



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
May 10, 2022
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5:00 p.m. Meeting conducted in person and virtually via Zoom**

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Janice Deccio, presiding, Assistant Mayor Soneya Lund and Councilmembers Matt Brown, Patricia Byers, Holly Cousens, Danny Herrera and Eliana Macias (attending remotely via Zoom)

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

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

None.

3. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month proclamation

Assistant Mayor Lund proclaimed the month of May 2022 as "Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month," and Dori Peralta Baker accepted the proclamation.

4. Yakima County EMS Levy Renewal

Chief Markham reported on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy that expires on December 31, 2023 and the benefit of the levy to the City. He noted the Yakima County EMS Administration Board has asked the Board of County Commissioners to place this measure on the ballot for renewal at the next general election this November.

5. Utility Account Management

James Dean, Utility Customer Services Manager, reviewed the current municipal code relating to how utility accounts are billed, collected and managed and issues of landlord vs. tenant held accounts.

6. Discussion regarding flag policy

Councilmember Byers stated with a recent Supreme Court ruling against the City of Boston for violating the First Amendment regarding its flag policy, she believes the City's flag policy should be rescinded.

MOTION: Byers moved and Brown seconded to rescind Ordinance No. 2020-019.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on May 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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