



**WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, February 22, 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 2 Chelsea Ewer; Councilmember District 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember District 5 Charlie Atkinson; Councilmember At-Large "A" Linda Herald; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Laura Gloria; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy McCord, IT Support Tim McCord; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Parks and Recreation Director Dave Erickson; Project Engineer Nicole Brockwell; Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw; Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Mike Hodgson; Senior Utility Engineer Jeremy Hoover

**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 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Keith Huffaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to excuse Councilmember Top Rojanasthien. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

**2. Citizen Requests/Comments**

- (1) Emily Bjork, 518 Okanogan, Wenatchee, organized the Columbia Elementary School Advocate Group, provided a letter to the Council and addressed the Council with her concerns about safe routes to school if Columbia Elementary School closes and students are moved to Lincoln Elementary.
- (2) Dorothy Ferguson, 1650 Concord Place, Wenatchee, provided a map to the Council and addressed the Council about her concerns about safe routes to school and requested that the City of Wenatchee conduct a traffic assessment for safety routes from Columbia Elementary to Lincoln Elementary. The Mayor stated he will reach out to Superintendent Kory Kalahar regarding the concerns.

- (3) Josh Tarr, 946 Highland Drive, Wenatchee, and downtown business owner, thanked the city for coming to the Wenatchee Downtown Associations annual dinner last evening and a special shout out to Rob Richards, David Erickson and Jered Gardner for their work keeping downtown looking good. He addressed the Council about his concerns about drug-related issues that have been occurring in downtown. The incidents have been increasing and there is a need for increased patrols, surveillance, and better funding for law enforcement.
- (4) Tom Irvin and Dave Herald announced that the annual St. Patrick's Day parade is set for Sunday, March 17, 2024, to begin at 5'ish. They invited the Mayor to lead the parade. They will be sure to have a new scepter for the new Mayor.

### 3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #210923 through #210891 in the amount of \$700,863.18 for February 1, 2024

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$10,095.07 for February 5, 2024

Claim checks #210982 through #211041 in the amount of \$1,038,955.23 for February 8, 2024

Claim checks #211042 through #211054 in the amount of \$6,288.83 for February 8, 2024

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$458,495.00 for February 20, 2024

Claim checks #211055 through #211061 in the amount of \$12,899.00 for February 15, 2024

- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Jones Concrete, LLC, for the Unit Priced Concrete Flatwork Project No. SW22-05, and further authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher.*
- *Motion for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-05, amending the 2024 designations of voting representatives to various community boards, councils and organizations, and authorizing the representatives to vote on the City's behalf.*

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Jones Concrete, LLC, for the Unit Priced Concrete Flatwork Project No. SW22-05, and further authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher; and for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-05, amending the 2024 designations of voting representatives to various community boards, councils and organizations, and authorizing the representatives to vote on the City's behalf. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

### 4. Presentations

- Link Transit – Link Transit General Manager Nick Covey and Planning and Development Manager Christina Barone presented an update to the Council and a Power Point Presentation. The Mayor and Council commented and asked questions and thanked them for their presentation.

## 5. Action Items

### A. City Project No. 2323 – North Wenatchee Avenue Corridor Improvements Project

Project Engineer Nicole Brockwell presented the staff report and Power Point Presentation. Council commented.

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate with Jacobs for design services for the North Wenatchee Avenue Corridor Improvements Project, City Project No. 2323, and authorize the City Administrator to sign a contract on behalf of the City of Wenatchee pending WSDOT concurrence. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

### B. P'Squosa Plaza Project

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson presented the staff report. Council asked questions and commented.

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to accept the bid from JM Pacific construction, Inc. in the amount of \$223,581.83 for the P'Squosa Plaza Project, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the standard city project agreement. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

### C. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Influent Pump Project No. SW23-01

Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Mike Hodgson presented the staff report.

*Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Amendment No. 2 to the construction contract with Nordvind Sewer Service, LLC and further authorize the City Administrator to sign the construction change order. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

### D. Mitigated Permit Deposit Agreement between Crown Columbia Water Resources, LLC and the Regional Water System

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

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the Mitigated Permit Deposit Agreement between Crown Columbia Water Resources, LLC and the Regional Water System and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).*

E. Amendment No. 2 to the Regional Water Technical Support for Confluence Parkway Agreement

Public Works Director Jessica Shaw presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Regional Water Technical Support for Confluence Parkway Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building Improvements – Project No. 2106

Senior Engineer Jeremy Hoover presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to negotiate with RH2 Engineering for SCADA Programming Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building Improvements - Project No. 2106 and further authorize the City Administrator to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Staff further recommends the City Council authorize an amendment to the project budget as detailed below. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to amend the motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with RH2 Engineering for SCADA Programming Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Building Improvements - Project No. 2106 and further authorize the City Administrator to sign a contract on behalf of the City. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to authorize an amendment to the project budget as detailed in the agenda packet. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

## 6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
- (1) The Mayor attended the Wenatchee Downtown Association's annual banquet last evening and it was a very nice and positive evening;
  - (2) He and East Wenatchee Mayor Jerrilea Crawford presented the "State of the Cities" last week as part of the Chamber's Coffee & Commerce program; and
  - (3) The Mayor also reminded everyone that the next meeting is March 7, due to the Chamber Banquet being scheduled on March 14.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she has been asked to serve on the AWC Legislative Priorities Board representing District 3, and asked that everyone share their ideas with her. She also reported that plans are underway for the Misawa visit during the Apple Blossom Festival and she is coordinating the welcoming dinner.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that he attended a retirement party today for Solid Waste Coordinator Brenda Blanchfield who is retiring after 30 years of service.

Councilmember Charlie Atkinson reported that yesterday he attended a strategic planning meeting of the Chelan Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force.

**7. Announcements.** None.

**8. Close of Meeting.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*Mike Poirier*

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Mike Poirier, Mayor

*Tammy McCord*

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Tammy McCord, City Clerk