



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

October 13, 2020

City Hall -- Council Chambers

9 a.m. CARES Act & Budget Session -- Conducted via speakerphone, 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 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-788-0099. When prompted for the webinar ID enter 960 6969 0737#. When prompted for the participant ID enter #. When prompted for the meeting password enter 521673#. There will be no opportunity for oral communications; however, if you wish to provide written comment to the City Council, please email ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov. Written comments received by 3 pm on 10/12/20 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 (Council members attending via zoom audio/video)

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, Finance & Budget Director Steve Groom and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Councilmember Jason White

2. Resolution amending the agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) regarding CARES Act grant funds to change the definition of non-profit corporation to include any non-profit corporation with federal tax exempt status

Senior Assistant City Attorney Watkins briefed Council on the amendment.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to amend the agreement between the City of Yakima and YCDA with regards to the CARES ACT grants to include all federal tax exempt non-profits to apply for funding. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

MOTION: Funk moved to ask staff to prepare language to accommodate those two changes to provide for discretion with using remaining funds and get those late business license applications. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Lund moved and Funk seconded to roll the \$600,000 into the non-profits and any extra money, YCDA be granted discretion as far as funding late business license applications. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent. Ms. Watkins clarified what late business license meant.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-117, A RESOLUTION amending the Agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) regarding CARES Act grant funds to include all federal tax exempt non-profit corporations.

3. Council Review of Proposed 2021 Budget - 3 of 4

City Manager Harrison provided opening comments on today's budget review. Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, recapped the previous budget session and provided a PowerPoint presentation on today's study session.

Public Works Director Schafer reviewed the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 1 and 2 budgets.

Parks and Recreation Manager Wilkinson reviewed the Parks and Recreation budget, including community partnerships that help support the parks. Director of Finance and Budget Groom reviewed the Charter language requiring \$750,000 of the City's budget be allocated to Parks and Recreation annually.

Dave Brown, Water and Irrigation Manager, reviewed the Water and Irrigation budget, including capital projects.

Public Works Director Schafer reviewed the arterial streets budget. Councilmember Funk asked about Safe Routes to Schools. Mr. Schafer will provide follow-up information on the status of Safe Routes to Schools.

Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, described how the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) process is defined by RCW, including how the Committee made recommendations, which have been included in the preliminary budget. He reported how LTAC revenues dropped drastically due to COVID-19. Mr. Groom stated the Council can accept the LTAC proposal or communicate changes to the Committee.

Councilmember Lund shared her concern that the Capitol Theatre budget was reduced by 67% and feels the cuts should be more equitable. Council members also agreed the reductions should be across the board and perhaps the policy related to LTAC should be revised. After further discussion,

MOTION: Lund moved and Hill seconded to send this proposal back to LTAC for review today. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

City Manager Harrison provided a quick recap on follow-up items for Thursday's budget session. Councilmember Macias stated she would like to see salaries separated by department. Mr. Harrison noted this information will be brought back at Thursday's meeting.

Council members complimented staff on the quality of presentations.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on October 15, 2020, at 9 a.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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