



## WENATCHEE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 8, 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

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Laura Gloria; City Attorney Danielle Marchant; City Clerk Tammy McCord; IT Support Tim McCord; Finance Director Brad Posenjak; Public Works Director Tom Wachholder; Police Chief Edgar Reinfeld; Community Development Director Glen DeVries; Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw; Project Engineer Zach Horton

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

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.** Mayor Mike Poirier called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Mayor Poirier asked Veteran Larry Nicholas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Linda Herald and Keith Huffaker were absent.

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Linda Herald and Keith Huffaker. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

#### 2. Citizen Requests/Comments

Larry Nicholas, 337 Methow, Wenatchee, addressed the Council with his concerns about utility bills and would like the city to take a look at age and income discounts. Mayor Poirier recently met with Mr. Nicholas, and the city is in the process of reviewing.

Charlie Hickenbottom, 127 South Franklin, Wenatchee, thanked the Mayor and Council for the complete streets policy adopted in 2016. He also thanked them for listening to his suggestion about adding bicycle parking as part of the convention center remodel. Additionally, he addressed his concerns with the Reimagine Wenatchee plan.

Carlos Corales, 124 North James, East Wenatchee, and owner of The Crepe House in Wenatchee, announced they were celebrating their one-year anniversary and are holding a fundraiser to provide 500 backpacks to local school children, including supplies and hygienic items.

### 3. Consent Items

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

Vouchers:

Claim checks #301310 through #301444 in the amount of \$2,728,704.94 for July 19, 2024

Claim checks #301445 through #301447 in the amount of \$45,905.44 for July 26, 2024

Payroll distribution (retirees) in the amount of \$12,113.09 for July 31, 2024

Payroll distribution in the amount of \$691,097.59 for August 5, 2024

Wires #1138 through #1144 and checks #211716 through #211726 in the amount of \$1,083,805.61 for July 31, 2024

- *Motion for City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute easement agreements with East Wenatchee Hotel Partners, LLC for construction of a new shared-use path bridge in the City of East Wenatchee.*

*Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien for City Council to approve agenda, vouchers, and minutes from previous meetings, and to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute easement agreements with East Wenatchee Hotel Partners, LLC for construction of a new shared-use path bridge in the City of East Wenatchee. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

### 4. Presentations

- Columbia Valley Community Health CEO Manuel Navarro presented a Power Point Presentation update to the Mayor and Council.

### 5. Action Items

- A. Contract Amendment for 8MG Reservoir Improvement Project and Fifth and Miller Street 24" Transmission Line Valve Replacement

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

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve contract amendments 2 and 3 with Gray and Osborne, Project No. 2306, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract amendments. Councilmember Chelsea Ewer seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

- B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building and Public Services Center Utilities Garage, Project No. 2403 Authorization to Award the Design Contract to Jacobs Engineering

Deputy Public Works Director-Utilities Jessica Shaw presented the staff report. Council commented and asked questions.

*Motion by Councilmember Travis Hornby for City Council to approve the award of the design contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building and Public Services Center Utilities Garage, Project No. 2403 to Jacobs Engineering and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Professional Service Contract for the design on behalf of the City. Councilmember Jose Cuevas seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

## 6. Public Hearing Items

Mayor Poirier called the public hearing to order and stated the procedures for the public hearing.

### C. 2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan

Community Development Director Glen DeVries presented the staff report. Project Engineer Zach Horton provided information on the First Street project.

Council commented and asked questions.

The Mayor then asked for public comment.

Larry Nicholas, 337 Methow Street, Wenatchee, asked why his neighborhood sidewalks are all torn up and not scheduled for improvements.

With no one else who wished to comment, the Mayor turned the hearing back to the Council.

*Motion by Councilmember Charlie Atkinson for City Council to approve the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign all associated assurances, certifications and contracts necessary for implementing the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Councilmember Travis Hornby seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).*

## 7. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report. Mayor Mike Poirier reported on the following:
  - (1) He attended the Purple Heart City ceremony on Wednesday evening at Pybus.
  - (2) He thanked Councilmember Rojanasthien for filling in for him while he was on vacation.

- (3) National Night Out was held on Tuesday, and was the best turnout ever had. Councilmember Cuevas was at CAFÉ and Councilmember Herald at Washington Park.
- (4) The Mayor was a speaker at Wenatchee Rotary this week.
- (5) The City of East Wenatchee also voted no to the proposed revised Interlocal Agreement with Rivercom.
- (6) City Administrator Laura Gloria said everyone should have received a calendar invite for a joint meeting with the City of East Wenatchee for an update on the homeless approach strategy and the meeting will allow public comments.
- (7) She also reported that she and staff have been busy updating our State Representatives on the Confluence Parkway project.

b. Reports/New Business of Council Committees

Councilmember Jose Cuevas met with the Hispanic Chamber to get a better understanding of what they do and how we can work together. He was invited to attend their monthly meetings.

Councilmember Chelsea Ewer attended the first leadership institute class.

Councilmember Charlie Atkinson attended the Historic Preservation Board meeting last evening. He attended the Planning Commission meeting last month.

**8. Announcements.** None.

**9. Close of Meeting.**

Motion by Councilmember Top Rojanasthien to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Charlie Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

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

*Mike Poirier*

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Mike Poirier, Mayor

*Tammy McCord*

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Tammy McCord, City Clerk