



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
July 6, 2021
City Hall – Council Chambers
5:30 p.m. Regular meeting; 6:00 p.m. Public hearings**

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens and Councilmembers Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Soneya Lund, Eliana Macias (via telephone), Brad Hill and Jason White

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Byers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

Mayor Byers introduced Jorge Villaseñor who announced interpreter services are available in Spanish.

4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Apple Award to Yakima Police Sergeant Ritch Fowler

Chief Matt Murray presented the City Apple Award to Sergeant Ritch Fowler. Council members thanked Sergeant Fowler for his good work.

ii. Retirement recognition of Police Officer Darryl Henning for 31 years of service

Chief Murray recognized Police Officer Darryl Henning for 31 years of service to the City of Yakima. Mayor Byers presented Officer Henning with a retirement clock.

5. Council Reports

A. Council Rules of Procedure Letters of Support

Councilmember Funk presented her proposal regarding letters of support.

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded to pass the proposed letter of support amendment as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Discussion regarding a proposed Charter amendment that provides the Council an opportunity to remove members for failure to attend meetings, that amends certain sections to be consistent with state law, and that makes other changes staff believes would be beneficial to the City

City Attorney Sara Watkins briefed Council on the proposed amendments.

Councilmember White shared that he appreciates the transparency and the details of the amendments; however, he suggested adding language to remove council members if they go against their own ordinance or issue and other items. City Attorney Watkins explained the proposed amendments address attendance rather than behavior. She stated behavior issues should be outlined in the Council Rules of Procedure.

Councilmember Funk suggested additional housekeeping amendments should address unfunded money for streets and parks. Mayor Byers sought to remove the attendance requirement saying it is highly unlikely that a circumstance like the one with Councilmember White will happen again and the removal of a council member should be left in the hands of the voters.

MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to remove Article 6 Section 4 item 2 from the proposed amendment. After discussion, the motion failed by a 6-1 vote with Cousens, Funk, Hill, Lund, White and Macias voting no.

MOTION: Hill moved and Lund seconded to direct staff to bring back a resolution adopting the proposed Charter changes. During Council discussion, Councilmember White raised a Point of Order that members should not interrupt. Mayor Byers ruled the point was well taken. **MOTION: Funk moved to amend the motion to develop final language for a charter amendment that would set aside funds for parks and streets.** The motion to amend died for lack of a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

After Council discussion, City Manager Harrison explained the Charter street amendment is tied to the CPI, which has increased from 2 million to 2.4 million and the Parks and Recreation amendment is currently tied to debt service. He reported both amendments impact budget flexibility.

MOTION: Funk moved and Hill seconded that we direct staff to develop language to remove the locked funds for parks and streets capital. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. 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.

- A. Approval of minutes from the June 15, 2021 City Council regular meeting, June 22, 2021 City Council study session
- B. Consideration of hiring a grant writer for the City of Yakima

- C. Set date of July 20, 2021 for a public hearing regarding a 2021 Justice Assistance Grant
- D. Set Date of August 2, 2021 to review the Planning Commission's Recommendation on the Periodic Update to the Shoreline Master Program, YMC Title 17
- E. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Central Washington Asphalt to rehabilitate the East General Aviation Apron at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-088, A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with Central Washington Asphalt to rehabilitate the East General Aviation Apron at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

- F. Resolution authorizing a reimbursement agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for the COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Site

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-089, A RESOLUTION authorizing an Interagency Agreement with the State of Washington Department of Health for reimbursement of costs and expenses associated with the mass vaccination site.

- G. Resolution authorizing a Contract with MBI Construction Service Inc for the Henry Beauchamp Jr Community Center HVAC Project 2551

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-090, A RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with MBI Construction Service Inc for the Henry Beauchamp Jr Community Center HVAC Project 2551

- H. Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 1.09: Office Hours

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-012, AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 1.09 Office Hours

7. **Public Comment**

Tony Courcy, City resident spoke on several topics.

Kenton Gartrell, City resident, shared his belief that the Charter changes should include an elected Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8. Public input meeting and Resolution to consider citizen comments on the proposed Draft 2021 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Fund Programs, and Cares Act CDBG-CV3 funds

Archie Matthews, ONDS Manager, 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 Funk seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-091, A RESOLUTION adopting the proposed 2021 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Cares Act CDBG-CV3, and HOME Fund Programs as mandated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

9. Discussion regarding the hours of the City approved cruise events

Police Captain Boyle spoke about the existing cruising nights and suggested Council not increase the hours of the events. After Council discussion;

MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to add to a future agenda the events such as cruise nights and parades. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. Staff recommendation on police technology investments and hiring crime analysts

Chief Murray briefed Council on the request for technology and two crime analyst positions. City Manager Harrison noted the SpidrTech item has been removed from consideration. Sgt. Boyle described how crime analyst data will increase communication and improve safety. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Cousens moved and Hill seconded to direct staff making the proposed technology investments and hire two crime analysts. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Northbank Civil and Marine, Inc. for Phase 1 of the Nelson Dam Removal: Water Supply, Riverine Process and Fish Passage Improvements

Water and Irrigation Manager Dave Brown briefed Council on the contract and funding for the project.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-092, A RESOLUTION authorizing an Agreement with Northbank Civil and Marine, Inc. for Phase 1 of Project No. IC2010 Nelson Dam Removal: Water Supply, Riverine Process and Fish Passage Improvements.

12. 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 (First Reading)

Steve Groom, Director of Finance and Budget, briefed Council on the budget amendment and noted this will be brought back to the next Council meeting for action. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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.

Council members congratulated and commended Mr. Groom for his service to the City.

13. **Other Business**

MOTION: Lund moved and Hill seconded to put on the next regular business meeting agenda a discussion about the equipment repair and replacement sustainability plans for the Yakima Fire Department. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Lund moved and Hill seconded to put on the next regular business meeting agenda a discussion allowing street legal altered leisure vehicles on streets within City limits. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember White cited reasons he would like to move forward on censure of Councilmember Lund. Councilmember Lund raised a Point of Order that this is a personal attack. Mayor Byers ruled the point is well taken.

MOTION: White moved to start censure proceedings on Councilmember Lund. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Funk stated she found the meeting last week with the Yakima County Commissioners distressing on several points regarding the Yakima County Care Campus. She wants to recognize this as an issue of concern and wants to move ahead with an action plan of what the City can do for mental health issues.

14. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on July 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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COUNCIL MEMBER

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR