



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 2019
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- MINUTES

1. Roll Call

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

Staff: City Manager Moore, Acting City Attorney Watkins and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent and excused: Councilmember Mendez

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

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

4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

Mayor Coffey reported on suggested adjustments discussed by the Council at the April 23, 2019, agenda preview meeting regarding public comment during Council regular meetings. One suggested adjustment is to only accept public comment slips before the consent agenda is read. Public comment slips could not be submitted for the rest of a regular meeting. Additionally, if there are more than 10 comment slips per item, the comment period for each speaker would be reduced from 3 to 2 minutes and if there are more than 20 comment slips per item, each speaker's comment period would be reduced to 1 and-a-half minutes. After discussion,

MOTION: White moved and Cousens seconded to bring forward a resolution at the next Council meeting with the recommendations as read. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

A. Proclamations

i. Yakima Bikes and Walks proclamation

Councilmember White proclaimed May 2019 as Bike and Walk to Work and School Month and Eric Hohman, along Yakima Bikes & Walks members, accepted the proclamation.

ii. Missing Persons Awareness Month proclamation

Councilmember Hill proclaimed May 2019 as Missing Persons Awareness Month.

iii. Mental Health Awareness Month

Councilmember Funk proclaimed May 2019 as Mental Health Month and Hector Leal accepted the proclamation.

- iv. Older Americans Month proclamation

Councilmember Cousens proclaimed May 2019 as Older Americans Month and Sheila Brogdon accepted the proclamation.

- B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. Welcome Police Chief Matt Murray

City Manager Moore introduced Matt Murray as the new Police Chief of Yakima.

- ii. Introduction of Madeline Valdez, the City's nominee for the 2019 AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

The nominee was not able to attend the meeting.

- iii. Washington Department of Health Office of Drinking Water presentation of the *Commitment to Excellence* award to David Brown, Water & Irrigation Division Manager

Dorothy Tibbets, with the Washington Department of Health Office of Drinking Water, presented the *Commitment to Excellence* award to David Brown, City of Yakima Water & Irrigation Division Manager.

- iv. Gang Reduction Task Force (GRTF) initiative update

Assistant City Attorney Sara Watkins presented a PowerPoint on the Gang Reduction Task Force 3rd quarter report.

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5. Council Reports

- A. Council Partnership Committee report

Councilmember Hill, Acting Council Partnership Committee Chair, reported on the recent meeting including a request from the Dispute Resolution Center for a letter of support.

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded that the City provide a letter of support for the Dispute Resolution Center for their grant application. After discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

- B. Council Public Safety Committee report

Chair Gutierrez reported on the recent Council Public Safety Committee meeting including the Beat Cop program. She noted they have not received any requests from community members in east Yakima and discussed how Council could generate more interest. Chair Gutierrez also discussed the upcoming meeting with the school district on the Safe Routes to Schools issue.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to direct City staff to create a preliminary plan for the City's joint meeting with the Yakima School District, to outline infrastructure counter measures, non infrastructure counter measures and a perspective prioritization matrix needed for a citywide action plan for all elementary schools, in addition, staff is directed to clearly identify which of the identified components in this outline the city has the ability to address independently and which

components absolutely necessitate a partnership. After discussion, **MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to call the question.** The motion to call the question carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

C. Council Economic Development Committee report

Chair White and Acting City Attorney Watkins reported on the recent Council Economic Development Committee meeting. **MOTION: White moved and Funk seconded to direct staff to create an ordinance for the central business district property registry.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

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

A. Approval of the minutes from the April 16, 2019 City Council regular meeting and April 23, 2019, City Council special meeting

B. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Knobel's Electric, Inc. - Project 2014, Randall Park Improvements

C. Resolution accepting and approving 1st Quarter 2019 Claim Report

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-047, A RESOLUTION accepting and approving the 1st Quarter 2019 Claim Report for the City of Yakima.

D. Resolution authorizing a recurring annual agreement with Yakima Valley Umpires Association to obtain officiating services for the City's organized softball program

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-048, A RESOLUTION authorizing an Agreement with the Yakima Valley Umpires Association for officiating services for the City of Yakima's organized softball program.

E. Resolution authorizing an Engineering Services agreement with JUB Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Services to rehabilitate the Runway 9/27 High Intensity Runway Lighting system

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-049, A RESOLUTION authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with JUB Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Services to rehabilitate the Runway 9/27 High Intensity Runway Lighting system.

F. Resolution authorizing a contract with Selland Construction for the widening, reconstruction and other related road work on River Road from 34th to 40th Avenues

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-050, A RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with Selland Construction for the widening, reconstruction and other related roadway and utility work on River Road from 34th to 40th Avenues.

- G. Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 1.18.040 to add Public Safety Communication Division under direction of the Fire Chief

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-007, AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 1.18.040 to add the Public Safety Communications Division to be under the direction of the fire chief, in cooperation with the police chief.

7. Public Comment

James Turner, City resident, stated he will be contacting public works about the electronic speed sign malfunctioning.

Joe Mann, City resident, shared his concerns about limiting public comment.

Luz Bazan Gutierrez, City resident, reported on the successful Cinco de Mayo event and thanked the City for its assistance. She suggested the Police Department set up a recruitment booth at future events.

Joey Anderson, City resident, spoke on several issues and suggested police officers wear body cameras.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Resolution authorizing a contract with TH Stonewood I LP for \$50,000 of HOME Investment funds to support the construction of a 60-unit affordable housing complex, located at 1205 East Spruce Street

Archie Matthews, ONM S Manager, briefed Council on the item. After Council discussion, the City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-051, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with TH Stonewood I LP in the amount of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in Federal Housing and Urban Development HOME funds for assistance with the construction of 60 low-income housing units.

9. Affordable Housing Project Policy Discussion

Joan Davenport, Community Development Manager, briefed Council on the report. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to approve initiating a housing action plan as presented. The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Funk voting no, Mendez absent.

10. Other Business

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez shared her concerns regarding R-2011-077, which implemented E-verify. **MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to add R-2011-077 to the next business meeting on May 21.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

Councilmember Funk stated she is under censure and would like written clarification of the meetings she is not allowed to attend and the meetings she is allowed to attend. **MOTION: Funk moved and Gutierrez seconded to review the resolution related to**

Councilmember Funks censure at the next meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to a City Council special meeting on May 8, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Convention Center. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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