



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2021

City Hall – Council Chambers

5:30 p.m. Regular meeting 6 p.m. public hearings – conducted via Zoom, live streamed at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/live-stream/> and telecast live on Y-PAC, Spectrum Cable Channel 194 or you may call in to listen by dialing 1-253-215-8782 or 1-971-247-1195. When prompted for the meeting ID enter 954 2013 7741#. When prompted for the participant ID enter #. When prompted for the meeting password enter 269593#. Oral comments shall be arranged in advance of the meeting at www.yakimawa.gov and must be received by 3 PM the day of the meeting. The request for oral comments must include your full name, city of residence, email address, phone number you will be calling from and the agenda topic you will address. Please note, the information you provide may be subject to disclosure pursuant to Washington State's Public Record Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. Due to potential connectivity issues, we strongly encourage public comments be emailed to ccouncil2@yakimawa.gov MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens and Councilmembers Kay Funk, Brad Hill and Soneya Lund (all attending via Zoom)

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, City Attorney Sara Watkins and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Councilmember Eliana Macias (excused) and Councilmember Jason White

2. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Welcome new City Attorney Sara Watkins

City Manager Harrison stated he is pleased to announce Sara Watkins as the new City Attorney.

B. Resolution approving extension of Mayoral Proclamation declaring emergency and order, if the Mayor issues a Proclamation extending the civil emergency proclamation and order to March 2, 2021 due to COVID-19

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-011, 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").

C. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

City Manager Harrison provided an update on COVID-19's effect on the City.

D. Proclamations

i. Black History Month

Councilmember Lund proclaimed the month of February 2021 as "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" in the City of Yakima. Eric Silvers and Ester Huey accepted the proclamation.

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. 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, Macias and White absent.

A. Approval of minutes from the January 19, 2021 City Council regular meeting

B. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Hurst Construction, LLC. - Project SC2487A Fair Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main Improvements Phase A

C. Resolution accepting and approving 4th Quarter 2020 Claim Report

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-012, A RESOLUTION accepting and approving the 4th Quarter 2020 Claim Report for the City of Yakima.

D. Resolution authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Yakima Training Center

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-013, A RESOLUTION authorizing a mutual aid agreement with the Yakima Training Center Police Department

E. Resolution authorizing a contract with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc for Professional Services for the North First Street Revitalization (Phases 2 and 3) Project

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-014, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for the North First Street Revitalization (Phases 2 and 3) project.

F. Resolution authorizing a temporary long-term right-of-way use permit to facilitate construction at Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-015, A RESOLUTION authorizing a long-term right-of-way use permit to facilitate construction at Virginia Mason Memorial Hospital.

- G. Ordinance updating Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees
Section 2.20.100

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-003, AN ORDINANCE relating to City personnel; adopting a classification and compensation plan for City employees to be effective March 7, 2021; and repealing all preceding pay ordinances in the City of Yakima Municipal Code.

5. **Public Comment**

Robert Strader, City resident, shared his ideas for improvements to the traffic issue at 40th & Chestnut.

Phil Mattoon and Shirley Strader, City residents and Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee members, offered suggestions about improvements to the traffic issue at 40th & Chestnut.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Closed record public hearing and Resolution to consider the Yakima Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the preliminary plat of Pottenger's Place submitted by Ray Novobielski, located at 9711 Tieton Dr

Colleda Monick, Community Development Specialist, briefed Council on the hearing.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward to speak, closed the hearing. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-016, A RESOLUTION approving the Preliminary Long Plat of Pottenger's Place, an 18-lot subdivision, located at 9711 Tieton Dr.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

7. Washington Fruit Community Center Proposed Operation Plan

Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager, briefed Council on the report. Assistant Mayor Cousens suggested having the Community Integration Committee work on a survey with Parks and Recreation. Acting Public Works Director Dave Brown stated Public Works Director Scott Schafer has been working with the Community Integration Committee on the master plan. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded to terminate the Washington Fruit Community Center Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Yakima Police Activities League pursuant to Section 23.1 of the agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias and White absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Cousens seconded that Yakima Parks & Recreation Division operate the Beyond The Bell after school program at the Washington Fruit Community Center and add additional programming for youth, seniors citizens and adults in cooperation with community partners. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias and White absent.

8. 2021 State Legislative Session Update

Randy Beehler, Communications & Public Affairs Director, and Luke Esser, City lobbyist, provided a legislative session update. Councilmember Funk shared her concerns about health care services in Yakima.

9. Status Report of Traffic-Calming along 40th Ave and Chestnut

Joe Rosenlund, Streets & Traffic Operations Manager, briefed Council on the report. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to accept the report. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias and White absent.

10. Ordinance adopting Chapter 11.40 2018 International Property Maintenance Code; repealing Yakima Municipal Code (YMC) Chapters 11.07; 11.10; 11.13; 11.20; 11.46; 11.48; 11.56

Glenn Denman, Code Administration Manager, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the recommended ordinance. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Funk moved to delay this item until the next Council meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to pass the ordinance. After discussion, the motion failed by a 3-2 vote, Byers, Funk and Hill voting no, Macias and White absent.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to table this issue until the next business meeting and direct staff to answer questions in the interim. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias and White absent.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

11. Discussion about resuming Council study sessions and identifying a tentative schedule

City Manager Harrison reviewed a study session schedule and suggested a Council retreat at some point this year.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to approve the opposite Tuesday's for study sessions with meetings beginning at 5 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias White absent.

12. Other Business

MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to add to the next agenda a discussion on directing staff to create a program to paint crosswalks, using Seattle's Community Crosswalks program as an example. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias and White absent.

Councilmember Funk requested an update regarding a directive passed at the last meeting to explore interest in community gardens. Community Development Director Joan Davenport provided an update.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on February 9, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias and White absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE _____

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE _____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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