



East Wenatchee City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 16, 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
Josh Toftness, Street Department Manager
Mary Beth Phillips, Court Administrator
Trina Elmes, Events Director/PIO
Erik Hampton, Assistant Police Chief
Ike Lasswell, Information Systems
Maria Holman, City Clerk

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consent Items:

- a. Date: 2/16/2021 Checks: 54704 - 54711; 54718 - 54726; 54763 - 54819, in the amount of \$147,404.08, and voided checks: 54673; 56631.
- b. 2/2/2021 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

2. Citizen Requests/Comments.

- a. Meridee Pabst, of Wireless Policy Group, 2728 N. L Street, Washougal, Washington spoke to the Council regarding AT&T's support to the City's efforts to make its code consistent with federal law and appreciates staff's hard work on updating the code. Concerns to AT&T are the continuing challenges it has faced in siting Macro Wireless Facilities to serve residential areas in the City. And, while Chapter 17.70 will be improved overall with the changes, it will continue to allow few opportunities in residential zones.

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Citizen Comments Continued:

Ms. Pabst shared some of the issues encountered by AT&T as:

- AT&T and other wireless carriers need a mix of both traditional wireless facilities and small wireless facilities to deliver quality service to residents, businesses, and visitors in the City.
- While demand for improved wireless service in residential areas continues to grow, options for siting wireless communication facilities to serve residential areas of the City have remained quite limited. Over 60 percent (62.5%) of adults and 73.6% of children live in wireless-only homes.

Ms. Pabst also said that AT&T understands that City staff will be revisiting this code in a Phase II effort to address the concerns expressed. Ms. Pabst suggested adopting more of Spokane's code provisions for allowing wireless communication facilities in residential zones after an applicant shows that options in preferred zones cannot meet the carrier's service objective.

3. Presentations. None.

4. Department Report.

- a. City Attorney Devin Poulson presented a Legislative Update to the Council.

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

5. Mayor's Report.

- a. Mayor Crawford provided an update regarding COVID-19. The City is now in Phase 2 of the Healthy Washington reopening plan, City Hall remains closed to the public.
- b. Mayor Crawford reminded the Council that the Council Workshop has been moved to Thursday, February 25, 2021, 5:30 pm.
- c. The Mayor also announced that Community Development Director Lori Barnett and Project Development Manager Tom Wachholder have hired a new permit technician, Laura Perez who started employment today.

6. Public Hearings. None.

7. Action Items.

- a. Community Development Director Lori Barnett presented Ordinance 2021-03 adopting amendments to chapter 17.70 of the East Wenatchee Municipal Code regulating the acceptance of applications for use permits, wireless telecommunications facility permits, building permits, eligible facilities modification, and small cell facilities.

Mayor Crawford suspended the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03.

Comments provided by Lori Barnett, Mayor Crawford, Councilmember Magdoff and Councilmember Tidd.

Motion by Councilmember Tidd to approve Ordinance 2021-03 as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- b. Project Development Manager Tom Wachholder presented a 2021 RH2 Engineering General Services Contract.

Comments provided by Councilmember Magdoff.

Motion by Councilmember Magdoff to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached 2021 RH2 Engineering General Services Contract. Councilmember Sterk seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- c. Community Development Director Lori Barnett presented a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology for the required 2021 Review & Update to the Shoreline Master Program and the agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and City of East Wenatchee (Agreement No. SEASMP-1921-Ewena-00118) for the Shorelands Shoreline Master Program.

Comments provided by Councilmember Tidd.

Motion by Councilmember Sterk to approve the Mayor's signature on the Shorelands Shoreline Master Program Agreement Between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and City of East Wenatchee. Councilmember Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

- d. Community Development Director Lori Barnett presented a selection of consultant for Shoreline Master Program (SMP) review and update project and the Professional Services Agreement with Anchor QEA, LLC.

Motion by Councilmember Sterk to approve the selection of Anchor QEA, LLC for Review and Update of the Shoreline Master Program and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for services. Councilmember Sleiman seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

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8. Council Reports & Announcements.


- a. Councilmember Sleiman mentioned that she attended the first meeting of the newly created Diversity Board which name is NCW Equity Alliance. They will meet on a quarterly basis.
- b. Councilmember Magdoff shared that John Bryant was voted in as Chair of the Housing Authority board for year 2021. Alan Beidler was appointed Vice-Chair. Also, the board approved an additional 80 hours of leave for each employee, to be used for COVID-19 related purposes.

9. Adjournment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Jerrilea Crawford, Mayor

Attest:



Maria E. Holman, City Clerk

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