



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
October 11, 2022  
City Hall -- Council Chambers  
5:00 p.m. Meeting 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 (attending via Zoom)

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

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

Joe Mann, resident and owner of downtown property and business, spoke against charging for parking in the downtown area for shoppers.

Andrew Holt, Executive Director of Downtown Association of Yakima, expressed appreciation for the Council addressing the parking matter and encourages a holistic approach to a paid parking plan to include shoppers, employees and residents of the downtown area.

3. Downtown parking presentation

City Manager Robert Harrison introduced the downtown parking presentation and history of downtown parking in the City. Mr. Harrison also provided an overview of how the City anticipates using potential revenue generated by parking fees in the downtown area, including capital improvements and infrastructure.

Rick Williams of Rick Williams Consulting (RWC) presented the results of the downtown parking analysis conducted by RWC, in partnership with ECONorthwest, and the administration's recommendations for exploring parking management strategies to move the parking program toward a financially self-sustaining platform. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Lund moved and Deccio seconded to direct staff to draft two ordinances to bring back to Council for review: An ordinance amending the current parking regulations to allow for paid parking in amounts and locations to be determined, in part, by the parking study; and, an ordinance adding a chapter to Title 3 creating a fund for parking revenue to go into so it can be used for improvements and maintenance of the downtown. Included with those ordinances should be a map**

**showing the parking regulations for each area where the ordinance will change for review.** The motion carried by a 4-3 vote, with Brown, Byers, and Cousens voting no.

4. Annexation Strategy Report Summary

Community Development Director Joan Davenport provided an overview report of the processes for annexation into the City of Yakima, as well as a summary of the unincorporated regions within the City of Yakima Growth Area. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to direct staff to come back with further information on the price of an annexation consultation.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Adjournment

**MOTION: Lund moved and Brown seconded to adjourn to the next Council regular meeting on October 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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