



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 13, 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."

3:00 p.m. Work Session (Special Meeting)

Mayor Mike Poirier opened the work session at 3:00 p.m. The absence of Councilmember Top Rojanasthien was noted for the record.

(1) Plan to Address Homelessness.

Presentations were provided by City Administrator Laura Gloria, Community Development Director Glen DeVries, and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson. Information was presented to the Mayor and Council regarding the city's plan to address homelessness, which has been a priority of Mayor Poirier since he took office, with regular meetings and planning to address the matter. The presentations included the history and current approach strategy, statistics, and the response system including coordinated entry. Director Erickson presented information related to the proposed camping ordinance and shopping cart ordinance. The council asked questions and discussed their concerns. Police Chief Steve Crown provided his input. It was the direction of Council to revise the shopping cart ordinance to remove the impound fee and charge \$100 for the disposal fee.

4:45 p.m. Executive Session

Executive session to review the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. RCW 42.30.110(g).

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to meet in executive session for a time period not to exceed 25 minutes to review the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. RCW 42.30.110(g). Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:06 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. Wenatchee Police Chief Steve Crown led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien was absent.

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

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Cheyenne Stocker, PO Box 130, Chelan, WA, addressed the City Council about vandalism at her building on Columbia Street which caused a water leak she was unaware of resulting in a large billing from the city, and asked for a reduction with her water bill. She provided documentation to the City Clerk and staff will follow up.

Paul Schmidt, 145 South Franklin, Wenatchee, addressed the City Council concerning the homeless population. He also thanked Police for the additional traffic enforcement and all they are doing.

Greg Peterson, 460 19th Street NE, East Wenatchee, and property owner in Wenatchee at 200 Ferry Street, appreciated the work session on the homeless strategy. He asked why doesn't the city just return the shopping carts to the businesses where they came from?

3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*
Vouchers:
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$468,150.00 for May 20, 2024
Claim checks #300580 through #300660 in the amount of \$332,702.22 for May 23, 2024
Wires #129 and #130 and claim checks #300662 through #300749 in the amount of \$1,557,136.86 for May 30, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$11,471.96 for May 31, 2024
Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,105,763.40 for May 31, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$657,096.01 for June 5, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$16,108.80 for June 5, 2024
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work completed by Midland Electric, Inc. for the Damaged Luminaire Replacements Project, City Project No. SW20-10, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee.*
- *Motion for City Council to accept the work performed by the contractor, Stripe Rite, Inc., for the 2024 Long Line Striping Project No. SW24-01, and further authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher.*
- *Resolution No. 2024-18, appointing Nadine Stika as a member to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to an unexpired term.*

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings; to accept the work completed by Midland Electric, Inc. for the Damaged Luminaire Replacements Project, City Project No. SW20-10, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher on behalf of the City of Wenatchee; to accept the work performed by the contractor, Stripe Rite, Inc., for the 2024 Long Line Striping Project No. SW24-01, and further authorize the City Administrator to sign the Final Contract Voucher; and to approve Resolution No. 2024-18, appointing Nadine Stika as a member to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to an unexpired term. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

4. Presentations

- Pride Month Proclamation read by Linda Herald and presented by Mayor Mike Poirier to Wenatchee Pride President Kelsey Riggs, who said a few words about the upcoming Pride Festival on June 22.
- Proclamation honoring retiring Police Chief Steve Crown read by Mayor Mike Poirier and presented to Police Chief Steve Crown who said a few words and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Chief Crown's last day with the city is tomorrow, June 14.
- CAFÉ presented Chief Crown with a plaque of recognition to honor his service and assistance with the recovery navigator program. Chief Crown thanked CAFÉ and was appreciative of the incredible partnership with CAFÉ.

5. Action Items

A. Housing Authority Board Appointment (Vanessa Saldivar)

City Administrator Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Vanessa Saldivar was also present and introduced herself.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-19, appointing Vanessa Saldivar as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee to fill an unexpired three-year term. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Director of Information Technology Appointment

City Administrator Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-20, confirming the mayoral appointment of Elizabeth Rossiter to the office of Director of Information Technology. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Lease with Automated Logic Corporation

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and sign the lease agreement with Automated Logic Corporation for approximately 1,200 square feet of office space located at 301 Yakima Street, Suite 315. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Capital Project Budget Sheet Update for the 2024 Pavement Preservation Project

Project Engineer Charlotte Mitchell presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to approve the amended Project Budget Sheet for the 2024 Pavement Preservation Project, City project number 2301. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**E. Amendment to Contract with KPG, Psomas for Construction Administration
City Project #2301 - 2024 Pavement Preservation**

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to sign an amendment to the contract with KPG Psomas, Inc., for construction administration services for 2024 Pavement Preservation Project, City Project #2301. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Update of Wenatchee Municipal Code Relating to Camping

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson and City Attorney Danielle Marchant presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2024-11, amending sections of Chapter 6A.18 of the Wenatchee City Code regarding camping and the prohibition of entry upon or in public facilities. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

G. Update of Wenatchee Municipal Code Relating to Shopping Carts

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director David Erickson and City Attorney Danielle Marchant presented the staff report. The ordinance was presented to Council at the work

session and was modified at their direction to remove the \$30 impound fee, and increase the disposal fee to \$100. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer for City Council to approve Ordinance No. 2024-12, of the City of Wenatchee, Washington, amending sections of Chapter 6A.14 Wenatchee City Code to declare abandoned shopping carts a public nuisance and to provide enforcement provisions related to abandoned shopping carts. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

H. Ordinance No. 2024-10 – Amendments to the 2024 Budget

Finance Director Brad Posenjak presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to approve Ordinance 2024-10 amending the 2024 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 2023-22, to revoke, recall or decrease all or a portion of total appropriations provided, and entering findings that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

6. Reports

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

- (1) He met with the State Auditor's office this week, as they began the city's annual audit.
- (2) He attended the Rivercom Board meeting and the Chelan Douglas Transportation Council meeting. He has asked City Engineer Jake Lewing to provide a report at next month's CDTC meeting on Confluence Parkway.
- (3) City Administrator Laura Gloria added the following: She reminded everyone that next Wednesday is Juneteenth and city offices will be closed for the holiday; there will be a follow up at the June 27 meeting for the Homeless Response Administrator position; today the Regional Port District held a groundbreaking for the Trades District (old Gigawatt facility); informational meetings for the Convention Center are going well and Elisa is doing a fantastic job of keeping all informed; she attended a meeting about the South Landing Project, along with Councilmember Cuevas and Engineering Services Manager Ryan Harmon.
- (4) The Mayor reported good news that Alaska Airlines will continue their twice daily flights out of Wenatchee, without the need for additional funding requests.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she and Councilmember Charlie Atkinson will be attending the AWC Annual Conference next week.

Councilmember Chelsea Ewer reported that the Museum Board has changed their meeting time and she has scheduling challenges with attending those meetings.

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that Councilmember Charlie Atkinson attended the WDA meeting in his place this month.

Councilmember Charlie Atkinson reported that everyone received an email from his neighbor concerning graffiti and he would like for everyone to read it and is hopeful for a response.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Mike Poirier

Mike Poirier, Mayor

Tammy McCord

Tammy McCord, City Clerk