



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL  
January 18, 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: Mayor Janice Deccio, presiding, Assistant Mayor Soneya Lund (attending virtually via Zoom) and Councilmembers Matt Brown, Patricia Byers, Holly Cousens, Danny Herrera and Eliana Macias (attending virtually via Zoom)

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Deccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Interpreter Services**

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

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

**A. Mayoral Proclamation of Emergency and Order regarding Winter Weather**

City Manager Harrison reported Governor Inslee earlier this year declared a State of Emergency related to winter weather, and if the City has an emergency declaration in place the City would be in a position to recover federal funds to offset the emergency response to the storms if a reimbursement is authorized.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to adopt the resolution.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-009, A RESOLUTION** ratifying and confirming the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency and Order regarding a state of emergency in the City of Yakima due to severe winter weather.

**B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions**

**i. Presentation from Yakima Valley Trolleys**

Ken Johnsen, President of the Yakima Valley Trolleys, presented the Yakima Valley Trolleys 2021 Annual Report. Larry Fournier, Treasurer of the Yakima Valley Trolleys, thanked the City

for helping with maintenance and operating costs to keep the Trolleys.

C. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees

- i. Greenway request for Council member to serve on Board

City Manager Harrison reported the Yakima Greenway has requested a Council member be appointed to an ad-hoc position on the Yakima Greenway Board.

**MOTION: Lund moved and Byers seconded to appoint Councilmember Cousens to the Greenway Board.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **Council Reports**

None.

6. **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Deccio reminded Council that they were provided a corrected version of the ordinance on item 6E prior to tonight's meeting. 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: Cousens moved and Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. Approve payment of disbursements for the period December 1 – 31, 2021
- B. Approval of minutes from the January 4, 2022 City Council regular meeting and January 11, 2022 study session
- C. Resolution ratifying a grant application to the Washington State Department of Commerce for funding to support Group Violence Intervention Strategies

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-010, A RESOLUTION** ratifying an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to provide Justice Assistance Grant funds to reduce gun and gang violence in Yakima County.

- D. Resolution opening the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and YMC Ch. 16.10

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-011, A RESOLUTION** opening the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, and YMC Ch. 16.10.

- E. Ordinance amending and/or repealing certain sections of City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 5.49, Chapter 6.45, Chapter 6.47, Chapter 6.68, and Chapter 6.75 for the purpose of removal of archaic statutory language, removal of duplicative statutes, and/or updating statutes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-001, AN ORDINANCE** amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 5.49, Chapter 6.45, Chapter 6.47, Chapter 6.68, and Chapter 6.75 for the purpose of removal of archaic statutory language, removal of duplicative statutes, and/or

updating statutes.

**7. Public Comment**

None.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**8. Presentation and Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Single Track Alliance of Yakima for the development and construction of a bicycle pump track at Randall Park**

Ken Wilkinson, Parks and Recreation Manager, introduced the item. Will Hollingberry of Single Track Alliance of Yakima (STAY) answered questions about the bicycle track and noted the track will have an ADA component for wheelchair accessibility.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Macias seconded to adopt the resolution.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-012, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Single Track Alliance of Yakima for the development and construction of a bicycle pump track at Randall Park.

**9. 2022 State Legislature Session Briefing**

Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler and the City's Olympia lobbyists, Luke Esser and Nick Federici, briefed Council on the City's 2022 State Legislative Priorities and other legislative issues of interest to the City.

Councilmember Herrera asked about the Martin Luther King Jr. swimming pool. City Manager Harrison noted several years ago there was an initial feasibility study that identified a location and concepts for the pool. Councilmember Cousens reported the previous Council put together a team, which included interested community members and the City Manager, which met a few months ago. They are working to obtain public and private funding in order to move this project forward.

**10. Other Business**

**MOTION: Brown moved and Cousens seconded to add to the February 1, 2022 business meeting agenda a discussion on the previous Council's decision on safe parking lots.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**11. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Lund moved and Macias seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on January 25, 2022, at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

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