



**East Wenatchee City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

Zoom Meeting
East Wenatchee City Hall
271 9th Street NE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Minutes

In attendance:

Mayor Jerrilea Crawford
Councilmember John Sterk
Councilmember Harry Raab
Councilmember Robert Tidd
Councilmember Sasha Sleiman
Councilmember Shayne Magdoff
Councilmember Christine Johnson
Councilmember Matthew Hepner

Staff in attendance:

Devin Poulson, City Attorney
Rick Johnson, Police Chief
Lori Barnett, Community Development Director
Josh DeLay, Finance Director
Tom Wachholder, Project Development Manager
Garren Melton, Natural Resource Specialist
Mary Beth Phillips, Court Administrator
Trina Elmes, Events Director/PIO
Maria Holman, City Clerk

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consent Items:

- a. M2 Consulting, PLLC., Agreement Supplement No. 1.
- b. Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy extension.
- c. Date: 12/01/2020, Checks: 54587 - 54640; 54646 - 54647; 54649 - 54650, in the amount of \$379,219.18, and voided checks: 54487; 54531; 54535; 54645.
- d. Date: 12/04/2020, Checks: 56648 - 56698, in the amount of \$104,960.92.
- e. Date: 12/16/2020, Checks: 56500 - 56503; 56510 - 56584, in the amount of \$605,350.77, and voided checks: 54620; 54625.
- f. Date: 12/31/2020, Checks: 56585-56588; 56593-56599; 56606-56646, in the amount of \$144,169.95, and voided checks: 54568; 56549; 56553; 56595.
- g. Date: 1/19/2021, Checks: 56699 - 56725, in the amount of \$122,421.28.
- h. November 2020 Payroll Certification.
- i. December 2020 Payroll Certification.
- j. 12/01/2020 Council Meeting Minutes.
- k. 1/14/2021 Council Workshop Minutes.

***Motion by Councilmember Tidd to approve consent items as presented.
Councilmember Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried. (7-0)***

2. Citizen Requests/Comments. None.

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3. **Presentations.** None.

4. **Department Report.**

- a. Project Development Manager Tom Wachholder presented the Transportation Benefit District Annual Report for 2020.

Comments provided by Councilmember Hepner.

- b. Police Chief Rick Johnson introduced new hire Landon Jensen, Lateral Police Officer.

Comments provided by Councilmember Tidd, Councilmember Raab, Councilmember Magdoff, and Police Chief Rick Johnson.

5. **Mayor's Report.**

- a. Mayor Crawford presented a retirement certificate for Marcia Martz who served as the Permit Technician of the City for twenty-nine and a half years. Her last day is Wednesday, January 20. Marcia Martz was not present at the meeting to receive the certificate.

- b. Mayor Crawford asked the Council about selecting the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2021, the selection was postponed at the last council meeting. Councilmember Magdoff nominated Councilmember Hepner.

Motion by Councilmember Magdoff to appoint Councilmember Hepner as the 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- c. Mayor Crawford provided an update to the Council regarding the City's Strategic Plan. The City is working with Maul Foster Alongi who will be contacting staff and Councilmembers to gather information as the beginning steps of the plan. The Strategic Plan is currently in Phase I.

Comments were provided by Councilmember Magdoff.

- d. Mayor Crawford spoke to the successful launch of the new City website which is now live and running. The Mayor commended Events Director/PIO Trina Elmes for her work on this project.

- e. Mayor Crawford shared that COVID-19 vaccines are already here in the community and encouraged everyone to get the vaccine. The Mayor asked Council if they would support a vaccine incentive for City staff. The incentive would provide four hours of vacation to employees who receive the required dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The objective is to encourage staff to get the required doses of the vaccine to keep our communities safe.

There was a consensus by the Council to support an incentive program. No action was taken by the Council. Comments provided by Councilmember Tidd, Councilmember Hepner, Councilmember Magdoff, Councilmember Raab, Councilmember Sleiman, and Police Chief Rick Johnson.

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6. Action Items.

- a. City Attorney Devin Poulson presented the first reading of **Ordinance 2021-01**, exempting certain positions in the Police Department from civil service coverage by amending Chapter 3.20 of the East Wenatchee Municipal Code.

Comments provided by Chief of Police Rick Johnson, Councilmember Magdoff, and Mayor Crawford.

Mayor Crawford suspended the second reading of Ordinance 2021-01.

Motion by Councilmember Magdoff to approve Ordinance 2021-01 exempting certain positions in the Police Department from civil service coverage by amending Chapter 3.20 of the East Wenatchee Municipal Code. Councilmember Sleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- b. City Attorney Devin Poulson presented the first reading of **Ordinance 2021-02**, establishing the police chief as the Police Department's appointing authority for civil service purposes by amending Section 3.40.010 of the East Wenatchee Municipal Code and by amending Chapter 3.44 of the East Wenatchee Municipal Code.

Mayor Crawford suspended the first reading of Ordinance 2021-02.

Motion by Councilmember Raab to approve Ordinance 2021-02 establishing the police chief as the Police Department's appointing authority for civil service purposes as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- c. Events Director/PIO Trina Elmes presented **Resolution 2021-01**, appointing members to the East Wenatchee Events Board.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to approve Resolution 2021-01 appointing members to the 2021 East Wenatchee Events Board (EWEB) as presented. Councilmember Sleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- d. Events Director/PIO Trina Elmes presented an East Wenatchee Events Board funding recommendation for a lodging tax request made by the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce for a two-year contract in the amount of \$45,000 in 2021 and \$45,000 in 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Magdoff to authorize the Mayor to sign a two-year contract and approve funding the WVCC's as requested. Councilmember Tidd seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0, Sleiman abstained).

- e. Events Director/PIO Trina Elmes presented an East Wenatchee Events Board funding recommendation for the City of East Wenatchee Lodging Tax Request in the amount of \$120,000.00, for the City of East Wenatchee Events Department's 2021 Salaries, Classy Chassis Parade & Car Show, and Wings & Wheels Festival funding.

Comments provided by Councilmember Tidd and Finance Director Josh DeLay.

Motion by Councilmember Sleiman to accept and approve the recommendation to fund the City of East Wenatchee Events Department request in the amount of \$120,000.00. Councilmember Tidd seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- f. Project Development Manager Tom Wachholder presented a WSDOT Local Agency Agreement between WSDOT and the City for the 10th Street NE Improvements Project.

Comments provided by Councilmember Hepner.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to authorize the Mayor to execute WSDOT Local Agency Agreement to obligate federal construction funding for the 10th Street NE Improvements Project. Councilmember Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- g. Project Development Manager Tom Wachholder presented an Administrative Settlement associated with 10th Street NE Improvements Project right of way acquisition.

Comments provided by Councilmember Raab.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to authorize the Mayor to approve the Administrative Settlement in the amount of \$150.00 associated with the 2019 right of way acquisition located at 800 10th Street NE and authorize Mayor Crawford to execute the proposed Administrative Settlement Memo. Councilmember Magdoff seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- h. Project Development Manager Tom Wachholder presented a 10th Street NE Improvements Project - RH2 Engineering Contract Amendment No. 1.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to authorize the Mayor to execute proposed RH2 Engineering Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$49,762 with a total contract not to exceed the amount of \$669,840. Councilmember Sleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- i. Natural Resource Specialist Garren Melton presented the authorization for approval for a Department of Ecology stormwater grant agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the Department of Ecology. Councilmember Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- j. Community Development Director Lori Barnett presented a request for a waiver of street improvements for the Wenatchee Kennel Club Dog Sports Training Center for McGee St. SE.

Comments provided by Mayor Crawford.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to authorize the Mayor to set a public hearing date for February 2, 2021, to consider the waiver request. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- k. Human Resources Generalist Maria Holman presented the 2021-2023 Local 846 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of East Wenatchee and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees/AFSCME Council 2, Local 846-W, AFLCIO.


Comments provided by Councilmember Tidd, City Attorney Devin Poulson and Mayor Crawford.

Motion by Councilmember Johnson to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2021-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement on behalf of the City. Councilmember Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

7. Council Reports & Announcements.

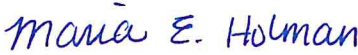
- a. Councilmember Tidd reported that he has been voted as Vice-Chair for the Link Transit Board and he is looking forward to serving in this capacity.
- b. Mayor Crawford reported that Luke Davies has been hired as the Chelan-Douglas Health District Administrator.

8. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Jerrilea Crawford, Mayor

Attest:



Maria E. Holman, City Clerk