



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**April 20, 2021**

**City Hall -- Council Chambers**

**5:30 p.m. Regular meeting 6 p.m. public hearings -- conducted via Zoom**

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**1. Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens and Councilmembers Kay Funk, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias

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

Absent: Councilmember Brad Hill (excused) and Councilmember Jason White

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

A. Proclamations

i. Fair Housing Month proclamation

Councilmember Funk proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

ii. YWCA Stand Against Racism proclamation

Councilmember Macias proclaimed the week of April 22-25, 2021 as "YWCA STAND AGAINST RACISM DAY."

iii. Stop Asian Hate Day proclamation

Councilmember Lund proclaimed Friday, April 23, 2021 as Stop Asian Hate Day. Rocío Carrión, Chair of the Community Integration Committee, accepted the proclamation.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Retirement recognition of Bob Desgrosellier, Senior Engineer, for 40 years of service to the City of Yakima

Public Works Director Scott Schafer recognized Bob Desgrosellier, retiring Senior Engineer, for 40 years of service to the City of Yakima. Council presented Mr. Desgrosellier a retirement clock, and he thanked the City for the opportunities and fellow staff members for their excellent work.

ii. Report from the Community Integration Committee

Rocío Carrión, Chair of the Community Integration Committee, spoke about a lack of

leadership from the Council regarding the choice to remain silent and not condemning the January 6 attack on our Capitol and requested the Council secure the safety of the community by addressing events like this. The Committee shared their recommendation on what the Council should be doing. Committee member Sandra Aguilar asked for a commitment from the Council for a joint work session with the Committee. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Lund moved and Macias seconded to have a study session with the Community Integration Committee within the next 60 days.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**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 Macias seconded to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

- A. Approval of minutes from the April 6, 2021 City Council regular meeting and April 13, 2021 City Council retreat
- B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period March 1 – 31, 2021
- C. 2021 1st Quarter Treasury Report
- D. Resolution authorizing acceptance of Passenger Facility Charge revenues from U.S. Department of Transportation

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-049, A RESOLUTION** authorizing acceptance of Passenger Facility Charge revenues from U.S. Department of Transportation.

- E. Resolution authorizing a contract with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc for Professional Services for the Northside Alley Paving project

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-050, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to prepare civil engineering plans and specifications for the Northside Alley Paving Project

- F. Resolution authorizing Supplement 8 to an Agreement with Maul Foster and Alongi, Inc. for the Tiger Oil Site Interim Remedial Action Project

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-051, A RESOLUTION** authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 8 with Maul, Foster Alongi, Inc. (MFA) to perform off-property high resolution site characterization, Air quality assessment, and groundwater monitoring actions at the former Tiger Oil site located at 2312 West Nob Hill Boulevard

- G. Resolution authorizing documentation confirming the City of Yakima's Certification Acceptance (CA) status with the Washinton State Department of

Transportation when developing all Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-052, A RESOLUTION** authorizing the City Manager to sign the WSDOT document confirming the City of Yakima's Certification Acceptance (CA) status;

H. Ordinance amending the 2021 Budget for the City of Yakima; and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balances within various Funds for expenditure during 2021 for various purposes including 2020 encumbrances (Second Reading)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-007, AN ORDINANCE** amending the 2021 Budget for the City of Yakima; and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balances within various Funds for expenditure during 2021 for various purposes including 2020 encumbrances.

**5. Public Comment**

Dori Peralta Baker and Reesha Cosby, City residents, spoke in support of the Stop Asian Hate proclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**6. Public meeting to consider the Notice of Intent to Commence the Anderson Park Annexation in the Vicinity of Occidental Road/Ahtanum Road and S 59th Avenue**

Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun briefed Council on the Notice of Intent to Commence the Anderson Park Annexation in the Vicinity of Occidental Road/Ahtanum Road and S 59th Avenue, which was signed by all of the affected property owners.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing. Eric Herzog, with HLA Engineering, spoke in support of the annexation. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to direct staff to draft the official annexation petition and collect signatures from property owners to begin the annexation review procedures.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**7. Closed record public hearing and Ordinance to consider the Yakima Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the rezone of five parcels from Suburban Residential (SR) to General Commercial (GC) for SOZO Sports Complex at 4209 Sorenson Rd**

Associate Planner Trevor Martin briefed Council on the proposed rezone.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing. Leanne Liddicoat, non-resident, spoke in support of the rezone.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to pass the ordinance.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-008, AN ORDINANCE** rezoning parcels 181334-33401, -33402, -33403, -34401 & -34402 from Suburban Residential (SR) to General Commercial (GC) and amending the Zoning Map of the City of Yakima.

8. Public Hearing on Class 2 and 3 Uses in the R-3 Zoning District

Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun reported on the hearing.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing. The following City residents spoke in support of the Yakima Planning Commission's recommendation on the R-3 Zone Moratorium: Bill Hordan, Jake Mayson, Jimmy Buchanan and Dereck Nelson.

After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded that the City Council adopt the findings, conclusions and recommendation of the Planning Commission and retain the allowed Class 2 and Class 3 uses in the R-3 zone as currently codified.** The motion carried by a 4-1 vote, Funk voting no, Hill and White absent.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

9. 2021 State Legislative Session Update

Randy Beehler, Communications & Public Affairs Director and City lobbyists Luke Esser and Nick Federici, provided a legislative session update.

10. Background Report for Consideration of Site Specific Rezone Standards

Community Development Director Joan Davenport reported on site specific rezones. Councilmember Funk stated she didn't think there is any need to go further with this issue.

11. **Other Business**

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Funk seconded to add to the next council business agenda, a discussion regarding a request from the Yakima Citizens Climate Lobby on Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Macias seconded to schedule a study session to re-evaluate and further discuss a vacant building registry and minimum standards and maintenance of vacant buildings, which were previously discussed by the economic development committee and City Council.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**MOTION: Funk moved and Macias seconded to add to the agenda of the next council business meeting, discussion of a motion to approve this plan for habitat seed from Pheasants Forever.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**MOTION: Funk moved and Macias seconded that we add to the agenda of the next council business meeting, discussion of a motion to direct staff to write amendments to the draft Housing Action Plan, which will actualize our affordable housing policy goals.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

**MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to add to a future study session to discuss a policy regarding proclamations and letters of support.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Hill and White absent.

