



SPECIAL MEETING
JOINT MEETING OF THE CITIES OF WENATCHEE AND EAST WENATCHEE

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Wenatchee City Hall Council Chambers
301 Yakima Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

Present Wenatchee: 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

Present East Wenatchee: Mayor Jerrilea Crawford, Councilmember Position 2 Ken Arnold, Councilmember Position 3 Robert Tidd, Councilmember Position 4 Lacy Stockton, Councilmember Position 5 Shayne Magdoff, Councilmember Position 6 Christine Johnson

5:30 p.m. Special Meeting

1. Call to Order Joint Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call. Wenatchee Mayor Mike Poirier called the meeting to order. East Wenatchee Councilmember Christine Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Wenatchee City Councilmembers were present. East Wenatchee Councilmembers Botello and Hepner were absent.

2. Update on Plan to Address Homelessness. City of Wenatchee Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented a Power Point Presentation with an update on the plan to address homelessness. Wenatchee City Administrator Laura Gloria provided an overview of lessons learned from Auburn, and information about the City of Wenatchee's new Homeless Response Administrator position. Councilmembers asked questions. It was suggested that both cities place pallet shelter information and tonight's presentation on their websites.

3. Citizen Comments. The following individuals spoke:

1. Bryce Greenfield, a resident of East Wenatchee, would like to know where the unhoused are coming from. He has heard that they are being brought in on a bus.
2. Ginger Roberts, a resident of East Wenatchee, would like to know what the transition plan is for those in crisis, and she would like to see up-to-date statistics showing the number of individuals who have transitioned.

3. Sasha Sleiman, Chelan County Housing Manager, provided information about the upcoming strategic planning process and a survey going out next month for public input. She reported since July the County has exited 9 households into permanent housing, and 15 individuals to transitional housing.
4. Ilka Honour, a resident of Wenatchee, has a family member who is homeless in Wenatchee. The family has done everything to assist and they still chose to live on the street. It is a violent and dangerous life. Resources are needed to help meet their needs.

Staff will provide another update in six months to include:

1. Housing Response Administrator update.
2. Metrics.
3. Performance targets.
4. Planning process for priority decisions.

4. Close of Meeting. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*Motion by Wenatchee Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to adjourn the meeting.
Wenatchee Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

East Wenatchee Mayor Crawford invited the public to participate in the Columbia River Homeless Task Force and Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force meetings which are open to the public, and encouraged the public to attend City Council meetings too.

Mike Poirier

Mike Poirier, Mayor

Tammy McCord

Tammy McCord, City Clerk

