



## **YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**January 19, 2021**

### **City Hall -- Council Chambers**

**5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting -- Conducted via Zoom, live streamed at [www.yakimawa.gov](http://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 954 2013 7741#.**

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#### **1. Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens and Councilmembers Kay Funk (present at 5:39 p.m.), Brad Hill, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias (all attending via Zoom)

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, City Attorney Jeff Cutter and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Councilmember Jason White

#### **2. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order**

##### **A. Moment of silence for National Day of Remembrance**

Councilmember Lund requested a moment of silence for National Day of Remembrance and those lost to COVID-19, as well as honoring survivors and frontline essential workers.

##### **B. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update**

City Manager Harrison provided an update on COVID-19's effect on the City. Councilmember Lund confirmed the Health District's vaccination process. Assistant Mayor Cousens suggested we add a link on our website to the Health District vaccination process.

##### **C. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions**

- i. Retirement recognition of Jeffrey R. Cutter, City Attorney, for 23 years of service to the City of Yakima**

City Manager Harrison recognized City Attorney Jeff Cutter for 23 years of service to the City of Yakima. Mayor Byers and Council members thanked Mr. Cutter for his service.

#### **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 4I was 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: Cousins moved and Macias seconded to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

- A. Approval of minutes from the January 5, 2021 City Council regular meeting
- B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period December 1 – 31, 2020.
- C. 2020 4th Quarter Treasury Report
- D. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Selland Construction, Inc. - Project SW2507 Trolley Berm Reconstruction
- E. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Leslie & Campbell, Inc. - City Project Tahoma Cemetery Mausoleum Re-Roof
- F. Resolution authorizing a contract with Farmers Electric II, LLC. for Wastewater Pump Station Improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-008, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a contract with Farmers Electric II, LLC., for Project No. 2527 Wastewater Pump Station Improvements

- G. Resolution opening the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and YMC Ch. 16.10

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-009, A RESOLUTION** opening the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, and YMC Ch. 16.10.

- H. Resolution authorizing a letter of agreement with the Yakima Police Management Group (Teamsters Local 760) to extend the January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020 collective bargaining agreement for one additional year

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-010, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a letter of agreement with the Yakima Police Management Group (Teamsters Local 760) to extend the January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020 collective bargaining agreement for one additional year.

- I. This item was removed from the consent agenda

#### Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2021-001

Mayor Byers reported this item has been resolved and requires no action.

#### DEPARTMENT ITEMS

5. Background Report on Community Garden Standards

Joan Davenport, Community Development Director, provided a report regarding community garden standards. After discussion,

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Funk seconded that we direct staff to explore community interest in participating in a community garden with household assigned plots.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

Councilmember Funk stated this doesn't need to be time intensive for staff and suggested creating a portal/signup for a statement of interest on the City website that must include an address.

6. Report on Second Round of Community Development Block Grant, COVID Fund Program Expenditures

Sara Watkins, Senior Assistant City Attorney, briefed Council on the second round of Community Development Block Grant for COVID Fund Program Expenditures. Councilmember Lund read a statement from Madeline Carlson, CEO of Meals on Wheels. Council members thanked Meals on Wheels for their work. After further discussion,

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to enter into an agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) in the amount of \$266,406.76 in CDBG funds to provide grants to microenterprises affected by COVID-19 that is substantially similar to the agreement entered into on or about July 1, 2020, with the following changes: there should be no cap on the amount of funds that can be granted for reimbursement to a micro-enterprise; and the City shall pay administration costs to YCDA for its administration of this grant program.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

7. Remote public comment

City Manager Harrison reported that many cities in Washington State are requiring community members to sign up to comment by 3 p.m. the day of the meeting. He noted Council could limit comments to 3 minutes, or 2 minutes and in keeping with pre-Covid guidelines, limit total comment time to 30 minutes. Council members discussed and agreed to require community members to sign up by 3 p.m., keeping comments limited to only items on the agenda and not to include a 5-minute group comment. After further Council discussion,

**MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded that Council reinstate public comment not to exceed 35 minutes in total with 2.5 minutes per speaker on items that appear on the agenda beginning at the next business meeting.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

8. Other Business

**MOTION: Byers moved and Lund seconded to direct staff to add to the February 2 agenda a discussion about resuming Council study sessions and identifying a tentative schedule.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

Assistant Mayor Cousens read a statement reflecting on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and condemning the January 6, 2021 Capitol riots. Mayor Byers thanked Assistant Mayor Cousens

for her words.

Councilmember Funk remarked on the COVID-19 vaccination process.

**MOTION:** Funk moved and Hill seconded that we direct the staff to prepare a study session, prior to May 1, to present International Code Standards, discussed last fall by Mr. Denman. In particular, inclusion a report on City problems with junk vehicles, inoperable vehicles, chronic illegally parked vehicles, enforcement problems, and department recommendations for change. Community Development Director Davenport noted the International Building Code will be on the next Council agenda. City Clerk Claar Tee reported Council will be discussing resuming study sessions at the next Council meeting. After further discussion, the motion failed by a 5-1 vote, Byers, Cousens, Hill, Lund and Macias voting no, White absent.

9. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Cousens moved and Macias seconded to adjourn to the next Council regular meeting on February 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

DRAFT	_____ COUNCIL MEMBER	_____ DATE
	_____ COUNCIL MEMBER	_____ DATE

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR