



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
April 12, 2022  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
5:00 p.m. Conducted in person and virtually via Zoom**

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1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Janice Deccio, presiding, Assistant Mayor Soneya Lund and Councilmembers Matt Brown, Patricia Byers, Danny Herrera and Holly Cousens

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, City Attorney Sara Watkins and Records Administrator Jodi Stephens

Absent and excused: Councilmember Eliana Macias

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

City residents Ester Huey and Eric Silvers spoke in support of the Martin Luther King Jr. Park swimming pool.

Kellie Crabb, City resident, spoke against establishing a Sustainability Committee.

The following people spoke in support of establishing a Sustainability Committee: Robert Strader, City resident and Dr. Kay Funk, non-resident.

3. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Community Swimming Pool

Parks & Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson briefed Council on the Martin Luther King Jr. proposed community swimming pool.

4. Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Presentation

Senior Assistant City Attorney Ryan Bleek shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act.

5. Review of City of Yakima Boards and Committees

City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Boards & Committees. Clerk Claar Tee described the various ways the City recruits applicants; however, the City struggles to fill seats on the City's Boards & Committees. She suggested before establishing any new Committees, that Council could assign new tasks to existing Committees.

6. Discussion About the Scope and Membership of a Sustainability Committee

Interim Assistant City Manager Selby discussed the scope of a possible Sustainability Committee.

Councilmembers discussed the scope and suggested it be called Sustainable Yakima and made up of no fewer than five and no more than seven members, including a possible youth member, with a term length of three years. The Committee should include experts with City residency a preference. They suggested a mission to provide recommendations to Council and administration on ways to improve the City's sustainability and the adverse effects of climate change.

Mayor Deccio recognized Interim Assistant City Manager Selby on his last week with the City of Yakima.

7. Adjournment

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on April 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Macias absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

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