



WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 11, 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 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 Zach Steele; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Engineering Services Manager Ryan Harmon; IT Director Elizabeth Rossiter

4:45 p.m. Executive Session

Executive session to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

Action Requested: *Motion for City Council to meet in executive session for a time period not to exceed 20 minutes, with legal counsel present, to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). The Council is not expected to take further action following the executive session.*

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to meet in executive session for a time period not to exceed 20 minutes, with legal counsel present, to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). The Council is not expected to take further action following the executive session. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Council adjourned from executive session at 5:08 p.m.

5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The Mayor asked Brad Pieratt, Commander of the Wenatchee Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Travis Hornby was absent.

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

2. Citizen Requests/Comments

1. Charlie Hickenbottom, 127 South Franklin, Wenatchee, complemented the city for the new bridge extension being planned to connect East Wenatchee for pedestrians and bicycles. He also addressed his concern regarding the lack of planning for bicycle parking with the convention center remodel.
2. Mark Self, 246 North Delaware, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with his concerns regarding illegal activity at 304 North Delaware.
3. Jess McDonnell, 620 Third Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns regarding illegal activity at 304 North Delaware.
4. James McDonnell, 630 Third Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with his concerns regarding illegal activity at 304 North Delaware.
5. Vivian McDonnell, 630 Third Street, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns regarding illegal activity at 304 North Delaware.
6. Leah Laitala, 305 North Delaware, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with her concerns regarding illegal activity at 304 North Delaware.
7. Denise McBurnie, 930 Wheeler Hill Road, Wenatchee thanked Wenatchee Police Department and especially Detective Hewitt for the work they do. She also spoke about the drone search company that is raising funds to perform a search in the area for her missing son.

3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #300955 through #301050 in the amount of \$979,589.35 for June 20, 2024
Wire #131 and checks #301051 through #301096 in the amount of \$271,311.16 for June 27, 2024
Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$11,471.96 for June 28, 2024
Benefits/deductions in the amount of \$1,372,652.16 for June 28, 2024
Claim checks #301097 through #301173 in the amount of \$3,322,050.66 for July 5, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$708,503.49 for July 5, 2024 for July 5, 2024
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$12,504.29 for July 5, 2024

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

4. Presentations

- Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation read by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson and presented to City of Wenatchee Parks & Recreation Staff and Parks Board Member Lyle Markhart.

5. Action Items

A. Chief of Police Confirmation and Swearing-In Ceremony

City Administrator Laura Gloria presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-25, confirming the mayoral appointment of Edgar Reinfeld to the office of Police Chief. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Mike Poirier then administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief Edgar A. Reinfeld, Jr.

B. Resolution No. 2024-24 Adopting a Social Media Policy

City Administrator Laura Gloria presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2024-24, adopting a citywide Social Media Policy. Councilmember Keith Huffaker seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

C. Participation documents regarding the Kroger Co. Washington State-Wide Opioid Settlement

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

Motion by Councilmember Keith Huffaker for City Council to authorize the Finance Director to sign any documents approved by the City Attorney to effectuate the City's participation in the Kroger Co. Washington State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**D. City Project No. 2201.2 – South End Bike/Ped Access Bridges
Interlocal Agreement with City of East Wenatchee**

Engineering Services Manager Ryan Harmon presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to authorize the City Administrator to execute an Interlocal Agreement for construction and maintenance of a new shared-use path bridge with the City of East Wenatchee. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

E. Multi-Year Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement

IT Director Elizabeth Rossiter presented the staff report. Council asked questions.

Motion by Councilmember Linda Herald for the City Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a three-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, with a 2024 budget impact of \$118,632.04, including tax, and approve annual payments over the term. Councilmember Top Rojanasthien seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

F. RiverCom Interlocal Agreement

City Administrator Laura Gloria presented the staff report. The Mayor and Council commented and asked questions.

Action Requested: *Motion for the City Council to approve the RiverCom 2024 Amended and Restated Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.*

No motion made. The motion dies for lack of a motion.

6. Reports

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

- (1) An open house for the Confluence Parkway Project is scheduled for Monday, July 15 from 5pm to 7pm here at City Hall.
- (2) He attended the Chelan Douglas Transportation Council meeting today and they are working on projects to go to the legislature. The direction is that Confluence Parkway is the highest priority for our region.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Keith Huffaker reported that Chelan County is within the boundaries of the new law for commercial businesses to begin food waste composting. The health district is leading the compliance efforts. The requirement begins in 2025.

Councilmember Charlie Atkinson attended a meeting with Bob Stoehr and Jeff Wilkens and discussed inclusion of bicycles in transportation planning and projects.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas said he threw the first pitch at last week's Apple Sox game. He is also setting up appointments with the Police Department and Public Works to get updates on projects.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien said that the Chelan Douglas Community Action Council has now received their operating permit and has opened their food pantry.

Councilmember Linda Herald reported she will be absent from next week's Work Session meeting.

7. Announcements. None.

8. Close of Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Top Rojanasthien

Top Rojanasthien, Mayor Pro Tem

Tammy McCord

Tammy McCord, City Clerk