



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
January 7, 2020
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Nomination of Meeting Chair

Councilmembers Patricia Byers, Holly Cousens, Kay Funk, Brad Hill (via speakerphone), Soneya Lund, Eliana Macias and Jason White

Staff: Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff, City Attorney Jeff Cutter and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Due to Councilmember Cousens' seniority, it was Council consensus for her to be Presiding Officer until the Mayor and Assistant Mayor are elected.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Officer Cousens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

Presiding Officer Cousens introduced Jorge Villasenor who announced interpreter services are available.

4. Newly Elected Process

Election of Mayor

A. Election of Mayor

Presiding Officer Cousens opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

MOTION: Macias moved and Lund seconded to nominate Byers for Mayor.

Councilmember Funk read from a statement she prepared on concerns about the mayoral election process and offered herself as a ceremonial mayor. After Council discussion, the motion to appoint Councilmember Byers as Mayor carried by unanimous vote.

Election of Assistant Mayor (Mayor Pro-tem)

A. Election of Assistant Mayor

MOTION: Byers moved and White seconded to nominate Cousens as Assistant Mayor. MOTION: Macias moved and Funk seconded to nominate Lund as Assistant Mayor. MOTION: Funk moved to nominate herself and there was no second. MOTION: Funk moved to amend Cousens' nomination that we would have another election if the Mayor's chair was vacated. The motion died for lack of a second. After discussion, Lund respectfully declined the nomination. The motion to appoint Cousens as

Assistant Mayor carried by a 5-2 vote, with Funk and Macias voting no.

5. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

i. Martin Luther King Jr. week proclamation

Assistant Mayor Cousens read a proclamation for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a Day of Service. Steve Mitchell and Reverend Trimble accepted the proclamation.

ii. School Board Recognition Month

Mayor Byers reported a late addition to the agenda for a proclamation regarding School Board Recognition Month and Yakima School District Board Members Martha Rice and Norm Walker accepted it. Martha Rice congratulated the Council members on their election and requested a joint meeting with the Council and Yakima School District Board in the near future.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Arts Commission update

Noel Moxley, Arts Commission Chair, provided an update on the Arts Commission and requested to meet individually with Council members to find out their desires for the Art Commission.

6. Council Reports

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Byers referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Council members present. Item 7A was removed from the consent 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: White moved and Cousens seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. This item was removed from the consent agenda

B. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Wheeler Excavation, LLC - City of Yakima Project 2469 - 2019 Stormwater Projects

C. Resolution for the Water/Irrigation Division's Public Works Trust Fund
Loan contract for water line improvements

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-001, A RESOLUTION authorizing a Public Works Board Construction Loan Contract with the State of Washington, through the Washington State Public Works Board to improve domestic water facilities.

D. Resolution authorizing a contract with Michels Corporation for City Project No. 2496 Stormwater Pipe Rehabilitation

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-002, A RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with Michels Corporation for City Project No. 2496 Stormwater Infrastructure Rehabilitation

- E. Resolution authorizing award of RFP 11913P and execution of an agreement with Natural Selection Farms, to provide Biosolids Hauling and Land Application Services

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-003, A RESOLUTION authorizing award of RFP 11913P and execution of an agreement with Natural Selection Farms, to provide Biosolids Hauling and Land Application Services

- F. Ordinance amending Yakima Municipal Code Title 15—Yakima Urban Area Zoning Ordinance to incorporate text amendments recommended by the City of Yakima Planning Commission

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-001, AN ORDINANCE amending Yakima Municipal Code Title 15 – Yakima Urban Area Zoning Ordinance to incorporate text amendments recommended by the City of Yakima Planning Commission

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the minutes from the December 3 and 10, 2019 City Council regular meetings, December 13 and 16, 2019 City Council special meetings and December 5, 2019 meeting notes

MOTION: Funk moved and Lund seconded to amend the December 5, 2019, minutes to include her stated concerns that the consultants work include action recommendations, not exclusively planning. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Hill voting no.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to accept the December 5, 2019 minutes as amended. The motion carried by unanimous vote. **MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to approve the December 3, 10, 13, and 16, 2019 minutes.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Public Comment

Public comment was given by City residents Tony Courcy, Liz Hallock and non-resident Lea Draven.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

9. Discussion of Code of Ethics and Principles of Conduct policies

Interim City Manager Meyerhoff provided background on the Code of Ethics and Principles of Conduct. **MOTION: Cousens moved and Funk seconded to adopt the Code of Ethics and Principles of Conduct.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. Discussion about Association of Washington Cities City Action Days

Communication & Public Affairs Manager Randy Beehler briefed Council on the upcoming Association of Washington Cities Conference. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Cousens moved and White seconded to send Beyers, Lund and Macias to the AWC Conference. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. City Council meeting agenda process

Interim City Manager Meyerhoff reviewed the meeting agenda process, noting that Council members can only add items to the agenda under other business if there is a positive majority vote to do so.

12. Other Business

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to direct staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce to provide a summary report of the December Chamber meeting regarding homelessness issues and solutions at our next business meeting. After discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Macias moved and Cousens seconded to have staff present a progress report on safe routes to elementary schools at our next business meeting on January 21. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to allow the City Manager to agendize the city manager recruitment and contract. After discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Funk moved and Macias seconded to have the City Manager agendize gathering public information regarding the Levy Lid Lift. After discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to have the City Manager agendize a plan and process for action on the recently passed Climate Crisis resolution and include environmental issues. After discussion, the motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Byers voting no.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and White seconded to adjourn to the next Council regular meeting on January 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR