



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 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 3 Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember District 4 Travis Hornby; Councilmember District 5 Charlie Atkinson; 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; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman

5:15 p.m. Special Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Mayor Mike Poirier called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Linda Herald was absent.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to excuse Councilmember Linda Herald. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Citizen Requests/Comments.

- (a) Dorothy Ferguson, 1650 Concord Place, Wenatchee, a member of the Columbia Parents Advocacy Group, spoke concerning safe walking routes to school, with the possible closure of Columbia Elementary and those students then attending Lincoln Elementary, and students crossing the busy Ferry/Russell and Miller Streets.
- (b) Lois Ferguson, 1650 Concord Place, Wenatchee, also addressed the City Council concerning safe walking routes to school, and provided traffic analysis handouts.
- (c) Emily Bjork, 518 Okanogan Avenue, Wenatchee, requested the city provide an analysis for safe routes to school prior to the School Board's meeting on April 18. Public Works Director Rob Jammerman said that staff have reached out to the School District and have a meeting set to discuss, along with the Police Department, and that safe walking routes for children are very important to the city. Emily asked if members of the committee could also be a part of those discussions.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #211062 through #211147 in the amount of \$813,823.45 for February 15, 2024

Claim checks #211148 through #211217 in the amount of \$763,232.42 for February 22, 2024

Claim checks #211218 through #211219 in the amount of \$65,513.78 for February 22, 2024

Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$12,734.85 for February 29, 2024

Wires #1614 through #1616 in the amount of \$27,585.69 for February 26, 2024

Claim checks #211220 through #211283 in the amount of \$493,550.63 for February 21, 2024

Claim checks #211284 through #211289 in the amount of \$4,460.55 for February 29, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Presentations

- Red Cross Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Doug Jones on behalf of the local Red Cross.

5. Action Items

A. Donation of the Granite Fern Flower Sculpture to the Public Art Collection

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

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to accept the donation of the Granite Fern Flower sculpture from the Chelan PUD and include the sculpture in the Public Art Collection. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Contract Amendment 4 with Osborn Consulting for Development of a Draft and Final Plan for Pump Replacement of the Sewer Lift Station at the Wenatchee Rescue Mission

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Osborn Consulting for the development of a draft and final plan for the pump replacement of the existing lift station for the Wenatchee Rescue Mission as described in Exhibit A "Scope of Services" in an amount not to exceed \$55,726 as shown in Exhibit B "Fee Estimate." Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Appointment of Amber Bollinger to the Planning Commission

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, appointing Amber Bollinger to the Planning Commission for a four-year term. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:

- (1) He and the City Administrator will be in Washington DC next Monday-Wednesday along with the Port District for a regional approach concerning air service and regional infrastructure improvements.
- (2) He met with the Housing Authority's Executive Director this week and they will have a vacancy on their board.
- (3) He attended the Special Olympics Polar Plunge event and the opening ceremonies. There was an impressive 8,000 people at the ceremony.
- (4) City Administrator Gloria reported there are currently several job openings at the city, and there is a great need for a staff/project engineer with all of the upcoming capital projects. She also reported that the Traffic Unit reported their stats for February, which included 173 total traffic stops, 106 tickets issued, and 4 DUI arrests.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Chelsea Ewer attended a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant today. She has been meeting with staff and is getting great information to be prepared and knowledgeable. She reminded everyone that the Chamber banquet is next Thursday.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas toured Pacific Aerospace today, along with the Mayor and Councilmember Atkinson.

Councilmember Atkinson reported that the Chelan Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force met last week and he will be serving on an ad hoc committee dealing with rental assistance.

Councilmember Hornby reported that the Wenatchee Downtown Association is currently undergoing their national assessment for Main Street.

7. Announcements. The Mayor announced that it was City Attorney Danielle Marchant's birthday. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

8. Close of Meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Mike Poirier

Mike Poirier, Mayor

Tammy McCord

Tammy McCord, City Clerk