YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
September 20, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5 p.m. -- MINUTES

1. Roll Call

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

   Staff: City Manager Moore, Assistant City Manager and Interim Finance Director Cortez and City Clerk Claar Tee

   Absent: Council Member Carmen Mendez (excused)

2. Council orientation on the 2019 budget adoption process

   Ana Cortez, Assistant City Manager and Interim Finance Director, presented a PowerPoint on the City of Yakima 5-Year Financial Plan and upcoming budget schedule. Ms. Cortez noted the 5-year plan is a measuring stick and will not be a mirror of the budget.

   City Manager Moore stated the City has historically had an overly optimistic revenue projection, which they are reversing. Council Member Funk pointed out the increases are averaging about 2.5 percent, which may be equal to the inflation rate, but does not take into account the increasing population who the City provides services to. City Manager Moore responded that her point is correct and in fact the City has 10 fewer full time employees than they had in the recession except for the Police and Fire Departments, which have maintained or grown in employees.

   Council Members Cousens and Funk reported they would like to see the vacant positions budgeted. Mayor Coffey noted they should take a look at all vacant positions to see what is really needed. After further discussion, it was Council consensus to have every option brought back to review during the upcoming budget meetings.

3. Adjournment

   MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded *to adjourn to a Special City Council Meeting on September 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers*. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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