



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 4, 2019**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**4:30 p.m. Executive Session; 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- MINUTES**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee

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

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to an executive session for up to one hour regarding the performance of a public employee.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 5 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

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

Staff: City Manager Moore, City Attorney Cutter and Acting City Clerk Stephens

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Interpreter Services**

Mayor Coffey introduced Jorge Villasenor who announced interpreter services are available.

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

Mayor Coffey and Councilmembers held a moment of silence in tribute for the City of Virginia Beach.

Mayor Coffey mentioned recent concerns brought forward by the Yakima Police Patrolmans' Association and City Manager Moore's response to those concerns.

**MOTION:** Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to consider the matter resolved and closed. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote; Funk voting no.

A. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. 2019 Legislative Session Review with Luke Esser and Nick Federici

Olympia lobbyists Luke Esser and Nick Federici reported on the 2019 Legislative Session.

- ii. Yakima Juneteenth Freedom Week

Councilmember Mendez proclaimed the week of June 19, 2019 as Yakima Juneteenth Freedom Week with NAACP President Damone Harris and James Parks accepting it.

B. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees

i. Appointments to boards & committees

Councilmember Mendez reported the Council Partnership Committee made the following recommendations for appointment to the City's boards and committees:

- Arts Commission – Jack McEntire, Melissa Labberton, John Gasperetti and confirm Symphony appointment of David Rogers
- Bike/Ped Committee – Jennifer Gindt
- Board of Appeals – Mike Heit and Raymond Novobielski
- Community Review Board – Dinah Reed and Cindy O'Halloran
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Stacy Hackenmueller
- Public Facilities District Board – Ron Gamache
- Tree City USA Board -- Jheri Ketchum
- Historic Preservation Commission -- Joe Mann

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to approve the recommendations as presented by the Partnership Committee.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Council Reports

A. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee report

Mayor Coffey reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting held on May 21, 2019. John Cooper, President and CEO of Yakima Valley Tourism, answered questions about the availability of visitor data from the Lodging Association and provided information about current funding applications. City Manager Moore reported that SOZO could be encouraged to apply for funding at the next cycle.

B. Council Healthy Communities and Neighborhood Building Committee report

Councilmember Hill reported on the Healthy Communities and Neighborhood Building Committee meeting held on May 9, 2019, including information about the status of updating the junk vehicle ordinance.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to move the discussion about updating the junk vehicle ordinance to the next Council meeting.** The motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Coffey voting no.

C. Council Economic Development Committee report

Councilmember White provided a status update on the efforts to identify and define a definition of the downtown area.

**MOTION: White moved and Cousens seconded to adopt, as a downtown definition, to identify and update the essential concepts, land use, transportation and implementation framework elements for the core commercial area of the Central Business District along Yakima Avenue and the surrounding vicinity.** The motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Mendez voting no.

**MOTION: White moved and Gutierrez seconded to direct staff to create a working document of Council Priorities to be included at the City Manager's monthly briefing meetings.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember White mentioned continuing work on what may be included in an update of the Vacant Building Ordinance and general minimum maintenance requirements.

D. Council Partnership Committee report

Councilmember Mendez reported on the May 17, 2019 Council Partnership Committee meeting.

E. Council Public Safety Committee report

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez reported on the May 23, 2019 Council Public Safety Committee meeting, which was held at Garfield School, and included discussions on traffic and sidewalk safety in the vicinity of the school. She also reported on the ongoing review of the barking dog ordinance.

## 6. **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Coffey referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Councilmembers present. Items 8 (now 6H), 10 (now 6I), 11 (now 6J) and 12 (now 6K) were added to the Consent Agenda, renumbering the remaining items on the agenda. 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 May 21, 2019 City Council regular meeting and May 16 and 28, 2019, City Council special meetings

B. Set July 2, 2019, as the date for a public hearing on the 96th and Tieton Annexation in the vicinity of S 96th Ave and Tieton Dr

C. Resolution authorizing an agreement with HDR Engineering to provide engineering design, bidding, and construction services for the Nelson Dam Replacement, fish screen and associated piping project

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-055, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with HDR Engineering, not to exceed \$1,819,600.00, to provide engineering design, bidding, and construction services for the Nelson Dam Replacement, fish screen and associated piping project.

D. Resolution adopting the 2019 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Fund Programs

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-056, A RESOLUTION** adopting the proposed 2019 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Fund Programs as mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

E. Resolution authorizing the segregation of the LID 1061 assessment against parcel number 191329-33445 into two equal assessments

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-057, A RESOLUTION** authorizing the segregation of Local Improvement District 1061 assessment against parent parcel number 191329-33445 into two equal assessments.

- F. Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code 7.68.250 correcting the 2020 rate for two-inch ready to serve charge that was established in error

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-008, AN ORDINANCE** establishing rates, charges, terms and conditions for domestic water system connections and service; amending section 7.68.250, Water Division, of the City of Yakima Municipal Code; and providing for an effective date.

- G. Ordinance amending the definition section of Yakima Municipal Code section 7.68: Water Division

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-009, AN ORDINANCE** amending the definition section of Yakima Municipal Code section 7.68: Water Division.

- H. Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code Chapters 1.48 and 6.20 relating to limited commissions

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-010, AN ORDINANCE** amending certain sections of Chapter 1.48 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code relating to limited commissions for the purpose of clarifying eligibility for limited commissions and powers of limited commissions; and, amending City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 6.20 for the purpose of clarifying limited commission enforcement powers of animal control officers.

- I. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Yakima Police Athletic League (YPAL) for \$75,000 of CDBG funding for youth programming and services at the Washington Fruit and Produce Community Center at 604 S 4th Street

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-058, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with Yakima Police Athletic League (YPAL) in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant funds to provide youth services and programming in Yakima at the Washington Fruit and Produce Community Center.

- J. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) for \$75,000 CDBG funding for youth programming and services at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center (HBCC) at 1211 S 7th Street

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-059, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington (OIC) in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant funds to provide youth services and programming in Yakima at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center.

- K. Resolution adopting a material change policy for the City of Yakima Transportation Benefit District

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-060, A RESOLUTION** adopting a material change policy for the City of Yakima TBD.

## 7. Public Comment

TJ Davis, City resident, reported the 2019 Ron Bonlender Memorial Cruise event is canceled due to insurance requirements.

Tony Courcy, City resident, spoke about a number of issues.

## DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Reports from Yakima Police Activities League and Opportunities Industrialization Center

Linda Dale presented a PowerPoint on behalf of YPAL, and Adrianne Garner reported on behalf of OIC.

9. Resolution repealing Resolution No. R-2011-77 relating to the City's participation in the Federal E-Verify program, and rescinding Administrative Policy 3-200

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez stated she brought this forward for consideration to help open up opportunities for local businesses and to help expedite the procurement process.

The following City residents spoke in favor of keeping the Resolution in place for E-verify: Dave Ettl, Deborah Carter, Richard Weiss, Alexander Patten, and non-residents Ron Klundt and Ruth Drollinger.

The following community members spoke in favor of repealing the Resolution for E-verify: Yakima residents Eladio Ceja and Luz Bazan Gutierrez and non-resident Sal Marquez.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded to adopt the resolution.** The motion carried by a 4-3 vote, with Cousens, Funk and Hill voting no.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-061, A RESOLUTION** repealing prior resolution No. R-2011-77, which directed the City of Yakima's participation in the Federal E-verify program, and rescinding City of Yakima Administrative Policy 3-200 (former policy number ADM 2100) outlining the policy and procedure pursuant to the City's participation in the E-Verify program.

## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

10. Resolution regarding the Council's policy for audience comments

City Manager Moore and City Attorney Cutter briefed Council on the proposed changes.

Sandra Aguilar, speaking on behalf of the Community Integration Committee, encouraged Council to work with the Community Integration Committee to explore methods to manage the flow of the meetings.

Lynn Harden, City resident, spoke in favor of keeping the current practice in place.

**MOTION: Hill moved and Mendez seconded to have the Community Integration Committee provide recommendations regarding public comment during council meetings.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. **Other Business**

City Manager Moore reported the employee picnic is at the same time as the Council agenda preview meeting on June 25 and asked if Council would like to change the meeting time. Council agreed to reschedule the briefing meeting.

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez mentioned there are community policing events scheduled for June 14 and 15. She asked that anyone interested in more information should contact the City.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Funk seconded to add the 2020 Census as a topic for the next Council Business meeting.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**12. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on June 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.**  
The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m

**CERTIFICATION**

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