



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 21, 2020**  
**City Hall -- Council Chambers**  
**5:00 p.m. Executive Session; 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- MINUTES**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Executive Session regarding prospective litigation

Roll Call -- Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Councilmembers, Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Eliana Macias and Jason White

Absent and excused: Councilmember Soneya Lund

**MOTION: Cousens moved and White seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss prospective litigation.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent. Executive Session was held from 5:12 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Councilmembers, Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Eliana Macias and Jason White

Absent and excused: Councilmember Soneya Lund

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Byers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Interpreter Services**

Mayor Byers introduced Jorge Villaseñor who announced interpreter services are available.

4. **Open Discussion for the Good of the Order**

A. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. Recognition of Fire Captain Kari Brown and Fire Captain Jeff Pfaff for 25 years of service

Fire Chief Markham recognized Fire Captain Kari Brown and Fire Captain Jeff Pfaff for 25 years of service to the City of Yakima.

- ii. Humane Society Report

Yakima Humane Society Director Sheryl Haga presented their 2019 annual report. After several

questions, Ms. Haga clarified that if someone surrenders their pet, there is a \$50 fee. If someone surrenders an animal over the counter, they request a \$50 donation that is not enforceable.

- iii. Report from Chamber of Commerce Board President Bob Gerst regarding the Chamber Homeless Summit

Interim City Manager Meyerhoff reported on a Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding homeless issues. Prosecuting Attorney Cynthia Martinez provided an update on the Clean City Project. Chief Murray reported on the Yakima Police Department's efforts with homelessness and Community Development Director Joan Davenport provided information on code enforcement efforts.

## 5. Council Reports

- A. City Council 2020-2021 Boards, Committees and Commissions assignments

Per Council consensus, this item was moved to the end of the agenda. At the end of the meeting, Mayor Byers brought the item back and Council made the following appointments:

**MOTION: Cousens moved and White seconded to appoint Byers, White and Cousens to the Nominating Committee.** The motion failed by a 3-3 vote with Funk, Hill and Macias voting no, Lund absent.

**MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to change the structure of the Nominating Committee to a quarterly rotation in random order by the City Clerk.** The motion carried by a 4-2 vote with Byers and Cousens voting no, Lund absent.

**COUNCIL CONSENSUS:** To appoint Hill, White and Byers to the Ad Hoc Downtown Master Plan Workgroup.

Yakima City Council Appointees to Other Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, etc.

**It was Council consensus to make the following appointments:**

- Yakima Valley Tourism Board of Directors (ex-officio): White, (Alt) Byers
- Hotel/Motel Commission/TPA (ex-officio): White, (Alt) Byers
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: White, (Alt) Byers
- Capitol Theatre Board (ex-officio): Lund, Cousens (alt.)
- Choose Yakima Valley (YCDA) (ex-officio): Cousens, (Alt) Funk
- Yakima Chamber of Commerce Board (ex-officio): Byers, (Alt) Funk
- Yakima Police Athletic League: Funk, (Alt) Cousens
- Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Executive Board: Hill, (Alt) Cousens
- YVCOG General Membership: Hill; (Alt) Cousens
- Yakima Valley OIC: Macias, (Alt) Funk
- Yakima Regional Clean Air Board: Hill, (Alt) Cousens
- Yakima County Board of Health: Funk
- Yakima County Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Funk
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (OEM): Funk
- Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board: VACANT
- Yakima Basin Joint Board: Hill

Optional – Council representation not required but requested

- TRANS-Action: Hill

- Sports Commission: White, (Alt) Cousens
- Morelia Sister City Committee: Macias; (Alt) Cousens
- Seniors Inc. Board: Hill
- Homeless Network: Lund
- Yakima County Homeless Coalition Executive Committee: Lund
- Yakima Valley Museum: Hill, (Alt) Lund

City Advisory Boards, Committees, and Commissions City Council Appoints to

- Arts Commission: Lund, (Alt) Macias
- Parks & Recreation Commission: Macias, (Alt) Funk
- Yakima Planning Commission: Funk, (Alt) Cousens
- Historic Preservation Commission: VACANT
- Henry Beauchamp Community Center: Byers, (Alt) Macias
- Bike/Ped Committee: VACANT
- Tree City USA Board: VACANT
- Community Integration Committee: Hill, (Alt) Lund

Filled by Mayor (or Mayor's Designee)

Councilmember Funk objected to the Mayor being appointed to these committees as she doesn't believe the Charter gives that authority. **MOTION: Hill moved and Macias seconded to appoint Funk to the 911 Administration Board.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

**MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to appoint Byers to the Office of Emergency Management Board.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

**MOTION: Hill moved and Macias seconded to appoint Funk to the Yakima County Emergency Services Admin Board and Yakima County EMS Trauma Care Council.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent. Assistant Mayor Cousens stated Byers should be the alternate and there were no objections.

**MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to appoint Byers to the remaining committees labeled as Mayor's designee.** The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Funk voting no, Lund absent.

- Supporting Investments in Economic Diversification Board (SIED): Byers, (Alt) White
- Yakima Nation Community Contribution Committee: Byers, (Alt) Cousens
- Fire Relief & Pension Board: Byers, (Alt) Hill
- Board of Volunteer Firefighters: Byers, (Alt) Hill
- Board of Volunteer Police: Byers, (Alt) Hill
- Police Relief & Pension Board: Byers, (Alt) Hill
- 911 Administration Board: Funk, (Alt) Byers
- Yakima County Emergency Services (EMS) Admin Board: Funk, (Alt) Byers
- Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Board: Byers
- Yakima County EMS Trauma Care Council: Funk, (Alt) Byers

## 6. **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. Items 6D and 6K were 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: Cousens moved and Funk seconded to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

- A. Approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2020 City Council regular meeting
- B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period December 1 – 31, 2019
- C. 2019 4th Quarter Treasury Report
- D. This item was removed from the consent agenda
- E. Set date of February 4, 2020 for a public hearing to consider the Development Agreement for the plat of Apple Tree Phase 4
- F. Resolution setting February 13, 2020, as the date for an open record public hearing before the City of Yakima Hearing Examiner to vacate a portion of an alleyway in the vicinity of N 6th Ave and Fruitvale Blvd

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-004, A RESOLUTION** fixing time for a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner on February 13, 2020, on a petition (Petition No. 19-12) to vacate a platted right-of-way at 810 N 6th Ave.

- G. Resolution accepting and approving 4th Quarter 2019 Claim Report

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-005, A RESOLUTION** accepting and approving the 4th Quarter 2019 Claim Report for the City of Yakima.

- H. Resolution authorizing a contract with Selland Construction, Inc. for City Project No. SW2507 Wide Hollow Creek Berm Reinforcement at West Valley Community Park

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-006, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a contract with Selland Construction, Inc. for City Project No. SW2507 Wide Hollow Creek Berm Reinforcement

- I. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Akel Engineering Group, Inc. to provide engineering and consulting services associated with the 2022 Wastewater and Stormwater Collection System Master Plan updates

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-007, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with Akel Engineering Group, Inc. to provide engineering and consulting services associated with the 2022 Wastewater and Stormwater Collection System Master Plan updates.

- J. Resolution executing a lease agreement with Linda Andrea Pena dba Fast Line Express Café for property located in the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field building at 2300 W. Washington Ave.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-008, A RESOLUTION** executing a lease agreement with Linda Andrea Pena dba Fast Line Express Café for property located in the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field building at 2300 W. Washington Ave.

- K. This item was removed from the consent agenda
- L. Resolution approving an interlocal agreement with the Yakima Police Department and surrounding local law enforcement agencies to conduct investigations

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-009, A RESOLUTION** approving an interlocal agreement with the Yakima Police Department and the Washington State Patrol, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office and Police Departments for, Grandview, Moxee, Selah, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Union Gap and Zillah to jointly cooperate through a Yakima Valley Special Investigations Unit for investigations of certain incidents

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- A. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Selland Construction, Inc. - Project 2479 River Rd Improvements - 34th Ave to 40th Ave

Councilmember Funk asked several questions, which Acting Chief Engineer Desgrosellier answered.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Funk seconded to approve the report.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

- B. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with FileOnQ to provide digital and physical evidence tracking software and services for Yakima Police Department

Councilmember Funk asked several questions, which Chief Murray answered. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-010, A RESOLUTION** authorizing execution of an agreement with FileOnQ, Inc., to provide license for proprietary software for law enforcement evidence management and services

7. **Public Comment**

After a brief discussion, **MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to allow all public comment, with the exception of public hearings, under public comment and not on individual agenda items, and to update the Council Rules of Procedure to reflect this change.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

Public comment was given by City residents Gina Rodriguez, Tony Courcy, Jerry Mellin, Luz Bazan Gutierrez and Mike Kay, Director of Camp Hope.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

8. Report on Safe Routes to Schools program

Acting Chief Engineer Bob Desgrosellier briefed Council on the report. After discussion and amendments, **the following motion was approved by Council: direct staff to compile a list of the top 10 most important projects to get kids to school safely with a fiscal note attached and add a timeline of appropriate next steps for advancing these projects by the end of March.**

9. Resolution expressing the City Council's support for the Levy Lid Lift Ballot Proposition No. 1.

Director of Finance and Budget Steve Groom briefed Council on the resolution. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Funk seconded to adopt the resolution.** After discussion, the motion failed by a 5-1 vote, Byers, Cousens, Hill, Macias and White voting no, Lund absent.

**10. Other Business**

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to add to the next agenda a letter of support for Alternative Dwelling Units in support of HB 2570.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

**MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded that on the next agenda we ask Mr. Meyerhoff and Mr. Cutter to clarify the mayoral committee participation designation.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

**MOTION: Funk moved and White seconded to put on the agenda for the next meeting a discussion of the future of a strong mayor referendum from the City Council.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent.

**11. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Cousens moved to adjourn to the next Council regular meeting on February 4, 2020, 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

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