



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
June 29, 2021
Virtual via Zoom
5 p.m.**

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens and Councilmembers Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Soneya Lund (present at 5:08pm) and Eliana Macias

Absent: Councilmember Jason White

County Commissioners: Ron Anderson, LaDon Linde and Amanda McKinney

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison and Acting City Clerk Jodi Stephens

2. Joint meeting with Yakima County Commissioners

The City Council and County Commissioners discussed the Yakima Community Care Campus. Commissioner Anderson provided an update and stated it is intended to be a clinic to help those that can not afford health services. Commissioner Linde noted the center may include job skill training.

The City Council and County Commissioners discussed the East West Corridor project. Commissioner Anderson provided an update and noted the completion is scheduled for 2025-26. Commissioner McKinney highlighted the excellent collaboration with City staff on this project.

The City Council and County Commissioners discussed the Community Cleanup Partnership. Commissioner Anderson reported there are many partnerships cleaning up the Greenway and various other parts of the County. The County encouraged individuals in service clubs to go to their website and fill out a form for cleanup projects and the County will cover the tipping fees. The County hopes this will allow for ongoing consistent cleanup projects.

Police Chief Murray introduced the SWAT item. Lieutenants Chad Stephens and Ira Cavin briefed Council and the Commissioners on the history of SWAT and how it has grown to include partnerships with several bordering agencies. Lieutenant Stephens explained it is a two team and there are only five level two teams in Eastern Washington. He noted this partnership relies on mutual aid with approximately 55% of the calls occurring in the City and 45% in the County, and the team is comprised of approximately 60-70% City personnel. Councilmember Funk stressed how the general fund is strapped and believes everyone in the partnership needs to help pay for the service. Commissioner McKinney stated it is premature at this time to make any decisions until the Sheriff's department has time to review the material and look to a solution. Commissioner Anderson voiced

support for ongoing discussions, including with the Yakima County Sheriff. Councilmember Hill requested an update in 30 days by the City Manager to see if we are moving forward on a regional solution.

Councilmember Funk mentioned there are no documents in the agenda packet related to the use of 2163 funds and would rather not discuss this. It was consensus of the City Council and County Commissioners to remove the item from the agenda.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to a City Council regular meeting on July 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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