



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 8, 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 2 Chelsea Ewer; Councilmember District 3 Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember District 5 Charlie Atkinson; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Laura Gloria; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; IT Support Zach Steele; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Parks and Recreation Director Dave Erickson; Public Works Operations Manager Aaron Kelly;

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

##### 1. Swearing-In Ceremony

Chelan County District Court Judge Allan Blackmon administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Chelsea Ewer who said a few words thanking attendees.

**2. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** Mayor Mike Poirier called the regular meeting to order at 5:24 p.m. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Councilmember Top Rojanasthien made a motion to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Cuevas, Herald, and Hornby. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

##### 3. Citizen Requests/Comments

Jerrilea Crawford, Mayor of East Wenatchee, addressed the City Council to congratulate the recent appointments of Councilmembers Charlie Atkinson and Chelsea Ewer.

Kris Cameron, 1217 Splett Street, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council with her concerns and to consider creating a ban or prohibition on the use of animals in circuses in our community.

Brooke Compton, 615 Marjo Street, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council to consider creating a ban on the use of animals in in circuses in our city

Cindy Volyn, 60 Sage View Lane, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council to consider creating a ban or prohibition on the use of animals in circuses in the community

### 3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*  
Vouchers:  
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$12,676.05 for January 31, 2024  
Claim checks #210799 through #210840 in the amount of \$1,019,094.72 for January 18, 2024  
Claim checks #210841 through #210844 in the amount of \$57,189.82 for January 18, 2024  
Check #210845 in the amount of \$48,330.00 for January 18, 2024  
Claim checks #210846 through #210895 in the amount of \$135,583.76 for January 25, 2024  
Claim check #210896 in the amount of \$18,851.73 for January 25, 2024  
Claim check #210897 in the amount of \$60,703.80 for January 30, 2024  
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$663,557.54 for February 5, 2024  
Benefits/Deductions in the amount of \$1,124,280.24 for January 31, 2024  
Claim checks #210910 through #210921 in the amount of \$9,985.49 for January 31, 2024  
Claim check #210922 in the amount of \$19,073.07 for February 1, 2024
- *Motion for City Council to approve the Final Contract Voucher with Cascade Central Construction, for City Project No. 2112 – Pinnacles Prep Charter School Phase 1.5A.*
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Petersen Brothers Inc., on City Project No. SW23-06, the 2023 Guardrail Improvements and Repair Project, 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, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to approve the Final Contract Voucher with the Final Contract Voucher with Cascade Central Construction, for City Project No. 2112 – Pinnacles Prep Charter School Phase 1.5A., and to accept the work performed by the contractor, Petersen Brothers Inc., on City Project No. SW23-06, the 2023 Guardrail Improvements and Repair Project, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson second the motion. Motion carried (4-0).*

### 4. Action Items

#### A. Hale Park Phase Three Project Engineering Consultant Selection

Presented by Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson.

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve of the selection of Pacific Engineering and Design for the Hale Phase Three Project and authorize the City Administrator to sign the standard city consultant agreement. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).*

**B. City Project No. 2407 – 9<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvements - Budget Approval and Grant Authorization**

Presented by Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

*Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to approve the project budget and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Transportation Improvement Board grant agreement forms. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).*

**C. Right-of-Way vacation for a portion of North Columbia Street**

Presented by Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve Resolution No. 2024-04, establishing a public hearing for the proposed North Columbia Street vacation on or after the March 14, 2024 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).*

**D. Documents related to the Wenatchee Convention Center Expansion and Renovation Project and the Numerica Performing Arts Center**

Presented by City Administrator Laura Gloria

Steve Robinson and Kelsey Dew addressed the Council in support on behalf of the Numerica Performing Arts Center.

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to approve the Construction Staging Area License Agreement, Demolition and Restoration Agreement, Third Amendment to Ground Lease with the Numerica Performing Arts Center and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson second the motion. Motion carried (4-0)*

## **6. Reports**

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
  1. The Chamber's "Coffee & Commerce" event will take place at City Hall on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am where he and City of East Wenatchee Mayor Crawford will be sharing past and future events
  2. The Mayor provided January 2024 stats from the Wenatchee Police Department Traffic Unit.
  3. He announced that the Wenatchee Downtown Association's Annual Appreciation Dinner is set for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Atkinson reported that he was a part of the onboarding of the Chelan Douglas Homeless Taskforce.

Councilmember Huffaker reported that he attended the quarterly Solid Waste meeting. Was given notice that Douglas County is building their own facility.

Councilmember Huffaker shared that both he and Mayor Poirier attended classes for Wenatchee Valley Learns where the students shared their presentations on what Wenatchee will look like in 100 years.

Councilmembers discussed changes of assignments for committee meetings. Councilmember Ewer was assigned to the Finance Committee. Councilmember Rojanasthien asked for someone to take the Museum board position and he will attend LTAC/TPA meetings. Councilmember Ewer opted to take the Museum board. Will check if City is a voting member of the board, may need an alternate.

**8. Close of Meeting.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

*Mike Poirier*

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Mike Poirier, Mayor

*Tammy McCord*

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Tammy McCord, City Clerk