



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**September 20, 2022**

**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**5:30 p.m. Regular meeting; 6:00 p.m. public hearings -- 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, Holly Cousens, Danny Herrera and Eliana Macias

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Martinez 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. Proclamations

i. Constitution Week proclamation

Councilmember Brown proclaimed September 17-23, 2022 as Constitution Week and Jill Scott accepted the proclamation.

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

- A. Approval of minutes from the September 6, 2022 City Council regular meeting and September 13, 2022 City Council study session
- B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period August 1-31, 2022
- C. August 2022 Investment Transaction Report
- D. Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Yakima School District for the maintenance and use of Upper Kiwanis Park for slow pitch softball

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-123, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an Agreement with Yakima School District No. 7 for Maintenance and Use of Upper Kiwanis Park for Slow Pitch Softball.

- E. Resolution declaring Refuse Truck (ER3303) and an International Black-Topper (ER3138) as surplus and authorizing its disposal per Surplus Disposal Policy 3-100

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-124, A RESOLUTION** declaring refuse truck (ER3303) and an International Black-Topper (ER3138) as surplus and authorizing its disposal per Surplus Disposal Policy 3-100.

- F. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding a Law Enforcement Liaison

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-125, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding a Law Enforcement Liaison.

- G. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding to provide traffic safety emphasis patrols

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-126, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding to provide traffic safety emphasis patrols.

- H. Resolution authorizing a contract with Yakima Housing Authority, in the amount of \$300,000 of HOME Investment funds for acquisition reimbursement for the construction of a 54-unit low income affordable housing project located at 1116 Fruitvale Blvd.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-127, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with Yakima Housing Authority in the amount of up to Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) in Federal Housing and Urban Development HOME funds for acquisition reimbursement for construction of 54 low-income housing units.

- I. Resolution authorizing grant agreement acceptance from the Department of Commerce through the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to the City of Yakima for the "Rod's House" project for system development charges and utility infrastructure improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-128, A RESOLUTION** accepting \$185,352.00 through the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to be administered by the City of Yakima's Community Development Department.

- J. Resolution authorizing grant agreement acceptance from the Department of Commerce through the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to the City of Yakima for the "Genesis Housing Services" project for system

development charges and utility infrastructure improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-129, A RESOLUTION** accepting \$437,160 through the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to be administered by the City of Yakima's Community Development Department.

- K. Resolution authorizing grant agreement acceptance from the Department of Commerce through the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to the City of Yakima for the Yakima Housing Authority "Fruitvale Housing" project for system development charges

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-130, A RESOLUTION** accepting \$299,771.00 through the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) to be administered by the City of Yakima's Community Development Department.

- L. Ordinance granting a telecommunications system franchise to Lightspeed Networks, Inc.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-026, AN ORDINANCE** granting a non-exclusive franchise to LightSpeed Networks, Inc. ("LS Networks") to construct, operate and maintain a Telecommunications System, with all necessary facilities, within the City of Yakima, Washington (the "City"); setting forth provisions, terms and conditions accompanying the grant of this Franchise; providing for City regulation of construction, operation, maintenance and use of the Telecommunications System; prescribing penalties for the violations of its provisions; and setting an effective date.

- M. Ordinance amending the 2022 Budget for the City of Yakima and making appropriations from unappropriated fund balances within various funds for expenditure during 2022 for various purposes (Second Reading)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-027, AN ORDINANCE** amending the 2022 Budget for the City of Yakima; and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balances within various funds for expenditure during 2022 for various purposes.

## 7. Public Comment

There was no public comment. **MOTION: Byers moved and Lund seconded to adjourn (recess) for approximately 10 minutes until 6:00 p.m.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. at which time public hearings began.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 8. Public Hearing and resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with Yakima County regarding the 2022 JAG Grant

Lieutenant Tory Adams reported on the grant.

Mayor Deccio opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward or calling in to speak, closed the hearing.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-131, A RESOLUTION** ratifying an application for a grant in the total amount of \$66,982 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

9. Public meeting to consider the Notice of Intent to Commence the Prickly Pear Annexation in the Vicinity of S 38th Avenue and Sorenson Road

Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun briefed Council on the annexation petition.

Mayor Deccio opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward or calling in to speak, closed the hearing.

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to direct staff to draft the official Annexation Petition and collect signatures from property owners to begin the Annexation review procedures.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. **Other Business**

Councilmember Cousens announced the Sunfair Parade is at 10 a.m. on September 24, 2022.

Councilmember Byers reported the Growing Together Fair begins Friday and encouraged community members to attend.

City Manager Harrison recapped the lobbying trip to Washington D.C., which he, Assistant Mayor Lund, Councilmember Brown, Public Affairs Manager Beehler and City Engineer Preston attended.

- A. Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to an executive session for 30 minutes to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. Executive session was held at 6:06 p.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m. The Council meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

**MOTION: Byers moved Lund seconded to extend and amend the City Manager's contract as discussed in Executive Session.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. **Adjournment**

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to a City Council study session on September 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

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