



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

June 1, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

5:30 p.m. Regular meeting 6 p.m. public hearings

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens (present at 5:54 p.m.) and Councilmembers Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Soneya Lund and Eliana Macias

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

Absent: Councilmember Jason White

2. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. Recognition of Public Safety Dispatcher Dawna Davis for 27 years of service

Chief Markham and Stacey Garcia, Public Safety Assistant Communications Manager, recognized Public Safety Dispatcher Dawna Davis for 27 years of service to the City of Yakima.

B. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees

- i. Appointment to the Henry Beauchamp Community Center Advisory Board, Arts Commission, Tree City USA, Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Facilities District

Councilmember Hill stated the Council Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations for appointment:

- Henry Beauchamp Advisory Committee: reappoint James Parks; appoint: Rev. Trimble, Sy Ruiz, Berenice Ponce and Wilma Beauchamp
- Arts Commission: reappoint James Ward Morris; confirm appointment of Capitol Theatre's representative Valerie Woerner and Larson Gallery's representative David Lynx
- Tree City USA: reappoint Lance Forsee; appoint: John Tolonen

- Parks & Recreation Commission: reappoint Brynn Johnson and Rod Bryant; appoint Norma Cody
- Public Facilities District: reappoint David Heint and Ryan Beckett and appoint: Maureen Adkison

MOTION: Hill moved and Macias seconded that Council approve the recommendations for appointment and reappointment to the boards and committees from the last Council Nominating Committee meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens 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. Item 4L 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: Lund moved and Hill seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and White absent.

- A. Approval of Council Nominating Committee minutes from May 17, 2021
- B. Approval of minutes from the May 18, 2021 City Council regular meeting and May 25, 2021 study session
- C. Resolution relating to business regulation; stating the intent of the City Council to set the date of June 15, 2021 for a public hearing to consider modification of YMC 5.99 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code (hereafter "Tourism Promotion Area" or "TPA")

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-071, A RESOLUTION relating to business regulation; stating the intent of the City Council to set the date of June 15, 2021 for a public hearing to consider modification of YMC 5.99 of the City of Yakima Municipal Code (hereafter "Tourism Promotion Area" or "TPA").

- D. Resolution setting the time and place for a hearing on June 15, 2021 to review and adopt the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program and amend the Capital Facilities Element of the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan for the period of 2022 - 2027

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-072, A RESOLUTION setting the time and place for a hearing on June 15th, 2021 at the City Council meeting via ZOOM to review and adopt the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program and amend the Capital Facilities Element of the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan for the period of 2022-2027.

- E. Resolution awarding bid and authorizing agreements with Granite Construction, HBQ Inc., and Herke Rock for purchase and delivery of rock for the Nelson Dam Project

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-073, A RESOLUTION awarding Bid 12107 and authorizing agreements with Granite Construction, HBQ Inc, and Herke Rock for purchase and delivery of Boulders and Rock per specification.

- F. Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Total Site Services, LLC for the Waterline Replacement on East Viola Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-074, A RESOLUTION authorizing an Agreement with Total Site Services, LLC for Project No. AC2503 East Viola Avenue, Waterline Replacement.

- G. Resolution authorizing a contract with M. Seigny Construction for the Capitol Theatre Egress Stairs Replacement Project

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-075, A RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with M Seigny Construction for the Capitol Theatre Egress Stairs Replacement Project.

- H. Resolution authorizing Supplement 4 to contract 2016-109 with Landau Associates, Inc. for construction oversight of the Municipal Solid Waste and Woody Debris Removal project

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-076, A RESOLUTION authorizing Supplement 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with Landau Associates, Inc. (LAI) to conduct additional tasks in the construction oversight of the Municipal Solid Waste and Woody Debris Removal project (City project 2529).

- I. Resolution authorizing application for the 2021 OJJDP Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction Program grant and take all steps necessary to complete and submit the grant application

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-077, A RESOLUTION authorizing application for the 2021 OJJDP Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction Program grant and take all steps necessary to complete and submit the grant application.

- J. Resolution authorizing the displaying of the Pride flag outside of City Hall through June 30, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-078, A RESOLUTION authorizing the displaying of the Pride flag outside of City Hall through June 30, 2021

- K. Resolution ratifying the extension of an existing Agreement with the Yakima Area Arboretum

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-079, A RESOLUTION ratifying the City Manager's execution of an extension to the existing Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Yakima Area Arboretum

- L. This item was removed from the consent agenda

- M. Ordinance amending the 2021 Budget for the City of Yakima; and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balance within the Capitol Theatre's Capital Fund for expenditure during 2021 for capital expenditures (Second Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-010, 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 described in the attached Schedule.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution supporting the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and committing the City of Yakima to take a SAFE Cities climate change stand

Mayor Byers shared her concern about global agendas taking things out of control of local communities.

MOTION: Byers moved to place the City of Yakima's involvement in the SAFE program to an advisory vote. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Hill moved and Funk seconded to adopt the resolution. After discussion, the motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Byers voting no, White absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-080, A RESOLUTION supporting the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and committing the City of Yakima to take a SAFE Cities climate change stand

5. Public Comment

Richard Milhorn, city resident, discussed street racing and asked Council to take whatever steps are necessary to eliminate the racing.

Rick Dieker, city resident, shared his concern about the resolution for a SAFE cities climate change stand and requested Council conduct additional research on this issue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Public hearing on the Yakima Housing Action Plan

Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun introduced the hearing.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing. Jake Mayson, city resident, spoke in support of the plan. With no one else calling in to speak, the Mayor closed the hearing.

Councilmember Funk shared her disappointment that the plan didn't create specific action items.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Macias seconded to direct staff to bring back a resolution adopting the Housing Action Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

7. 2021 State Legislative Session review and update on Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation requests

Randy Beehler, Communications & Public Affairs Director, provided an update on the legislative session actions and on Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation requests.

8. Recommendations related to various City owned properties for housing purposes

Joan Davenport, Community Development Director, provided details of a strategy, next steps and a timeline for proceeding with the various City-owned property sites that could provide opportunities for new housing developments.

Councilmember Funk stated she would like to see a modification to the report with infill properties requiring higher density housing. City Manager Harrison stated they will look at that as part of the evaluation process with the broker.

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

9. Discuss street racing report

Captain Boyle reported on street racing. Councilmember Funk shared her interest in forensic evidence for prosecution. Captain Boyle stated there are cameras that do photo enforced speeding/red lights; however, there are regulations associated with that and the tickets are written to the vehicle, which does not hold the driver accountable.

Councilmember Lund stated she spoke with the Chief of Police in Fife, where they passed an ordinance relating to impounding vehicles used in street racing. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Lund moved and Hill seconded to direct staff to develop an ordinance based on the City of Fife's model to combat street racing. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

10. Other Business

Councilmember Hill asked what steps the City is taking to address the equipment issues as reported by the Fire union. City Manager Harrison commented that the City is continuing to invest in equipment currently owned and is anticipating utilizing lost revenue from the American Rescue Plan to obtain two fire engines; however, this will depend on a better definition of lost revenue. He added the City is also looking at additional adjustments to the 2022 budget and starting an equipment replacement fund of \$1 million per year.

Councilmember Hill stated as the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments representative for the Council he represents the will of the Council and is troubled by the governance crisis at the Health District. He shared his concerns with the upcoming vote for the Health Officer and how Mayor Byers will weigh in. Mayor Byers reported she has received many emails about the candidates and is open to hearing from Council. Council members discussed the process and Councilmember Funk shared her thoughts on the candidates.

MOTION: Funk moved and Macias seconded to add to the June 15 agenda a conversation about City Council Rules of Procedures for appointing Council members to outside boards. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

MOTION: Funk moved and Lund seconded to place on the June 15 agenda discussion of amendment of City Council Rules of Procedures for consideration of letters requesting support. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

MOTION: Funk moved and Lund seconded that we add to the June 15 agenda discussion of a proposal that she drafted for an American Rescue Plan Project Proposal to address Mental Health Challenges in Yakima. The motion carried by unanimous vote, White absent.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to the a City Council study session on June 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote,

White absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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