excused absences of Councilmembers Hornby and Atkinson were noted for the record.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Jack Eaton, 1215 First Street, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council about his concerns with the Interlocal Agreement that the City entered into with the Wenatchee School District for School Resource Officers.

Denise McBurnie, 930 Wheeler Road, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council with her concerns about her missing son's case.

3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*
Vouchers:
Claim checks #210579 through #210651 in the amount of \$835,456.80 for January 4, 2024
Claim checks #210652 through #210655 in the amount of \$55,617.14 for January 4, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$20,026.78 for January 5, 2024
Claim checks #210656 through #210688 in the amount of \$796,071.95 for January 9, 2024
Claim checks #210689 through #210696 in the amount of \$10,109.74 for January 11, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$466,880.00 for January 19, 2024
Claim checks #210697 through #210749 in the amount of \$629,136.66 for January 11, 2024
Claim checks #210750 through #210782 in the amount of \$116,668.96 for January 16, 2024
Claim checks #210783 through #210798 in the amount of \$1,145.88 for January 18, 2024
- *Motion for City Council to approve the Final Contract Voucher with Halme Builders, Inc., for City Project No. SW23-08 Public Works Shop Building No. 4, Partial 2nd Floor Addition, and authorize the City Administrator's signature.*
- *Motion for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-02, appointing Paul Priestly as a member to the Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired three-year term, and reappointing Rosa Pulido to another three-year term to the Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Committee.*
- *Motion for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-03, appointing Paul Priestly as a member to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to an unexpired two-year term, and reappointing Rosa Pulido, Kyle McCubbin, and Darci Christoferson as members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for additional two-year terms.*

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to amend the agenda to add a new Item C, motion to interview candidates for the vacant council position; to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to approve the Final Contract Voucher with Halme Builders, Inc., for City Project No. SW23-08 Public Works Shop Building No. 4, Partial 2nd Floor Addition, and authorize the City Administrator's signature; to approve Resolution No. 2024-02, appointing Paul Priestly as a member to the Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired three-year term, and reappointing Rosa Pulido to another three-year term to the Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Committee; and to approve Resolution No. 2024-03, appointing Paul Priestly as a member to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to an unexpired two-year term, and reappointing Rosa Pulido, Kyle McCubbin, and Darci Christoferson as members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for additional two-year terms. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)(Herald conflict).

4. Action Items

- A. Broadview Sewer and Stormwater Improvements Project No. 2107 - Amendment 7 for Construction Engineering Support Services

Utility Planner Darci Ronning presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Amendment 7 to the professional services contract with Osborn Consulting Incorporated for City Project No. 2107, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

- B. Ninth Street Basin Stormwater Retrofit Project No. 2101 - Amendment 6 for Construction Engineering Support Services

Utility Planner Darci Ronning presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve Amendment 6 to the professional services contract with Osborne Consulting Incorporated for City Project No. 2101, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

- C. City Council District 2 Candidates

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to interview Armando Bendito-Zepeda, Chelsea Ewer, Jessica Johnson, and Stephen Maher to fill the vacancy of District 2 to occur on February 1, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. at Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

5. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor explained the public hearing process.

- D. 2022 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

The Mayor asked for public comment. No one commented.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to accept the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
 1. He signed the bond documents today for the Convention Center project;
 2. He and Mayor Crawford are participating together at "Coffee & Commerce" in the next couple of weeks;
 3. The Mayor and City Administrator Laura Gloria attended an economic development meeting this week with the Port District, and the Port is looking at creation of a *Brewery District*.
 4. City Administrator Laura Gloria added a kudos to the city's "snow plowing" team, and some great messages have been received from the public.
 5. She also added that the City and Port District will be hiring federal lobbyists to assist with transportation needs, and they signed an interlocal agreement today regarding that. A trip to Washington D.C. is being planned for spring.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Huffaker reported that he attended the Chamber meeting and handed it off to new City Councilmember Charlie Atkinson.

Councilmember Herald reported that the next meeting of the Misawa Sister City Association is next Thursday. They are working on plans for Apple Blossom. Misawa is sending a delegation of 20 for the festival. Linda is also attending AWC's City Action Days on February 7 and 8. She has also been appointed to serve on AWC's Legislative Priorities Committee.

7. Announcements. Reminder of the special meeting next week to interview candidates for District 2.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Mike Poirier

Mike Poirier, Mayor

Tammy McCord

Tammy McCord, City Clerk