



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
October 17, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5-8 p.m. -- MINUTES**

1. Roll Call

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

Staff: City Manager Moore, Assistant City Manager Cortez and Acting City Clerk Stephens

Absent: Council Member Holly Cousens (excused)

2. 2019 Budget Preparation #3

Assistant City Manager Cortez reviewed the recent budget meetings and presented a PowerPoint on session #3 for enterprise funds. Ms. Cousens, with Council Member Cousens absent, if they would like to defer discussion of the National League of Cities.

MOTION: Funk moved and Coffey seconded to drop consideration of the National League of Cities. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

Assistant City Manager Cortez reviewed the Clean Cities Program. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Hill moved and Gutierrez seconded to adopt staff's recommendation for the Clean City Program as presented. The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, White voting no, Cousens absent. Council would like to see a completed report with deliverables and a report on satisfaction levels a year after implementation.

Acting Community Development Director Caruso briefed Council on the CDBG program and senior repair program. Assistant City Manager Cortez presented a handout on the 2019 CDBG Program Recommendations and stated staff recommends the following: an allocation to YPAL in the amount of \$75,000 out of CDBG public services and \$40,000 out of the general fund for maintenance; funding to OIC/HBCC in the following amounts \$75,000 out of CDBG public services and \$40,000 out of the general fund for maintenance; and, funding for capital improvements in the amount of \$30,000 and \$30,000 out of the general fund. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Hill moved and Mendez seconded to accept the staff recommendation as presented by Interim Budget and Finance Director Cortez. The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, White voting no, Cousens absent.

Council members would like to see program funding for the Harman Center, how much HBCC and YPAL used in maintenance costs last year and the estimated cost for a new roof at the YPAL building.

Assistant City Manager Cortez discussed internal funds including workers compensation. Human Resources Director Mendoza discussed self-insured rates. Council Member Funk asked questions regarding the City's insurance, including cost comparisons with the Association of Washington Cities plan. Ms. Mendoza will bring back additional information at a later meeting and noted a six-month notice of cancelation to the third-party administrator is required, should the City decide to go that route.

Assistant City Manager Cortez briefed Council on capital and REET funds. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez spoke in support of a feasibility study for a pool at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Council Member Funk stated she does not see the purpose in a study since the City cannot afford a pool in the near future. After further Council discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded to accept the Martin Luther King Jr. Pool and traffic calming coming out of REET 1 funding. The motion failed by a 3-3 vote with Hill, Coffey and Funk voting no, Cousens absent.

MOTION: Mendez moved and Hill seconded to adopt the city traffic calming efforts at \$130,000 from REET. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

Council members asked for additional information on cost recovery for police and transit expenditures during the state fair, the increase in fund balance bond expenses and capital improvements, which will be provided at a later date. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded that the \$60,000 allocated to community center capital improvements including YPAL and the Henry Beauchamp Community Center/OIC come out of REET 1 funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

Assistant City Manager Cortez and Financial Services Officer Jeanne Thompson briefed Council on the Yakima Convention Center Capital Facility Plan. John Cooper, Yakima Valley Tourism, briefed Council on the Public Facilities District and proposed expansion of the convention center. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Funk moved and Gutierrez seconded that we not consider this project and not fund it (Convention Center Expansion). The motion failed by a 5-1, Coffey, Gutierrez, Hill, Mendez and White voting no, Cousens absent.

MOTION: Mendez moved and Hill seconded to move forward with the Yakima Convention Center Capital Facilities plan for 2019-2022. The motion failed by a 3-3 vote, Funk, Gutierrez and White voting no, Cousens absent.

Council Member White stated he would like to learn more about the Public Facilities District and Convention Center expansion. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez requested RCW's and more information related to this issue.

3. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

Charlie Robins, spoke in support of the Convention Center Expansion and encouraged Council members to learn more about the process.

Sandy Blackburn and Preston Wade, City residents, spoke in support of Lions pool.

Tony Courcy, City resident, spoke on several issues.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to adjourn to a City Council Study Session on October 18, 2018, at 5 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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CITY CLERK MAYOR

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