



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2019

City Hall -- Council Chambers

5:30 p.m. Executive Session; 6 p.m. Business Meeting -- MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session regarding prospective litigation

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

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss prospective litigation. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Interpreter Services**

Mayor Coffey introduced Juven Garcia who announced interpreter services are available.

4. **Open Discussion for the Good of the Order**

A. Proclamations

- i. School Board Recognition Month

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez proclaimed the month of January 2019 to be School Board Recognition month, and Yakima School District Board Members Berenice Ponce and Don Davis, Jr. accepted it.

- ii. Martin Luther King Jr., Proclamation

Mayor Coffey reported this item has been added to the agenda. Council Member Mendez proclaimed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as a Day of Service and Steve Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of OIC and Pastor Trimble accepted and invited Council and the community to the upcoming MLK events.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. Recognition of Shift Commander Mitch Cole - 30 years of service, Shift Commander Tom Schneider - 30 years of service, Shift Commander Jennifer Norton - 25 years of service and Firefighter Kory Simmons - 25 years of service

Fire Chief Markham and Council recognized Shift Commander Mitch Cole for 30 years of service, Shift Commander Tom Schneider for 30 years of service, Shift Commander Jennifer Norton for 25 years of service and Firefighter Kory Simmons for 25 years of service.

C. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees

- i. Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

MOTION: Mendez moved and Cousens seconded to reappoint Sara Allen to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Council Reports

A. Ad Hoc H2A Committee report

Council Member Mendez provided an update on the H2A worker housing forum scheduled on January 30 at the Convention Center.

Patricia Byers, City resident, suggested that Council consider including members of the City and County Planning Commissions on the committee.

B. Council Partnership Committee report

Council Member Mendez reported on the following items from the December 21, 2018 Council Partnership Committee meeting:

1. Request from the Yakima Housing Authority for a letter of support for a \$2.5 million capital budget proposal for the armory project in the 2019 session. **MOTION: Mendez moved and Hill seconded that the City support the Housing Authority's request and direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the Mayor's signature.** Hill raised a point of order asking if motions can be made during Council reports. Coffey confirmed motions can be made at this time. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Work Group update. Mendez reported as a Board member, she will be attending the meeting in Washington DC, which will be funded from the Water Division.

3. RFP Committee process for the transitional housing project preliminary design, ad hoc advisory committee, capital development fund and community partnerships. Mendez stated the Legal Department recommends canceling the proposed study session with the Greenway. **MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to cancel the study session in conjunction with the Greenway.** The motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Mendez voting no. Mendez confirmed the Committee membership would be as recommended in the December memo from the City Manager with the exception of the Greenway due to litigation. She stated this could be opened to the community for 30 days with applications reviewed by the Partnership Committee and recommendations brought back to the full Council. There were no objections. **MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to appoint Coffey as the Council liaison to the advisory committee and Hill as the alternate.** After Council

discussion, the motion carried by a 6-1, Funk voting no.

4. AWC City Action Days on February 13-14, 2019. Mendez stated she will be attending as an AWC Board member. It was Council consensus for Gutierrez, Cousens and Hill to attend.

5. Federal rail regulation letter of support. Nate Kaplan, Go Rail representative, briefed Council on his request for a letter of support. After Council discussion, **MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to move this item to next weeks business meeting and have staff present a draft letter.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Council Public Safety Committee report

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez reported on the recent Council Public Safety Committee meeting regarding: Domestic Violence response and the possible creation of a Coordinated Community Response Team, Traffic Safety issues and Transportation Benefit District Update.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to include, on the January 15 Business meeting agenda, an item that would formally create a City of Yakima Coordinated Community Response Team. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Council Healthy Communities and Neighborhood Building Committee report

Council Member Funk reported on the recent Council Healthy Communities and Neighborhood Building Committee meeting and suggested referring to this Committee informally as the Community Committee, which was approved by Council consensus.

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 Mendez seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. Approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2018, City Council Business meeting, December 7, 2018, City Council Special meeting and December 10, 2018, meeting notes

B. December 2018 Investment Transactions

C. Resolution authorizing a contract with P. O. W. Contracting for Water and Sewer Improvements along Hathaway Street

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-001, A RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with P. O. W. Contracting for Water and Sewer Improvements along Hathaway Street.

D. Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for design and construction associated with the Nelson Dam Replacement

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-002, A RESOLUTION authorizing an interlocal agreement with Yakima County for design and construction associated with the Nelson Dam replacement.

- E. Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code, updating the fee schedule for certain police services

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-001, AN ORDINANCE relating to Public Services; amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code for the purpose of updating the fee schedule for certain police services.

7. Public Comment

Ben Grossman, City resident, complained about the fire inspection process at his business.

Tony Courcay, City resident, spoke on several issues.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Resolution authorizing the City of Yakima to participate in the HUD public offering as part of the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program to refinance two existing notes

Community Development Director Davenport briefed Council on the item. After Council discussion, the City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-003, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Yakima to participate in the HUD public offering as part of two Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program to refinance two existing notes, another obligation in the original principal amount of \$2,417,000 for the Morrie Hotel LLC project of the Hilton Gardens Inn and a second note for \$341,000 for the Hilton Gardens Inn.

9. Resolution to Terminate Lease Agreement with Transform Yakima Together and Enter into Lease Agreement with Sunrise Outreach Center of Yakima to Lease City Property for a temporary homeless encampment

Sara Watkins, Senior Assistant City Attorney, briefed Council on the resolution.

Pastor Andy Ferguson and Pastor Dave Hanson spoke in support of the resolution. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Gutierrez seconded to adopt the resolution. After discussion, Gutierrez raised a point of order that members shall refrain from commenting on pending litigation. Mayor Coffey stated the point is well taken. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-004, A RESOLUTION authorizing termination of the existing lease with Transform Yakima Together and to enter into a lease with Sunrise Outreach Center for property adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant to be used as a temporary homeless encampment.

10. Other Business

None.

11. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to a City Council special meeting on January 12, 2019, at 9 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT