



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**January 17, 2023**

**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: Assistant Mayor Soneya Lund, presiding, and Councilmembers Matt Brown, Patricia Byers, Holly Cousens, Danny Herrera and Eliana Macias

Staff: Acting City Manager Rosylen Oglesby, City Attorney Sara Watkins and City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

Absent and excused: Mayor Janice Deccio

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Assistant Mayor Lund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Interpreter Services**

Assistant Mayor Lund introduced Jorge Villasenor who announced interpreter services are available in Spanish.

**4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order**

A moment of silence and remembrance was held for former Mayor Kathy Coffey following her recent passing.

**A. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions**

**i. Retirement recognition of Judge Susan Woodard for 32 years of service**

Judge Kelley Olwell recognized Judge Susan Woodard on her retirement and for her 32 years of service to the City of Yakima.

**ii. Retirement recognition of Municipal Court Services Manager Linda Hagert for 32 years of service**

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**iii. Administration of Oath of Office to Municipal Court Judge Aryn Masters**

City Clerk Claar Tee administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Court Judge Aryn Masters.

**5. Council Reports**

A. Review proclamation process

City Attorney Sara Watkins introduced the item for discussion. Council members discussed having proclamations approved at a meeting prior to the requested date of reading the proclamation.

**MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to direct staff to bring back a revised proclamation policy which incorporates the Council's discussion at tonight's meeting.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

B. Documentary series concept plan on the Yakima Police Department

Councilmember Byers reported citizen feedback on this issue has not been positive. Police Chief Murray noted the documentary would highlight many positive things about Yakima. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Byers moved and Brown seconded to direct the City not to pursue this opportunity.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

C. Discussion on creating an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Domestic Terrorism Study by the Washington State Attorney General's office

Councilmember Brown introduced the item for discussion. Acting City Manager Oglesby asked Council to consider requesting a presentation on the report from the Attorney General's Office at a Council meeting before deciding on an ad hoc committee, and Council agreed by consensus.

D. Association of Washington Cities -- City Action Days

Randy Beehler, Communications & Public Affairs Director, asked about Council participation at City Action Days and a lobbying trip to Olympia.

It was agreed that Councilmember Brown and Herrera will attend City Action Days in addition to Councilmember Cousens who is an Association of Washington Cities board member. Assistant Mayor Lund and Councilmembers Byers and Cousens will attend the lobbying trip to Olympia.

6. **Consent Agenda**

Assistant Mayor Lund referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Council members present. Assistant Mayor Lund reported on reasons not to change the Bicycle - Pedestrian ordinance, which was left on consent. Item 6l was removed from consent; therefore, the consent items are renumbered. 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: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

A. Approval of minutes from the January 3, 2023 City Council regular meeting and January 10, 2023 City Council study session

B. Approve payment of disbursements for the period December 1 – 31, 2022

- C. 2022 4th Quarter Treasury Report
- D. Resolution opening the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and YMC Ch. 16.10

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-012, A RESOLUTION** opening the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, and YMC Ch. 16.10.

- E. Set February 7, 2023, as the date for a public hearing on the Golden Ridge Annexation in the vicinity of Coolidge Road and S 96th Avenue
- F. Resolution authorizing a contract with CP Mechanical LLC for the Yakima Police Department Chiller Replacement Project 2607

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-013, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with CP Mechanical LLC for YPD Chiller Replacement Project 2607.

- G. Resolution authorizing supplemental agreement 1 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc to provide Professional Construction Management, Observation and Administration Services for the Summitview Ave Project 2566

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-014, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a supplemental agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc providing professional construction management, observation and administration services for the Summitview Avenue Project 2566 (PROJECT).

- H. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Insituform Technologies, LLC for the CIPP lining of the West Yakima Irrigation Transmission Main Project IC 2657

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-015, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an Agreement with Insituform Technologies, LLC. for Project No. IC2657 CIPP lining of West Yakima Irrigation Main.

- I. Ordinance adding Section 1.37: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the City of Yakima Municipal Code

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-002, AN ORDINANCE** adding Section 1.37: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the City of Yakima Municipal Code.

- J. Ordinance amending Chapter 1.80 of the Yakima Municipal Code to add compost procurement requirements in compliance with RCW 43.19A.150

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-003, AN ORDINANCE** amending Chapter 1.80 of the City of Yakima Code to add a compost procurement requirement in compliance with RCW 43.19A.150.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004, AN ORDINANCE** relating to City personnel; adopting a classification and compensation plan for City employees to be effective February 19, 2023; and repealing all preceding pay ordinances in the City of Yakima Municipal Code.

#### **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- A. Resolution awarding RFP 12238P and authorizing an agreement with People for

People for Community Partnership Development Services

Acting City Manager Oglesby reported on the resolution and stated another RFP for additional funding opportunities is anticipated.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Brown seconded to adopt the resolution.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-016, A RESOLUTION** awarding RFP 12238P and authorizing an agreement with People for People for Community Partnership Development Services.

**7. Public Comment**

Gene Rostvold, John Cooper and Johnathan Lambe, residents, thanked the City Council for not moving forward with the documentary series concept project.

Elizabeth Morones, resident, shared her frustration regarding a recent non-compliance letter she received from the Code Administration division regarding a vehicle on her property.

Andi Hochleutner, Government Affairs Director for Central Washington Home Builders Association (CWHBA), introduced herself and her role at CWHBA and spoke in opposition to the document series concept project as a new resident of the City.

Tony Courcy, resident, spoke on several matters.

Alexis Robie, producer of the documentary series concept project, thanked the City Council for the time he spent in the community and shared his best wishes for Yakima's progress on future projects.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8. Public Hearing and Ordinance to remove fees from the Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 15.26 Land Development Fees to be consistent with the Master Fee Schedule Resolution adopted by City Council**

Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun briefed Council on the ordinance.

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

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to pass the ordinance.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-005, AN ORDINANCE** amending Yakima Municipal Code Title 15 – Yakima Urban Area Zoning Ordinance to incorporate text amendments recommended by the City of Yakima Planning Commission.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**9. Yakima Police Department ATV/UTV update**

Lieutenant Cavin reported there has not been a notable increase in ATV/UTV vehicles on City streets or incidents involving these vehicles following passage of the City ordinance. Lt. Cavin suggested liability insurance be required on ATV/UTV vehicles operating on City streets. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to direct staff to bring back Council legislation to require liability insurance on ATV/UTV vehicles.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

10. Update on cost and timing of Annexation Study

Community Development Director Davenport reported on the potential cost and time necessary to conduct an Annexation Study for the Urban Growth Area.

**MOTION: Byers moved and Cousens seconded to direct staff to proceed with the study.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Adjournment

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to adjourn to a Council study session on January 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Deccio absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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