



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 15, 2019**  
**City Hall -- Council Chambers**  
**5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- MINUTES**

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**1. Roll Call**

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

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

Absent and excused: Council Members Brad Hill and Carmen Mendez

**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**

**A. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions**

- i. Summary report regarding the 2019 Council Mentorship - Internship Program

Senior Assistant City Attorney Helen Harvey provided a summary report regarding the 2019 Council Mentorship - Internship Program. Fire Chief Aaron Markham briefed Council on the duties of the intern that worked at the Fire Department.

**B. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees**

- i. Appointments to Boards & Committees

Mayor Coffey reported the Council Partnership Committee met on October 1, 2019, and recommends the following appointments with the exception of the Greenway representative on the Bike/Ped Committee is Will Hollingberry instead of Sue Schoolcraft:

- Bike/Ped: Phil Mattoon, Neil McClure, Paul Cook and Will Hollingberry, Greenway rep
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: John Cooper and Sara Davila
- Parks & Rec: Alec Regimbal
- Police & Fire Civil Service: confirm City Manager's appointment of Camille Becker Yakima
- Housing Authority appointment: Nick Marquez

**MOTION: Cousens moved and White seconded to approve the appointments as recommended.** The motion carried by a unanimous vote, Hill and Mendez absent.

**5. Council Reports**

None.

**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. Item 10 was added to the consent agenda becoming item 6L. 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, Hill and Mendez absent.

- A. Approval of the minutes from the October 1, 2019 City Council regular meeting, October 1, 2019 City Council special meeting and October 1 and 3, 2019 City Council study sessions
- B. Accept Council Committee minutes
- C. Approve payment of disbursements for the period September 1 – 30, 2019
- D. 2019 3rd Quarter Treasury Report
- E. Set date of November 5, 2019 for public hearing regarding the Ad Valorem Tax (property tax) for collection in 2020
- F. Set dates of November 5 and 19, 2019, for public hearings on the 2020 Preliminary Budget for the City of Yakima
- G. Set date of November 5, 2019 for a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend Yakima Municipal Code 4.16.180 refuse license tax rate
- H. Resolution authorizing a contract with Ken Leingang Excavating, Inc. providing for sewer and stormwater infrastructure development on the Catalyss site

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-088, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a contract with Ken Leingang Excavating, Inc. providing for sewer and stormwater infrastructure development on the Catalyss site.

- I. Resolution authorizing the City to accept a Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant from the Department of Ecology

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-089, A RESOLUTION** authorizing the City to accept a Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant from the Department of Ecology.

- J. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Oshkosh Airport Products, LLC., to provide required Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Equipment

for the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-090, A RESOLUTION** authorizing the execution of an agreement with Oshkosh Airport Products, LLC., to provide required Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Equipment for the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

- K. Resolution authorizing annual renewal of the City Manager's authority to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City of Yakima in an amount of \$50,000 or less, and to execute all documents necessary for such claims

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-091, A RESOLUTION** authorizing annual renewal of the City Manager's authority to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City of Yakima in an amount of \$50,000 or less, and to execute all documents necessary for such claims

- L. Resolution authorizing a Lease Agreement with Food Facility Engineering, Inc. for property located at 2300 West Washington Ave, Suite 11, Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-092, RESOLUTION** authorizing a Lease Agreement with Food Facility Engineering, Inc. for property located at 2300 West Washington Ave, Suite 11, Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

## 7. Public Comment

Joe Mann, City resident, shared some history on the success of the airport and restaurant from 1960.

Jerry Mellen, City resident, shared his suggestions for the City's 2020 budget.

Bruce Smith, non resident, distributed information about the Strong Mayor form of government and requested Council put the issue on the ballot to allow the citizens of our community to decide if this City should be managed by a different form of government.

Mike Leita, City resident, asked Council to review the proposed Charter change to Strong Mayor form of government and requested the Council allow the citizens of our community to vote on it. Additionally, he read a letter by former Mayor Dave Edler expressing his support for this proposed change.

## DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Request to appropriate REET funds to proceed with master plans for the Washington Fruit Community Center and the Henry Beauchamp Community Center in 2019

Scott Schafer, Interim Assistant City Manager, briefed Council on the issue. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Funk seconded to appropriate REET funds to proceed with the master plans for the community centers.** The motion failed by a 3-2 vote, Coffey, Cousens and White voting no, Hill and Mendez absent.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Funk seconded to complete a study for the Washington Fruit Community Center.** The motion carried by a 4-1 vote, White voting no, Hill and Mendez absent.

9. Resolution accepting the Youth Gang Suppression Implementation Grant from the Department

of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Sara Watkins, Senior Assistant City Attorney, briefed Council the resolution.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-093, A RESOLUTION** accepting the Youth Gang Suppression Implementation Grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

10. This item was added to the consent agenda

11. Resolution authorizing a policy regarding temporary emergency cold weather shelters in the City of Yakima and providing such policy shall be valid only between November 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020

Joan Davenport, Director of Community Development, briefed Council on the resolution.

Joshua Jackson and Margaret Treichler, with Rod's House, spoke in support of this item. Tony Courcey, City resident, spoke on several issues.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-094, A RESOLUTION** authorizing and directing the Yakima Department of Community Development to identify and implement a policy regarding temporary emergency cold weather shelters in the City of Yakima, and providing that such policy shall be valid only from November 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020.

12. Interim City Manager contract update

Connie Mendoza, Human Resources Director, briefed Council on the contract negotiations.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Gutierrez seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to negotiate the terms of the Interim City Manager contract.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and Mendez absent, adjourning at 6:19 p.m.. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 6:35 p.m. when the meeting reconvened.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to offer Mr. Meyerhoff an Interim City Manager contract like the previous city managers contract with the addition of a housing allowance.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and Mendez absent.

**MOTION: Coffey moved and White seconded to begin negotiations with Mr. Meyerhoff with the Human Resources Director and the City Attorney.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and Mendez absent.

13. Other Business

**MOTION: Cousens moved and White seconded to add the proposed Charter changes to the next City Council meeting.** The motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Gutierrez and Funk

voting no, Hill and Mendez absent. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Funk moved and Gutierrez seconded to ask Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib to give us his advice on this potentially contentious topic.** The motion failed by a 3-2 vote, White, Coffey and Cousens voting no, Hill and Mendez absent.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Funk seconded to direct Legal staff to provide a memorandum of the assessed legal risks that we would need to consider as a city with this decision at the next meeting.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and Mendez absent.

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Funk seconded to direct staff at the next meeting to bring information related to the desegregation and housing in our city.** After Council discussion, Cousens raised a Point of Order and Coffey ruled Gutierrez is out of order. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote, Coffey and White voting no, Hill and Mendez absent.

**14. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on October 16, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

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