



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 27, 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; Assistant City Attorney Steve Smith; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy McCord; IT Support Tim McCord; Human Resources Director Kari Page; Engineering Services Manager Ryan Harmon; Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover; Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Public Works Director Rob Jammerman; IT Director Elizabeth Rossiter; Police Captain Edgar Reinfeld

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. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Keith Huffaker participating via phone.

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Heidi Huber, owner of Simply Unique at 201 South Wenatchee Avenue, and her daughter Hayley Walters, addressed the Council with their concerns regarding the Reimagine Wenatchee plan and proposed parallel parking and bike lanes near their business.

Glen Wilson addressed the Council with his concerns about the way the homeless are being treated.

Manuel Valencia thanked the Mayor and everyone for their service and would like to see some shade at the Lincoln Park playground to protect children from the sun. He also requested officers to monitor speeds on Methow Street and Chelan and Walker.

3. Consent Items

- Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.
Vouchers:
Claim checks #300750 through #300841 in the amount of \$1,704,170.27 for June 6, 2024
Claim checks #300842 through #300954 in the amount of \$2,853,087.92 for June 14, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$467,650.00 for June 20, 2024
- Resolution No. 2024-21, appointing Clementine Belanger to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission.
- Resolution No. 2024-22, revising the regular meeting schedule and providing for special meetings for November and December, 2024.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, Resolution No. 2024-21, appointing Clementine Belanger to the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission, and Resolution No. 2024-22, revising the regular meeting schedule and providing for special meetings for November and December, 2024. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Presentations

- Wenatchee Police Department Citizens Academy – Detective Riley Koch provided information to the Mayor and City Council about the upcoming Wenatchee Police Department Citizens Academy and invited everyone to participate.

5. Action Items

A. Classification Addition to the 2024 Management/Administrative Group Wage Schedule

Human Resources Director Kari Page presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-16, repealing Ordinance No. 2023-20, authorizing the addition of the new Homeless Response Administrator classification to be placed within Grade MA12 of the 2024 Management/Administrative Group Wage Schedule. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

B. Public Works Director Appointment

City Administrator Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Council commented.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-23, confirming the mayoral appointment of Thomas Wachholder to the office of Director of Public Works. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

C. City Project 2304 – South Wenatchee Avenue Sidewalk Gap Filler - Authorization to Award Construction Contract

Engineering Services Manager Ryan Harmon presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to award the construction contract for the South Wenatchee Avenue Sidewalk Gap Filler Project, City Project No. 2304, to the lowest responsive bidder, Rudnick and Sons LLC, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract documents. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

D. Interlocal Agreement for Development and Implementation of Stormwater Management with Wenatchee Valley College

Stormwater Technician Kelsey Grover presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to authorize the City Administrator's signature on the Interlocal Agreement for the Development and Implementation of Stormwater Management with Wenatchee Valley College. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Fifth and Emerson Emergency Stormwater Main Repair

Deputy Public Works Director Jessica Shaw presented the details of the repair of the Fifth and Emerson stormwater main, as required after an emergency like this per city policy.

F. Public Works Fee Ordinances No. 2024-13, 2024-14, and 2024-15

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

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-13 amending the Public Works Department fees, Ordinance No. 2024-14 amending sewer connection fees, and Ordinance 2024-15 amending the water service fees. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

G. Lease Agreement with Rivercom for Space at the Police Station

Assistant City Attorney Steve Smith presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer for City Council to approve the lease agreement with RiverCom for a portion of space at the Police Station and authorize the City Administrator to sign the lease on behalf of the City of Wenatchee. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

H. Contract Award for Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Process

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 enter into a contract with BERK Consulting, Inc. for the City of Wenatchee Comprehensive Plan Update and Environmental Review, as generally described in the proposal from BERK, to be finalized in a complete and final contract and scope of work in the amount of \$438,100.00. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

6. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported on the following:
 - (1) The Rivercom board has been discussing a change in voting members from 5 to 7. It was recently approved – he voted against it.
 - (2) He attended the State Auditor's entrance conference.
 - (3) Public Works Director Rob Jammerman and IT Director Dale Cantrell are retiring this week. Tomorrow is their last day, and the Mayor is truly thankful for their service.
 - (4) The Museum Board has changed the dates and times of their regular meetings and Councilmember Ewer has a conflict.
 - (5) He reminded the Council to please let the Mayor or City Clerk know if they cannot make a Council meeting or committee meeting.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Ewer reported that the Museum Board meetings are now held on the second Wednesday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It is difficult for her to attend these meetings and a replacement will be needed. She also provided information she received from Chelan County about the "Purple Heart Trail" designating cities as Purple Heart Cities, with the purpose to show respect and recognition to those who have given so much. She will forward the information to the City Clerk to share with the Council for consideration.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she and Councilmember Charlie Atkinson attended the AWC Conference and she also attended the Legislative Priorities Committee meeting. The next meeting is July 25 and they hope to wrap up their work by September so that AWC staff can begin work on priorities for the State Legislature. She will provide a list of the priorities to Council.

Councilmember Charlie Atkinson reported that he was the flag carrier for the City of Wenatchee at the AWC Conference. He reported that it was an excellent conference with well-run sessions. He also shared that his neighbor would like the city to consider a Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the City Clerk had shared the request with the Council via email last week.

Councilmember Keith Huffaker said the issue of increasing voting members on the Rivercom Board make it harder to make decisions and dilute the vote. Looks like they kept bringing the issue back until they got what they wanted.

Councilmember Travis Hornby said the Rivercom matter to increase voting members was brought up twice while he served on the Board, and was voted down both times. He also reported that he attended the Chamber sponsored advisory board airport meeting recently and they are looking at ways to have a third flight out of Wenatchee. He also attended the WDA economic committee and they have some good ideas to spur economic growth.

7. Announcements

8. Close of Meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilmember Travis Hornby. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Mike Poirier

Mike Poirier, Mayor

Tammy McCord

Tammy L. McCord, City Clerk