



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
October 3, 2019
City Hall -- Council Chambers
10:00 a.m. Council Budget Review -- MINUTES**

1. Roll Call

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

Staff: Interim City Manager Cynthia Martinez, Director of Finance & Budget Steve Groom and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent and excused: Council Members Holly Cousens and Carmen Mendez

2. Council Review of Proposed 2020 Budget - 2 of 4

Steve Groom, Director of Finance & Budget, reviewed a PowerPoint on the proposed 2020 policy issues.

Fire Chief Markham briefed Council on the proposed inspection report filing fee. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded for preparation of an ordinance for imposition of this fee (fire inspection report filing fee). The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

Fire Chief Markham discussed fire inspection fees and special event fees. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Funk moved and Gutierrez seconded to prepare an ordinance for this fee (fire special event fee). The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

Fire Chief Markham reviewed a proposal to add one time full-time community risk reduction specialist position. Deputy Fire Chief Reid briefed Council on a two-tier hazardous material fee. Deputy Fire Chief Rodriguez briefed Council on a proposal for one full-time day investigator. Council Member Hill asked if only given one position, what position should it be. Chief Markham recommended the community risk reduction specialist, which has a funding source.

Police Chief Murray stated he set a single priority of reducing violent crime when he became

Chief and every decision made revolves around this single priority. Chief Murray reviewed the following policy issues: cell phones for every officer, four additional part-time community response officers, and one full-time administrative systems analyst.

Steve Groom, Director of Finance & Budget, briefed Council on the License Plate Recognition (LPR) Technology for parking enforcement and the issues involved with a new ruling that tires can no longer be chalked. Council discussed the current parking ticket cost and believes the cost should be increased.

Joan Davenport, Director of Community Development, reviewed a proposal for one additional full-time plans examiner 1 due to the increase in permits.

Scott Schafer, Interim Assistant City Manager, briefed Council on the need for additional maintenance and operating costs for the Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center (HBCC) and Washington Fruit Community Center. Additionally, Mr. Schafer and Airport Director Peterson reviewed the airline service development request to explore and pursue alternative airlines or destinations to service the area.

Dave Brown, Acting Public Works Director, briefed Council on the following proposals: eliminate two temporary employees and replace with one 9-month ball field maintenance worker, a second Beyond the Bell Program, Lions Pool dehumidification system, traffic calming and community centers capital repair & replacement. Council members requested more information on the traffic calming requests and costs.

3. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

None.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded to adjourn to a City Council Business Meeting on October 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR