



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

October 15, 2020

City Hall -- Council Chambers

9 a.m. 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 meeting ID enter 944 9351 6798#. When prompted for the participant ID enter #. When prompted for the meeting password enter 428280#. 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 10/14/20 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, Sonya Lund (present until 11:23 a.m.) 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. Council Review of Proposed 2021 Budget - 4 of 4

City Manager Harrison introduced today's session.

John Carney, IT Services Manager, provided follow up regarding the online application for crime reporting.

Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, provided an update on information requested from previous study sessions regarding salaries by department and debt capacity/maturity. Mr. Groom reviewed a PowerPoint, which included information on perpetual vehicle replacement financing.

Fire Chief Markham reported on issues with aged apparatus and the ongoing costs for replacement. Councilmember Funk stated the costs are untenable and the City may need to bond before a crisis situation occurs.

Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, reviewed costs associated with Police vehicle replacement, noting ideally the City should replace 14 patrol cars each year, which is approximately \$1 million dollars annually.

Police Chief Murray discussed vehicle replacement needs and repair costs. Councilmember Funk asked about reducing the number of vehicles and instead have a police fleet pool with vehicles used 2-3 shifts per day. City Manager Harrison responded that the City has provided police take-home vehicles, which adds a union complication. He stated staff will bring back several financing options to Council first quarter 2021.

Joan Davenport, Community Development Director, shared a PowerPoint regarding Mill Site development. City Manager Harrison advised staff is exploring opportunities for funding, including utilizing enterprise reserves, with additional information to be provided at the next Council meeting.

Loretta Zammarchi, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager, reviewed a policy issue for a 5-year 3.5 percent refuse rate increase. Ms. Zammarchi discussed the lack of a market for recycling and increasing landfill rates.

Council members discussed today's presentation and whether an additional study session is needed. Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, reminded Council there are budget hearings scheduled on November 2 and 17, 2020.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and Macias seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on October 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Lund and White absent. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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