



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
December 13, 2022
City Hall -- Council Chambers**

5:30 p.m. Regular 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

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

Mayor Deccio introduced Nate who announced interpreter services are available in Spanish.

4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

i. Homeless Persons Memorial Proclamation

MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to accept the proclamation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Mayor Lund proclaimed December 21, 2022, as Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, and Yakima Neighborhood Health CEO Rhonda Hauff accepted the proclamation.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Community Integration Committee recommendations regarding the Single Family Home Repair Program

Community Integration Committee (CIC) Chairman Dori Peralta Baker provided opening remarks and introduced Vice-Chair Natalie McClendon to present the Committee's recommendations to improve the City's Single Family Home Repair program.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Macias seconded to accept the CIC recommendations and direct staff to incorporate them into a redesigned Single Family Home Repair program. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ii. Yakima County public safety radio presentation

City Manager Harrison introduced the item. Sheriff Bob Udell and Dale Panattoni, Yakima County Director of Technology Services, presented on the status of the current radio system and a concept for a proposed new Countywide first responder radio system and potential ballot measure.

5. Council Reports

There were no reports.

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: Cousens moved and Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. Approval of minutes from the December 6, 2022 City Council regular meeting

B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period November 1 – 30, 2022

C. November 2022 Investment Transaction Report

D. Set date of January 17, 2023 for a closed record public hearing to consider the Yakima Planning Commission's recommendation regarding a text amendment to YMC 15.26 Land Development Fees to reflect fees to be established by resolution

E. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement for Emergency Aid Response with Yakima County Fire District #4

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-170, RESOLUTION authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Fire District #4 for emergency aid response services.

F. Resolution authorizing execution of bridge agreement with Hall and Gilliland PLLC for Public Defense Services for Indigent Defendants

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-171, A RESOLUTION authorizing a Bridge Agreement with Hall and Gilliland PLLC for Public Defense Services for Indigent Defendants.

G. Resolution authorizing a supplemental agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc to provide professional engineering services for the 72nd Avenue and W Washington Avenue Roundabout Project 2517

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-172, A RESOLUTION authorizing a supplemental agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc providing professional engineering design and surveying (as needed) for the 72nd Avenue & W. Washington Avenue Roundabout Project 2517 (PROJECT)

H. Resolution authorizing supplemental agreement 3 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc for the Russell Lane Improvements Project 2650

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-173, A RESOLUTION authorizing Supplement 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc (HLA) for the Russell Lane Improvements Project 2650

- I. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Haley & Aldrich Inc to perform the design and remediation for the environmental cleanup of the former Tiger Oil site at 2312 W Nob Hill Blvd EV2999

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-174, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with Haley & Aldrich to perform the design and remediation for the environmental cleanup of the former Tiger Oil site at 2312 W Nob Hill Boulevard.

- J. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement to provide building inspection and plan review services for the City of Selah

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-175, A RESOLUTION authorizing an interlocal agreement with the City of Selah to provide building plans examinations, building inspection services, and associated activities.

- K. Ordinance updating Classification and Compensation Plan for City Employees Section 2.20.100

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-041, AN ORDINANCE relating to City personnel; adopting a classification and compensation plan for City employees to be effective January 15, 2023; and repealing all preceding pay ordinances in the City of Yakima Municipal Code.

7. **Public Comment**

Patricia Hoendermis, of the Yakima Valley Landlord Association, spoke in support of the Regional Crime Lab.

Jeanna Hernandez, resident, spoke in opposition to the Regional Crime Lab.

John Hodkinson, stated he wished to hold his comments until after presentation on the Regional Crime Lab.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Update on City of Yakima 2017 Equity Study

Community Development Director Joan Davenport provided a summary of the 2017 Equity Study and some of the City's accomplishments following the study. Council members discussed having future study sessions on the Equity Study and possibly utilizing the Community Integration Committee to work on this issue.

9. Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) Report

Fire Chief Aaron Markham provided a report regarding the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau fire protection survey report.

10. Resolution amending the Fire and Life Safety Fee Schedule

Fire Chief Aaron Markham briefed Council on the fee schedule.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-176, A RESOLUTION amending the Fire and Life Safety Fee Schedule.

11. Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Downtown Association of Yakima for downtown maintenance and beautification services

City Attorney Sara Watkins reported on the agreement.

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-2022-177, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with the Downtown Association of Yakima for downtown maintenance and beautification services.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

12. Ranking of ARPA grant applications to Yakima County

City Manager Robert Harrison introduced the item.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Herrera seconded to prioritize the City's grant requests as follows:

1. **Martin Luther King Jr Park Community Swimming Pool \$3,000,000**
2. **Bravo Company Blvd-Underground Utilities \$3,500,000**
3. **Radio System Upgrade at SunComm 911 Communications \$48,588**
4. **Free Wi-Fi in Yakima Parks \$10,000**
5. **Construction of Multi First Responder's/Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Facility \$5,000,000**

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. City Administration report on Regional Crime Lab

City Manager Harrison, Police Chief Matt Murray, and City Attorney Sara Watkins presented on their concerns regarding the Regional Crime Lab.

After Council discussion and amendments,

MOTION: Brown moved and Cousens seconded to direct staff to bring a resolution and contract, to include the City Attorney's contractual changes, to sign for one-year with YVCOG for the local crime lab. The motion failed by 4-3 vote with Deccio, Herrera, Lund and Macias voting no.

14. **Other Business**

None.

15. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Lund moved and Brown seconded to adjourn to a City Council special

