



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
October 22, 2019
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5:30 p.m. Agenda Preview Meeting -- MINUTES**

1. Roll Call

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

Staff: Interim City Manager Cynthia Martinez, City Attorney Jeff Cutter and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Council Members Holly Cousens (excused), Carmen Mendez (excused) and Jason White

2. Review 2020 Legislative Priorities

Randy Beehler, Communications & Public Affairs Director, briefed Council on the draft 2020 legislative priorities.

It was Council consensus to change the State Legislative Priorities as follows: move the "State Funding for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services in Municipal Jails" to the actively pursue category and the "Replacing the One Percent Property Tax Revenue Increase Limit with a Limit Tied to Cost Drivers" from actively pursue to the support category. The Federal Legislative Priorities remained the same.

Randy Beehler, Communications & Public Affairs Director, reported on the status of a meeting requested with legislative representatives regarding immigration reform. He stated the meeting has been tentatively scheduled on November 5th at 2 p.m.; however, Senator Murray's representative has declined the meeting, Senator Cantwell's office has not responded and Representative Newhouse's representative has tentatively accepted the invitation. It was Council consensus to find another date that works for everyone.

3. Agenda preview for November 5, 12 and 19, 2019 draft agendas

Interim City Manager Martinez reviewed the November 5, 12 and 19, 2019 draft agendas.

Council Member Funk requested additional information on the biosolids agenda item, the Ad Valorem property tax cap and discussed her concerns related to the Convention Center expansion contract. Budget and Finance Director Groom will provide Ms. Funk with additional information related to her concerns.

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez mentioned the City just received a letter from the ACLU on the legalities of a Strong Mayor election. City Attorney Cutter noted this will be included with the item on the next agenda.

4. City Manager update

Interim City Manager Martinez updated Council on the status of the following Council Committee action items:

- a. Definition of nuisance properties, which has been added to the November 12 study session.
- b. Shopping cart ordinance revisions, which will be on the November 19 council agenda.
- c. Vacant building ordinance, which has been added to the November 12 study session.
- b. Downtown Master Plan, a meeting has been scheduled with stakeholders on November 4.

Interim City Manager Martinez suggested the Council wait until January before creating a Council Nominating Committee, and there were no objections.

Mayor Coffey asked Council members how they would like to respond to the Community Integration Committee's recent request to meet sooner than 2020. It was consensus to meet with the Committee in November. It was Council consensus to cancel the November and December agenda preview meetings.

Interim City Manager Martinez reported there are no updates to the Strategic Plan. Ms. Martinez reported Alex Meyerhoff has agreed to the terms presented by the City Council and will begin on November 8, 2019.

Council Member Hill stated the YVCOG's December monthly meeting is hosted by the City, and all Council members and the City Manager are invited to attend.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to the next Council regular meeting on November 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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MAYOR