

## MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

**MAY 9, 2016**

### WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Committee members present: Susan Albert, Oralia Banuelos, Carolyn Case, Alma Chacon, Gustavo Montoya, Joe Morrison, Mark Urdahl, Rufus Woods. Absent: Mario Cantu, Karen Rutherford. City staff present: City Clerk Tammy Stanger, Executive Services Director Allison Williams, Community & Economic Development Director Steve King.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Eduardo Ramos read a letter to the committee signed by Mr. Manuel Valencia representing the United Neighborhood Association (UNA), copies of which were distributed to the committee. UNA explained their reasons for preferring to retain the status quo of seven at-large City Council positions.

Mr. Bryan Campbell addressed the committee with his reasons for preferring the City keep the status quo.

Mr. Mario Reyes addressed the committee stating that he supports changing to districts.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2016, MEETING

**Motion to approve the April 25, 2016, meeting minutes by Joe Morrison; Rufus Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).**

### IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Alma Chacon had no additional survey results to report. However, she explained that she would be attending the Interagency Council meeting on May 17, and would distribute the survey to the attendees.
- Jean Speidel reported that she attended the YWCA/Wenatchee Valley College "Stand Against Racism" day on April 28. Quite a few people looked at the WEPC display. She talked at length to 5 or 6 people; they were evenly divided as to which of the two districting options they preferred, but they did not support the status quo.

### V. DISCUSS POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

The committee divided into sub-committees for work sessions. The sub-committee supporting the 7 district recommendation (Oralia Banuelos, Carolyn Case, Alma Chacon, Gustavo Montoya, Joe Morrison, Mark Urdahl, Rufus Woods) met in

Council Chambers. The sub-committee supporting the 5 district, 2 at large recommendation (Susan Albert, Jean Speidel) met in a separate conference room.

Following the work sessions the committee reconvened. Mr. Morrison reviewed the 7 district recommendation for the committee. Ms. Albert reviewed the 5 district, 2 at large recommendation for the committee.

The committee listened to additional comments from Mr. Ignacio Chavez of UNA and engaged in discussion with the UNA representatives present regarding their support of the at large electoral system.

The following agenda items were tabled until the next committee meeting:

- Implementation timing
- Participation recommendation
- Other elements to be included

## **VI. NEXT STEPS**

- Assignments:

The sub-committees may further revise their recommendation statements. A draft Participation recommendation was distributed for member review and revision.

- Next meeting:

Committee – May 23

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jean Speidel adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.