



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
October 4, 2022
City Hall -- Council Chambers
12 noon -- 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, Danny Herrera and Eliana Macias

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, City Attorney Sara Watkins, Director of Finance and Budget Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent: Councilmember Holly Cousens (excused)

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

None.

3. Council Review of Proposed 2023-2024 Biennial Budget - 1 of 3

City Manager Harrison provided an introduction to today's budget meeting. Mr. Harrison reported the City's primary goals for fiscal sustainability are to achieve a balanced budget; to assure prioritized services citywide; and to continue focus on economic development in the City, as the City continues to prioritize existing expenditures to realign with City priorities. He also mentioned the 1% property levy adjustment and current staffing for the City with planned staffing adjustments.

Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines, Director of Finance and Budget, provided an overview of the proposed 2023-2024 Budget, the first biennial budget for the City of Yakima, and reviewed the following:

1. Importance of a Budget
2. Budget Challenges
3. Budget Considerations
4. Revenue and Expenditures Summary-General Fund and Citywide
5. The Big Three
6. Fund Balance Reserve

Assistant City Manager Roselyn Oglesby shared the accomplishments and goals of Economic Development for the next biennium.

Chief Aaron Markham reported the achievements and goals for the Yakima Fire Department, as well as an overview of the department's budget.

Chief Matthew Murray showed a video regarding accomplishments of the Yakima Police Department in conjunction with the department's budget presentation.

Community Development Director Joan Davenport discussed efforts towards community housing and provided a budget overview for the Community Development Department, which includes the divisions of Code Administration, Planning, and Office of Neighborhood Development Services.

Parks & Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson described the accomplishments and highlights of the Parks and Recreation division and budget summary.

Director of Finance and Budget Ferrer-Santa Ines concluded the budget presentations with a brief overview of the departments which will present at the next budget study session on October 6, 2022.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Lund moved and Brown seconded to adjourn to the City Council Executive Session scheduled for October 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., and City Council regular meeting October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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