



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
October 11, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5-8 p.m. MINUTES**

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, Assistant City Manager Cortez and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent: Council Member Carmen Mendez (excused)

2. 2019 Budget Preparation #2

Assistant City Manager Ana Cortez and Financial Services Officer Jeanne Thompson reviewed City revenues and possible revenue options in a PowerPoint presentation. Council members requested estimates for increasing storm water rates to 10 or 15 percent and what other cities are doing, as well as for additional information on levy lid lift. Council Member Hill asked about the difference between taxes and fees. Ms. Cortez stated taxes can be used for the general fund; however, fees are for a specific activity and cannot be used in the general fund. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adopt the equation for the first bullet (equation for cost recovery) for all contracts between the City and other governmental agencies. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

After Council discussion on policy #8, **it was Council consensus to look at fees on an annual basis.**

After Council discussion about parks and recreation fees, Ms. Cortez summarized that Council has provided a solid policy framework about finding revenue goals. **She proposed utilizing this direction to bring back a revised Park Fees Policy #9 with this framework, which was approved by Council consensus.**

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to move forward with Fire Fees Policy #10. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

It was Council consensus to table discussion on the Clean City Program policy #11 until later in the meeting.

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to adopt YKM (airport) Fees Policy #12. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Coffey seconded to schedule a study session regarding paid parking. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. City Manager Moore clarified there is no urgency to schedule this as this will not affect the 2019 budget and could be scheduled later this year or early next year.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Gutierrez seconded to move forward with Vacant Property Registration Ordinances Policy #14. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. **It was Council consensus to have this issue reviewed by the Council Economic Development Committee and then have a study session on this issue.**

After Council discussion on the Charter amendments regarding streets and parks & recreation, **MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to plan on getting the Charter amendments repeal on the ballot as soon as feasible.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. Council members requested additional information on election dates and costs.

Financial Services Officer Thompson reported a mistake on the general fund debt slide. Assistant City Manager Cortez suggested she would reconvene with Finance staff on this issue and bring corrected information back to Council.

Assistant City Manager Cortez reported on the CDBG funding issues. City Manager Matthews disagreed with Ms. Cortez's report. Council Member Hill shared his concern about not taking care of the YPAL/Washington Fruit building and the Tony Beauchamp Community Center building. **It was Council consensus to not make any cuts to the senior home repair program, to utilize the general fund instead of CDBG for the proposed \$60,000 in capital facilities improvements and utilize the general fund for the proposed \$75,000 from CDBG for the YPAL/Washington Fruit proposal.**

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez asked to have additional information at the next meeting related to recycling fees and increases which were approved in 2016.

MOTION: Funk moved to adjourn to an executive session to discuss issues related to the Police Chief. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

3. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

Joe Mann, City resident, shared some history related to paid parking. Tony Courcy, City resident, spoke against raising stormwater fees and on other topics.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to a City Council Business Meeting on October 16, 2018, at 6 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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MAYOR

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