



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

December 7, 2018

**City of Yakima Training Facility -- 421 E. Chestnut Ave, Yakima
12 noon -- MINUTES**

1. Roll Call

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

City Staff: City Manager Cliff Moore, Assistant City Manager Ana Cortez, Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Council Member Mendez (excused)

Guests: Senator Jim Honeyford, Representative Gina Mosbrucker, Representative Bruce Chandler, Representative-Elect Chris Corry, Representative-Elect Jeremie Dufault, Lobbyist Luke Esser and Lobbyist Nick Fedorici

2. 2019 State Legislative Priorities Briefing

Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler reported on the City's state legislative priorities including actively pursue, support and monitor. Senator Honeyford recommended the City may want to investigate a fuel tax on commercial airlines. Representative Chandler reported that Astria plans to convert the Toppenish hospital to a mental health facility.

Senator Honeyford reported he is working on a large water bill that would provide reliable funding for water projects, stormwater, flood control, water supply and culverts. He stated this will be on a competitive basis with priority to areas that have water plans such as the Yakima River Basin Plan. He is also working on a bill similar to those in Oregon and California to eliminate the change on daylight savings time.

Representative Chandler is working on judicial scrutiny and an oversight board for the Public Defenders Association. City Manager Moore noted the City will spend \$1.2 million on indigent defense in 2018 with only \$80,000 coming from the state for support.

Representative Mosbrucker stated domestic violence and teen suicide prevention are some of her biggest priorities, as well as pro business bills, seatbelts on school buses. Representative-Elect Corry stated his focus will be on helping families in Eastern Washington as well as developing business friendly ways to control health care costs.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved to adjourn to a City Council Business Meeting on December 11, 2018, at 6 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote,

Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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COUNCIL MEMBER

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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