

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2012 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Higgins, Isenhart, McCardle, Steele; Attorney Galbraith, City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Allison-Liles, Finance Director Grant, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan.

Mayor Goedde called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and explained that City of Chelan had invited the other members of the Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center Public Facilities District (the PFD) to attend this meeting for the purpose of discussing Town Toyota Center debt. The Mayor explained that this was a workshop for elected officials and no public testimony would be heard.

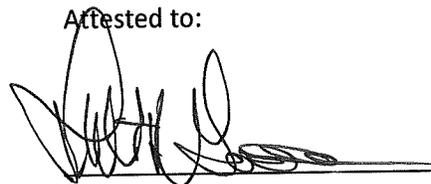
Elected officials from Chelan and Douglas Counties and the Cities of Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Waterville, and Cashmere were in attendance and all urged the City of Chelan to join them in authorizing the PFD to allow a district wide vote on a .1% sales tax increase to help pay the debt on the Town Toyota Center. Wenatchee Mayor Frank Kuntz answered Council questions concerning Town Toyota Center finances, what other Avenues Wenatchee had explored to try to pay down the debt, and whether there was a "Plan B" should the tax increase go to a vote and fail. At Council's request several officials from the other cities and counties explained how they had come to support taking the issue to a public vote when they'd initially opposed doing so.

Councilmembers pointed out that City of Chelan was reluctant to join the PFD when it was being established, only did so after being misled and cajoled, and now regrets that decision. They expressed frustration with being pressured to act without sufficient information to make an informed decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with no action taken.

Prepared by:


Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk

Attested to:

Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Approved by City Council on March 8, 2012