YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
May 15, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
6 p.m. Business Meeting -- MINUTES

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Kathy Coffey, presiding, Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez, Council Members Holly Cousens, Kay Funk, Brad Hill, and Jason White

Staff: City Manager Moore, City Attorney Cutter and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent: Council Member Carmen Mendez (excused)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Interpreter Services

Mayor Coffey introduced Jorge Vasenc[illegible] announced interpreter services are available.

4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

i. Mental Health Month proclamation

Council Member Funk read a proclamation for the month of May 2018, as Mental Health Month and Mary Stephenson accepted it.

ii. Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness proclamation

Council Member White read a proclamation for the month of May 2018, as Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness Month and Michelle Joe accepted it.

iii. Pride Month proclamation

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez read a proclamation for the month of June 2018, as LGBTQ Pride Month and Cristina Ortega accepted it.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Recognition of Police Officer Jaime Gonzalez for 30 years of service

Captain Gary Jones of the Yakima Police Department introduced and recognized Jaime Gonzalez for 30 years of service to the City of Yakima.

ii. Recognition of 20 Years of Service for Fire Lieutenant Mark Ancira, Fire Training Lieutenant Joe Burbank, and Firefighter Bob Benner

Deputy Fire Chief Pat Reid introduced and recognized Fire Lieutenant Mark Ancira, Fire Training Lieutenant Joe Burbank, and Firefighter Bob Benner for 20 Years of service to the City of Yakima.

iii. Recognition of Retiring Fire Lieutenant Hans Solie - 32 years of service

Deputy Fire Chief Pat Reid introduced and recognized Fire Lieutenant Hans Solie on his retirement after 32 years of service.

5. Council Reports

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Coffey referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Council members present. There were no changes. The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda items, including resolutions and ordinances, by title. (Items on the Consent Agenda are handled under one motion without further discussion—see motion directly below.)

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded *to approve the consent agenda*. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

A. Approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2018, City Council Business Meeting and April 26, 2018, City Council Briefing Study Session

B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period April 1 – 30, 2018

C. 1st Quarter 2018 Capital Improvement Projects Report

D. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Ellensburg-Yakima Interlocal Commuter Service Contract to relocate one existing Ellensburg bus stop to an alternative location within the City of Ellensburg

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-043, A RESOLUTION authorizing an amendment to the Ellensburg-Yakima Interlocal Commuter Service Contract to relocate one existing Ellensburg bus stop to an alternative location within the City of Ellensburg.

E. Resolution adopting the City Council's Findings of Fact denying the Yakima Planning Commission's recommendation regarding text amendments to YMC Title 15 modifying the definitions and classification for Congregate Living Facility and Motel/Hotel

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-044, A RESOLUTION denying the recommendation of the Yakima Planning Commission related to a text amendment to the Yakima Municipal Code, Title 15, Zoning Ordinance, regarding definitions and classifications for Congregate Living Facility and Motel/Hotel

7. Public Comment

Deryl Woody, city resident, shared his concern with traffic and speeds on Cornell Avenue and spoke in support of speed humps in that area.

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Aileen Kane, city resident, discussed the high rents in the Yakima area and spoke in favor of temporary worker housing.

James Turner, city resident, updated Council on his progress for speed humps on Cornell Avenue.

Tony Courcy, city resident, spoke on several issues.

Susan Soto Palmer, city resident, shared her concerns about the high cost of rent in the area and that temporary guest workers need appropriate housing but should not displace renters.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Ordinance amending Fire Inspection Fees

Deputy Fire Chief Markham briefed Council on the amendments. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Funk seconded *to pass the ordinance*. The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Hill voting no and Mendez absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 017, AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 10.05 relating to fire code plan review and inspection fees.

9. Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a Limited Tax General Obligation Bond (LTGO) by the City in a principal amount of $3,500,000 for the purpose of refinancing the 2013 LTGO Street Bond; providing the form of the bond; and authorizing the sale of the bond to North Cascades Bank

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Tara Lewis, Financial Services Manager, briefed Council on the ordinance. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded *to pass the ordinance*. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-018, AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Yakima, Washington, authorizing the issuance of a Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bond of the City in the principal amount of not to exceed $3,500,000 for the purpose of refunding the City's outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation Bond, 2013 and paying costs of issuance of the Bond; providing the form of the Bond; and authorizing the sale of the Bond to North Cascades Bank, Division of Glacier Bank.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

10. Resolution authorizing modification to lease with Transform Yakima Together for Property adjacent to City Wastewater Treatment Plant for operation of Camp Hope

City Manager Moore and Assistant City Attorney Watkins briefed Council on the amendments. Aileen Kane and Roy Terrill, city residents, spoke in support of the encampment.

Council Member Funk stated she will not be voting for this and mentioned some concerns about accountability including information she received recently about someone. Council Member Cousens raised a point of order stating Council Member Funk's comments are not germane to the agreement under discussion. Mayor Coffey ruled the point of order is well

taken. Council Member Funk appealed the Chair's ruling, which was upheld by a 5-1 vote, Funk voting no, Mendez absent.

Council Members Cousens, Gutierrez, Hill, White and Coffey voiced their support and thankfulness for Transform Yakima's efforts with the homeless. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded *to adopt the resolution*. The motion carried by 5-1 vote, Funk voting no and Mendez absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-045, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to amend an existing lease with Transform Yakima Together for the purpose of operating a temporary homeless encampment on City owned property

11. Other Business

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez shared that Garfield Elementary is in the process of obtaining a reader board this summer and she will be donating her Council salary next month to help support this cause. She requested permission to use Council letterhead for a support letter to the School, which was approved by Council consensus.

Council Member Cousens reminded Council that she will be gone this upcoming week with the delegation to South Korea and Council Member White will be in Las Vegas for the RECON conference.

Council Member Hill asked about the previously discussed study session regarding homeless issues. City Manager Moore stated he is waiting for additional information, which was detailed in a recent email to Council. Mr. Moore reported that to date the City has not arrested anyone for camping on City property, which is against the Municipal Code; however, there have been some recent issues with certain homeless campers becoming aggressive and threatening residents, as well as City staff, and these occurrences may result in arrests.

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12. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded *to adjourn to the next Council Business Meeting on June 5, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall*. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CERTIFICATION
READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

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COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

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CITY CLERK MAYOR