



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
October 17, 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 and Budget Steve Groom and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Council Members Holly Cousens and Carmen Mendez

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

Steve Groom, Director of Budget and Finance, distributed and reviewed a policy issue summary, which included funding sources for each request.

Council members discussed the need to hear from the public on this topic. After further discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Coffey seconded to approve the Fire Department Two-Tier Hazardous Material Fee for the budget to move it forward. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to approve the increase in fire inspection fees. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

Council members reviewed the two requested Fire Department positions indicating there is a need; however, it was consensus there is not enough funds in the budget for these positions. Council members took the following action:

MOTION: Coffey moved and Hill seconded to approve the parking infraction fee increase. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Gutierrez seconded to approve the technology request using REET funds if possible, and if not possible then out of the general fund. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to approve cell phones for police

officers. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded that staff take the appropriate action in order to stay within budget and establish the police community response officers. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to approve the License Plate Recognition technology out of REET funds if possible, and if not possible, out of the general fund. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and White seconded to approve, out of the general fund, maintenance for the community centers. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

It was Council consensus that although there is a need, there is not enough funds in the budget for the Administrative Systems Analyst position, Plans Examiner 1 position or the airline service development request.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to approve the Airport closed caption TV system. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to fund the levy lid lift ballot measure on the February ballot. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to approve the Parks & Recreation 9 month ball field maintenance position. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

Interim Assistant City Manager Schafer reported the Yakima School District received grants for two more after school programs; therefore, the second Beyond the Bell program is not needed. Additionally, he stated the Lions Pool dehumidification system is deferred so no action is necessary at this time.

MOTION: Hill moved and White seconded to approve the airport rate increase. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to approve the traffic calming funding request. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to approve the community centers capital repair funding request. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to approve the fuel management software. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to approve the pavement condition index funding request. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to approve the pedestrian master plan request. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and White seconded to approve the Lodging Tax budget. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to an executive session for up to 30 minutes to discuss potential real estate transactions and possible employment of a public employee. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and Mendez absent, adjourning at 11:15 a.m. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 11:43 a.m. when the meeting reconvened.

3. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

None.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to a Special City Council meeting on October 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m..

CERTIFICATION

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COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

ATTEST:

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COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

CITY CLERK

MAYOR