



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**January 4, 2022**

**City Hall -- Council Chambers**

**5:30 p.m. Regular meeting -- conducted in person and virtually via Zoom**

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**1. Roll Call**

Present: Council Members Matt Brown, Patricia Byers, Holly Cousens (virtually via Zoom), Janice Deccio, Danny Herrera, Soneya Lund (virtually via Zoom) and Eliana Macias (virtually via Zoom)

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison (virtually via Zoom), City Attorney Sara Watkins and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Councilmember Byers stated pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation, everyone is required to wear a face covering.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Byers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Newly Elected Process**

**A. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Council Members**

City Clerk Claar Tee administered the Oaths of Office to newly elected Councilmembers Matt Brown, Janice Deccio and Danny Herrera.

**Election of Mayor**

**B. Election of Mayor**

Councilmember Macias nominated Councilmember Deccio for Mayor. Councilmember Brown nominated Councilmember Byers for Mayor. Councilmember Deccio was voted in as the new Mayor with a 4-3 vote; Brown, Byers and Cousens voting no.

**Election of Assistant Mayor (Mayor Pro-tem)**

**C. Election of Assistant Mayor**

Mayor Deccio nominated Councilmember Lund for Assistant Mayor. Councilmember Byers nominated Councilmember Cousens for Assistant Mayor. Councilmember Byers nominated herself for Assistant Mayor. Councilmember Lund was voted in as the new Assistant Mayor with a 4-3 vote; Brown, Byers and Cousens voting no.

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

A. Proclamations

i. Day of Service proclamation

Councilmember Macias proclaimed the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as a Day of Service, and Anthony Peterson accepted the proclamation.

ii. School Board Recognition Month proclamation

Councilmember Cousens proclaimed the month of January 2022 to be School Board Recognition Month. Yakima School Board President Martha Rice and Board Member Norm Walker accepted the proclamation.

B. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees

i. Boards & Committees

City Manager Harrison stated there are a number of ways Council can go through this process. He suggested Council members could let his office know the top five committees they are interested in, prioritize them and staff can bring back a report next week. After discussion,

**MOTION: Byers moved and Herrera seconded to poll Council members for their top five priorities and staff can accumulate the information on a spreadsheet for Council's review at the next meeting.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Council Reports

None.

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Deccio 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: Byers moved and Macias seconded to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. Approval of minutes from the December 7 and 14, 2021 City Council regular meetings

B. Project Completion and Acceptance for TTC Construction, Inc. - Project SC2581 31st and Summitview Avenue Sewer Line Replacement

C. Resolution authorizing and supporting the use of electronic documents and signatures in the conduct of City business

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-001, A RESOLUTION** authorizing and supporting the use of electronic documents and signatures in the conduct of City business.

D. Resolution accepting a grant from the Washington State Archives Office and authorizing a Grant Agreement for records retention improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-002, A RESOLUTION** accepting a grant from the Washington State Archives Office and authorizing a Grant Agreement for records retention improvements in the City of Yakima Wastewater Division.

- E. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Lease Agreement with D. A. Arthur, Inc. for property located at 2520 West Washington Avenue

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-003, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Yakima/Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field and D.A. Arthur, Inc. for property located at 2520 West Washington Avenue.

- F. Resolution authorizing a Conditional Option to Lease Real Property with D. A. Arthur, Inc. to develop property at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-004, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a Conditional Option to Lease Real Property between D. A. Arthur, Inc. and the City of Yakima and Yakima Air Terminal/McAllister Field.

- G. Resolution awarding Bid 12132 and authorizing contracts with Day Management Corporation and Financial Consultants International for provision of Police vehicle up-fitting services

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-005, A RESOLUTION** authorizing award of BID 12132 and execution of an agreement with Day Management Corp, and Financial Consultants Intl, Inc., to purchase Police Vehicle Up-fitting Services.

- H. Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for grant funding for improvements to Miller Park

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-006, A RESOLUTION** authorizing execution of an Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce for a grant of \$629,160 through the 2022 Local & Community Projects Program for improvements to Miller Park.

- I. Resolution accepting a \$30,000 grant from Supporting Investments in Economic Development for the Division & 3rd Ave Traffic Study Project 2598

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-007, A RESOLUTION** authorizing acceptance of a Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) Grant for the Division & 3rd Ave Traffic Study project.

- J. Resolution authorizing the City Manager's authority to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City of Yakima in an amount of \$100,000 or less, and to execute all documents necessary for such claims.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-008, A RESOLUTION** authorizing the City Manager's authority to resolve and settle any claims against or by the City of Yakima in an amount of \$100,000 or less, and to execute all documents necessary for such claims.

## 7. **Public Comment**

Luz Bazan Gutierrez, City resident, informed Council there will be a Cinco de Mayo event this year on a smaller scale. She also shared the importance of diversity on Council committees.

## **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

- 8. Discussion regarding in-person meetings or Zoom only meetings

City Manager Harrison asked Council what their preference is on in-person hybrid or Zoom meetings. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to move to hybrid Council meetings going forward.** The motion carried by unanimous vote

**9. Other Business**

Councilmember Macias congratulated Mayor Deccio and Assistant Mayor Lund on their new roles and welcomed the newly elected Council members.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Byers moved and Macias seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on January 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR