



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 25, 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 Pro Tem Top Rojanasthien; Councilmember District 1 Jose Cuevas; Councilmember District 2 Chelsea Ewer; Councilmember District 4 Travis Hornby; 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 Zach Steele; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Public Works Director Tom Wachholder; Police Chief Edgar Reinfeld; City Engineer Jake Lewing; IT Director Elizabeth Rossiter; Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer; Community Development Director Glen DeVries

#### 5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** Mayor Pro Tem Top Rojanasthien called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. (Mayor Mike Poirier was on vacation). Councilmember Travis Hornby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson was absent,

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

**2. Citizen Requests/Comments.** None.

#### 3. Consent Items

- *Motion to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings.*  
Vouchers:  
Claim checks #301174 through #301309 in the amount of \$660,188.05 for July 11, 2024  
Payroll distribution in the amount of \$461,585.00 for July 19, 2024
- *Motion for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-26, confirming the appointment of Stephen Roe to the Civil Service Commission.*
- *Motion for City Council to approve the Final Contract Vouchers with Allied Trenchless, Apollo, Inc., and Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Effluent Line Emergency Repair Project, City Project 2324, and authorize the City Administrator's signature.*

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby to approve the agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-26, confirming the appointment of Stephen Roe to the Civil Service Commission, and for City Council to approve the Final Contract Vouchers with Allied Trenchless, Apollo, Inc., and Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Effluent Line Emergency Repair Project, City Project 2324, and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

#### 4. Presentations

- Purple Heart City Proclamation read by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer. Mayor Pro Tem Top Rojanasthien announced that there will be an event on August 7 at Pybus Market from 5:00 p.m. to 8:0 p.m. to honor Veterans in our community.

#### 5. Action Items

- A. Proposed amendment of Section 2.10.020 of the Wenatchee City Code relating to the appointment and the removal from the Code Enforcement Board

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Chelsea Ewer for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-19, amending Section 2.10.020 of the Wenatchee City Code relating to the appointment to and the removal from the Code Enforcement Board. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- B. Easement for Underground Utilities with Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Facilities Manager Elisa Schafer presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the underground utility easement and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

- C. Contract between Chelan County, Douglas County, Grant County, Okanogan County, the City of Wenatchee, the City of East Wenatchee, and the City of Moses Lake and Carelon Behavioral Health, Inc.

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

Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the Contract between Chelan County, Douglas County, Grant County, Okanogan County, the City of Wenatchee, the City of East Wenatchee, and the City of Moses Lake and Carelon Behavioral Health, Inc. and authorize the City Administrator's signature. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

## 6. Public Hearing Items

The Mayor will call the Public Hearing to order and state the ground rules, the purpose of the hearing, the action that the hearing body may take on the matter, will address the appearance of fairness doctrine, and will state the manner in which the hearing will proceed. Staff will first give a report, followed by testimony of experts and/or the applicant, followed then by public testimony. All speakers must speak into the microphone and clearly state their names and addresses. All comments should be addressed to the hearing body, should be relevant to the application, and should not be of a personal nature. Public testimony may be limited to three minutes, unless further time is granted by the Mayor. If there are a large number of speakers, a representative may be appointed to speak on behalf of the group.

Mayor Pro Tem Top Rojanasthien called the public hearing to order and stated the procedures for the public hearing.

### D. Confluence Parkway South, Project #2201.1 - Final Action on Ordinance No. 2024-09 authorizing the use of eminent domain affecting properties on North Miller Street and Hawley Street for completion of Confluence Parkway South Project

City Engineer Jake Lewing presented the staff report. Attorney Kinnon Williams provided a power point presentation and explained the eminent domain process. Council asked questions.

The following public comments were received:

1. Jeff Tontini, property owner in the impacted area, addressed the Council with his concern about the process being slow and discouraging, becoming a burden on property owners to search for a new location, and his concerns with a loss of income.
2. Jimmy Holman, owner of Earhardt's Collision Repair in the impacted area, addressed the Council with his frustrations and timing for relocating his business.
3. Rob Borst addressed his concerns about the construction and the taking of private property for the project.

There was no one else who wished to speak. Mayor Pro Tem Top Rojanasthien then asked if there were additional comments or questions from the Council. Council commented and asked additional questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-09, providing for the acquisition by eminent domain of property located near or adjacent to North Miller Street and Hawley Street, Wenatchee, Washington, for roadway improvements, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Linda Herald seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-1) (Huffaker nay).*

*[Councilmember Keith Huffaker left the meeting].*

## 7. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. City Administrator Laura Gloria provided the Mayor's report in the Mayor's absence:

- (1) National Night Out is scheduled for August 6 at Washington Park, Rotary Park and CAFÉ. Council is invited to attend this fun event.
- (2) An open house for the Confluence Parkway project was held last week and it was a full house with approximately 120 people in attendance.
- (3) City Administrator Laura Gloria provided a presentation about the Confluence Parkway project to the Washington State Transportation Commission yesterday in Chelan. It was a great way to talk about the project and get everyone up-to-date.
- (4) We still need a Museum Board representative from the Council.

- b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Linda Herald reported that she attended the AWC legislative priorities committee meeting this morning and highlighted the state-wide priorities. She said that AWC will be hosting a conversation with the Governor regarding homeless issues on August 22. She also reported this coming Tuesday is the next meeting of the Columbia River Homeless Task Force.

Councilmember Jose Cuevas reported that he will also be attending the Columbia River Homeless Task Force meeting next Tuesday.

Councilmember Chelsea Ewer reported that she attended the Finance Committee meeting which is always informative. She also reported that the Chamber had an opportunity to host the Indian Consulate General recently that she was able to participate in with her role at the Chamber. Tomorrow she will be attending the first training through AWC's leadership institute.

Councilmember Travis Hornby reported that Link Transit received bids for the new bus garage and it was awarded under budget, and construction will begin this year.

Councilmember Top Rojanasthien reported he also attended the Finance Committee meeting, and wished to congratulate Councilmember Hornby on celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## 8. Announcements. None.

## 9. Close of Meeting

*Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Travis Hornby. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Top Rojanasthien*

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Top Rojanasthien, Mayor Pro Tem

*Tammy McCord*

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Tammy McCord, City Clerk