



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 23, 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 "A" Linda Herald; Councilmember At-Large "B" Keith Huffaker

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Laura Gloria; City Attorney Danielle Marchant, Assistant City Attorney Steve Smith; City Clerk Tammy McCord; IT Support Tim McCord; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Police Chief Steve Crown; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; City Engineer Jake Lewing; Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell.

### 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. Public Works Director Rob Jammerman led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present.

### 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Doug Miller, PO Box 605, Rock Island, WA (resident of Wenatchee), former City Councilmember, addressed the City Council regarding the Public Facilities District and the need for the city to review the original agreements to be sure terms are being met to debt being addressed and no expenses beyond care of the facility. The Mayor addressed his concerns and stated that the PFD board will be reviewing policy.

### 3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*  
Vouchers:  
Claim checks #300363 through #300483 in the amount of \$1,259,233.85 for May 9, 2024  
Claim checks #300484 through #300579 in the amount of \$2,290,670.10 for May 16, 2024
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-16, appointing Richard Upton as a voting member to the Code Enforcement Board.*
- *Motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-17, designating three City Councilmembers as voting representatives on behalf of the City of Wenatchee at the Association of*

*Washington Cities Annual Business Meeting Conference for 2024. (Councilmembers appointed are Linda Herald and Charlie Atkinson).*

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, to approve Resolution No. 2024-16, appointing Richard Upton as a voting member to the Code Enforcement Board; and to approve Resolution No. 2024-17, designating three City Councilmembers as voting representatives on behalf of the City of Wenatchee at the Association of Washington Cities Annual Business Meeting Conference for 2024. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

#### **4. Presentations**

- Memorial Day Proclamation read by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson.
- Chelan County PUD Presentation – Chelan County PUD Commissioner Kelly Allen presented an update on the Wenatchee Riverfront Park project and thanked the Mayor, Council and city staff for their partnership and work. The Mayor thanked Commissioner Allen and the PUD for taking the lead on project and the excellent work. Construction is expected to begin June 4 and will be complete in Spring of 2025.

#### **5. Action Items**

##### **A. Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Grant for Cemetery**

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

*Motion by Linda Herald for City Council to authorize the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director to sign a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) for the Cemetery Sign Project. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

##### **B. Confluence Parkway South, Project #2201.1 Budget Amendment**

Amendment #1 to Task Order CP South for Design Build Services with Kraemer Scarsella Brothers Joint Venture

City Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to amend the project budget and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment #1 to Task Order CP South with Kraemer Scarsella Brothers Joint Venture for the Confluence Parkway South project (Project No. 2201.1). Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

C. City Project 1801 – 9<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Crossing Project – BNSF C&M Agreement

City Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Agreement between the City of Wenatchee and BNSF for railroad crossing improvements to be constructed as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Crossing Project, City Project No. 1801. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Pallet Shelter Installation Change Orders

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to sign change orders in the amount of \$82,784.80 for the completion of the site and utility work at the Wenatchee Rescue Mission for the Pallet Shelter facility located at 1450 South Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Wenatchee Rescue Mission Sewer Lift Station Pump Replacement

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

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to authorize the financial contribution in the amount of \$74,000 for the sewer lift system to be rebuilt and upgraded at 1450 South Wenatchee Avenue for the Wenatchee Rescue Mission. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Bid Award for 2024 Pavement Preservation Project

Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for the City Council to authorize the City Administrator's signature and award the contract for City Project Number 2301 – 2024 Pavement Preservation to the lowest responsive bidder. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

## 6. Executive Session

Executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

At 5:49 p.m. Council met in Executive Session.

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to meet in executive session for a time period not to exceed 15 minutes, with legal counsel present, to consider the acquisition of real estate by purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Action is not expected to be taken following the executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Travis Hornby. Motion carried (7-0).*

At 6:04 p.m. it was announced that an additional 15 minutes was needed.

Council adjourned from executive session at 6:19 p.m.

## 7. Reports

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

- (1) This week was Public Works Week and the annual Public Works BBQ was held on Wednesday. It was Public Works Director Rob Jammerman's last Public Works BBQ as he is retiring the end of June. He provided words of wisdom to everyone in attendance at the BBQ.
- (2) The Mayor attended the pool reopening ceremony. Councilmember Ewer provided a speech and Councilmember Atkinson was one of the first to dive into the newly renovated pool.
- (3) There is an additional vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board, and he asked Council to share that.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting recently. The moderate waste facility has been doing great. They have shelves of donated products (some new) (paint, cleaning supplies, etc.) at the facility for people to take.

Councilmember Travis Hornby said Link Transit is moving forward with a new garage to house all of the new electric vehicles that have been ordered. Bids coming in a few weeks. A discussion has continued regarding the composition of the board.

Councilmember Chelsea Ewer reported that the pool reopening ceremony was very fun and very well attended. She gave kudos to Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for jumping in. The support for the project was great. She also attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he will participate in the Police Chief interviews.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she is on the AWC DEI committee and they are hosting a forum for Pride Month. She also serves on the AWC Legislative Policy Committee and she is pleased to report that the top two priorities are affordable housing and homelessness. She will attend the next Legislative Policy Committee meeting at the annual AWC convention.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Close of Meeting.** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

*Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).*

*Mike Poirier*

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Mike Poirier, Mayor

*Tammy McCord*

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Tammy McCord, City Clerk