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**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

February 9, 2021

City Hall -- Council Chambers

5 PM -- Meeting conducted via Zoom, live streamed at

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1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, and Councilmembers Kay Funk, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias (all attending via Zoom)

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, City Attorney Sara Watkins and Acting City Clerk Jodi Stephens

Absent: Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens (excused), Councilmember Brad Hill and Councilmember Jason White

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

None.

3. Public safety radio

City Manager Harrison briefed Council on the item. Police Captain Boyle and Fire Chief Markham discussed the deficiencies with our current public radio system. John Carney, IT Services Manager, shared a PowerPoint regarding the public safety radio system.

Mayor Byers and Councilmember Funk voiced concerns for safety. Councilmember Funk stated she would like a commitment from the Yakima Training Center to review this system.

Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, discussed financing for a replacement schedule. After Council discussion;

MOTION: Lund moved and Funk seconded to direct staff to bring back a budget amendment for the 3% Criminal Justice Capital Fund adding \$350,000 to the 2021 budget. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens, Hill, and White absent.

4. Discussion item regarding the nexus between gang graffiti and violent crime

Police Chief Murray and Corrections Manager Davis presented information regarding the nexus between gang graffiti and violent crime. They discussed the City's efforts in abatement and answered questions about how to increase community involvement.

Manager Davis briefed Council on how the jail became involved in painting out graffiti and reviewed the process from entering a YakBack request for abatement. The Police Department will restart the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program and encouraged community members to volunteer. Ms. Davis shared there was a donation for abatement material from Lowes and invited Council members to join an abatement ride-along.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Macias moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on February 16, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens, Hill and White absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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MAYOR