



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2020

City Hall -- Council Chambers

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- This meeting will be conducted via speakerphone and is live streamed at www.yakimawa.gov and telecast live on Y-PAC, Spectrum Cable Channel 194 or you may call in and listen by dialing 1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099. When prompted for the meeting ID enter 949 0359 9895#. When prompted for the participant ID enter #. When prompted for the meeting password enter 903063#. There will be no opportunity for oral communications at this meeting with the exception of public hearings; however, if you wish to provide written comment to the City Council, please email ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov. Written comments received by 3 pm for this meeting will be provided to the City Council prior to the meeting. MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Councilmembers, Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias (Councilmembers attending via speakerphone with the exception of Funk)

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

Absent: Councilmember Jason White

2. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

Interim City Manager Meyerhoff provided an update on COVID-19's effect on City services and finances.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. Retirement recognition of Helen A. Harvey, Senior Assistant City Attorney, for 25 years of service to the City of Yakima

City Attorney Jeff Cutter and Council members recognized Helen Harvey, Senior Assistant City Attorney, on her retirement and 25 years of service to the City of Yakima.

- ii. Review and presentation of Downtown Association Yakima's 2019 Year End Report

Mayor Byers announced this item has been postponed.

3. Council Reports

None.

4. **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 4C was removed from the Council 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 Macias seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

- A. Approval of minutes from the August 4, 2020 City Council regular meeting
- B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period July 1 - 31, 2020.
- C. Item 4C was removed from the Council agenda
- D. July 2020 Investment Transactions Report
- E. Set date of September 15, 2020, for a closed record public hearing to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding a rezone application submitted by Bruce Lloyd for property at 702 S 48th Ave
- F. Set date of September 15, 2020, for a closed record public hearing to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation on the preliminary plat of Racquet Lane Luxury Townhomes located at 2600 Racquet Ln, and the associated development agreement submitted by Racquet Lane Townhomes LLC

PUBLIC HEARINGS -- Anyone wishing to comment on this public hearing should: Dial 1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099; When prompted for the meeting ID enter 949 0359 9895#; When prompted for the participant ID enter #; When prompted for the meeting password enter 903063#. If you wish to speak to the Council during the public hearing press *9 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak you will hear an automated announcement indicating your phone has been unmuted and you can now be heard by all participating in the meeting.

- 5. Public Hearing and Ordinance to consider amendments to a Development Agreement submitted by Bruce Simpson concerning property at 3111 Tieton Dr

Associate Planner Trevor Martin briefed Council on the item.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing. Dustin Yaeger, Attorney representing the Memorial Foundation, spoke in favor of the project. The Mayor closed the hearing.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-022, AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the City Manager

to sign an amended Development Agreement (City of Yakima Ordinance No. 2001-65 – Simpson Rezone & Development Agreement regarding 3111 Tieton Drive) with Bruce Simpson, regarding property located at 3111 Tieton Drive.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

6. Resolution authorizing termination of the lease agreement with Sunrise Outreach Center of Yakima, a religious organization, to lease property adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant for a temporary homeless encampment and to enter into a lease agreement with Grace City Outreach, a religious organization, to lease property adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant for a temporary homeless encampment

Senior Assistant City Attorney Sara Watkins briefed Council on the item. Councilmember Funk shared her concerns about the agreement.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Lund moved and Macias seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-095, A RESOLUTION authorizing termination of the existing a lease with Sunrise Outreach Center of Yakima and to enter into a lease with Grace City Outreach for property adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant to be used as a temporary homeless encampment.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

7. Discussion regarding directing staff to request the Yakima County Homeless Coalition Executive Committee (under the administration of Yakima County) to provide periodic reports on grant compliance by Homeless Service providers

Senior Assistant City Attorney Sara Watkins briefed Council on the item.

MOTION: Funk moved that the Council direct the incoming City Manager to create a transparent plan to pass along the homeless services provider data collected by the Yakima Homeless Coalition, and the Yakima County Human Services office, so that the Council can make informed decisions supporting our strategic goal of decreasing homelessness. The motion died for lack of a second.

8. **Other Business**

Assistant Mayor Cousens thanked first responders for assisting our neighbors with the Ahtanum Ridge fire.

Councilmember Funk stated she sent a motion for tonight's meeting to all Council members and then received an email about the email being a possible Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) violation. She stated she believes the OPMA has many grey areas and Council members should be able to email all the other Council members about City business. Assistant Mayor Cousens stated the Council should not be conducting City business via email, as it is not open and transparent to the public.

Mayor Byers and Council members expressed their appreciation to Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff for his work at the City of Yakima these past nine months.

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to the next Council regular meeting on September 1, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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