



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 2020

City Hall -- Council Chambers

5:00 p.m. Executive Session; 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- this meeting is live streamed at www.yakimawa.gov and telecast live on Spectrum Cable Channel 194 -- MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session regarding collective bargaining and consideration of the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease

Roll Call Council -- all attending via speakerphone: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Councilmembers, Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias

Absent and excused: Councilmember Jason White

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes regarding collective bargaining and consideration of the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

Executive Session was held beginning at 5:10 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Council -- all attending via speakerphone: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Councilmembers, Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias

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

Absent and excused: Councilmember White

2. Pledge of Allegiance

None -- Council attended the meeting via speakerphone.

3. Interpreter Services

None.

4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

i. Arbor Day proclamation

Mayor Byers proclaimed the third Saturday in April as Arbor Day.

- ii. National Tele Communicators Week proclamation

Mayor Byers proclaimed the week of April 12-18, 2020 as “National Tele Communicators Week.”

5. Council Reports

- A. Consideration of proclamation extending the Mayor’s order declaring emergency and resolution approving the Mayor’s extension

Mayor Byers proclaimed an extension of the Civil Emergency Order in the City of Yakima through May 7, 2020. Mayor Byers reminded everyone that while the City's emergency order and the Governor's stay at home order remain in effect, no in-person public comment will be taken and the only comments taken will be via telephone for the public hearing. She urged community members to email or call council members with public comment or concerns they have prior to the meeting.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adopt the resolution. After Council discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-040, A RESOLUTION extending the Mayor’s Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order regarding a state of emergency in the City of Yakima due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”).

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. There were no changes. 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 Lund seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

- A. Council Rules of Procedure amendment
- B. Approval of minutes from the March 17, 2020 City Council regular meeting and March 13, 2020 City Council special meeting
- C. Resolution authorizing a Construction Services Agreement with JUB Engineering, Inc., for Construction Services to rehabilitate the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field Runway 9/27 High Intensity Runway Lighting system and asphalt maintenance

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-041, A RESOLUTION authorizing a Construction Services Agreement with JUB Engineering, Inc. for Construction Services to rehabilitate the Runway 9/27 High Intensity Runway Lighting system and asphalt repairs.

- D. Resolution extending the date of the temporary emergency cold weather shelters to accommodate temporary homeless shelters during stay home orders issued by the

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-042, A RESOLUTION extending the date of the temporary emergency cold weather shelters to accommodate shelters while the City of Yakima and State of Washington are under stay home orders from the Yakima Health District and Washington State Governor's Office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Public hearing and ordinance to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding a right-of-way petition submitted by Yakima Housing Authority to vacate a portion of an alleyway that extends west of N 6th Ave, south of Fruitvale Blvd

Colleda Monick, Community Development Specialist, briefed Council on the item. Mayor Byers opened the public hearing and, with no one calling in to speak, closed the hearing.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to pass the ordinance. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-008, AN ORDINANCE relating to land use; vacating a public right-of-way, in an alleyway that extends west of N 6th Ave., south of Fruitvale Blvd., in the City of Yakima, Washington.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Ordinance amending the 2020 Budget for the City of Yakima; and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balances within various Funds for expenditure during 2020 for various purposes including 2019 encumbrances (First Reading)

Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, briefed Council on the ordinance noting it will be brought back at the next meeting for action. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

9. Discussion concerning offering a permanent employment contract to Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff

Attorney Jeff Cutter briefed Council on the discussion of a permanent employment contract with Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff.

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to instruct the Human Resources Director to move forward with a competitive recruitment process to fill the City Manager position. After Council discussion, the motion carried by a 4-2 vote with Funk and Byers voting no, White absent.

10. **Other Business**

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to an executive session for up to 30 minutes to review complaints received against an elected official. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent. Executive Session was held beginning at 6:08 p.m. and extended by the Mayor at 6:38 p.m. for another 15 minutes beginning at 6:45 p.m. and adjourning at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to bring a resolution to the next Council meeting on April 21, 2020, a resolution to formally censure Councilmember

Jason White based on his inflammatory language and violations of our Code of Ethics, this is step C1 of the policy (Council Rules of Procedures). After Council discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on April 21, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

CERTIFICATION
READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK MAYOR

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