



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

March 7, 2023

City Hall -- Council Chambers

**5:30 p.m. Regular meeting 6 p.m. public hearings -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 (attending remotely via Zoom)

Staff: City Manager Robert Harrison, City Attorney Sara Watkins and Acting City Clerk Brandy Bradford

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

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

4. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

- i. Consideration of draft Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans proclamation

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

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

- i. Yakima Valley Tourism 2022 Annual Report Presentation

Item No. 4.B.ii. in the Agenda is Item No. 4.B.i. in the Minutes.

John Cooper, Yakima Valley Tourism President and CEO, presented the 2022 Annual Report.

- ii. Presentation on request from the Yakima Regional Public Facility District to rename the Yakima Convention & Event Center's South Ballroom to the Kathy Coffey Ballroom

Item No. 4.B.i. in the Agenda is Item No. 4.B.ii. in the Minutes.

Connie Upton, General Manager of the Yakima Convention & Event Center, presented on the Yakima Regional Public Facility District's request to rename the Yakima Convention & Event Center's South Ballroom to the Kathy Coffey Ballroom.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to approve renaming the Yakima Convention & Event Center's South Ballroom to the Kathy Coffey Ballroom. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- C. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees
 - i. Appointments to Charter Civil Service Commission, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Arts Commission

MOTION: Lund moved and Brown seconded to appoint Sean Worley to the Charter Civil Service, Kathy Kramer to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Dana Dwinell to the Arts Commission. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **Council Reports**

- A. Retreat follow up

City Manager Harrison requested Council provide clarification regarding Council action on the vacant building registry and standards. Mr. Harrison also requested confirmation of no changes to Council's strategic priorities. Council confirmed there are no changes to the five strategic priorities and requested staff provide information on how other cities have addressed vacant buildings and asked that downtown stakeholders be included in the conversations at the beginning of the process.

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 February 21, 2023 City Council regular meeting and February 28, 2023 City Council retreat
- B. 2022 4th Quarter Financial Report
- C. Resolution authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectable parking citations

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-033, A RESOLUTION authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectable parking citations and penalties for the City of Yakima.

- D. Resolution authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectable utility accounts receivables

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-034, A RESOLUTION authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectable accounts receivable by the utility funds of the City of Yakima.

- E. Resolution authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectable central accounts receivables.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-035, A RESOLUTION authorizing the write-off of certain uncollectable central accounts receivables for the City of Yakima.

- F. Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Arizona Procurement Office to purchase four Para Transit vans

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-036, A RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the City Manager of the City of Yakima to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the State of Arizona Procurement Office.

- G. Ordinance granting a telecommunications system franchise to Fatbeam, LLC

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-010, AN ORDINANCE granting a non-exclusive franchise to Fatbeam, LLC ("Fatbeam") 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.

7. Public Comment

Aaron Buchanan, resident and son of former Mayor Kathy Coffey, thanked Council for honoring his mother. He also individually thanked City staff members including the YPD Honor Guard for volunteering as pallbearers for his mother's funeral, and John Cooper and Connie Upton for honoring Coffey with the Yakima Convention and Event Center's Ballroom renaming to the Kathy Coffey Ballroom.

Dr. Rob Darling, Deputy Superintendent of Yakima School District, spoke regarding the YSD Capital Facilities Advisory Committee and the intent of the school district to put a bond on next year's ballot.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8. Public hearing and Ordinance on the Prickly Pear Annexation in the vicinity of Sorenson Road and S 38th Avenue

Joseph Calhoun, Planning Manager, presented the information and ordinance. Mayor Deccio opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward or calling in to speak, closed the hearing.

MOTION: Cousens moved and Brown seconded to pass the ordinance. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-011, AN ORDINANCE annexing the Prickly Pear Annexation area to the City of Yakima, contingent on Yakima County Boundary Review Board approval.

- 9. Closed record public hearing and Ordinance to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding a rezone request located in the vicinity of 1406 S Fair Avenue

Joseph Calhoun, Planning Manager, reviewed the recommendations. Mayor Deccio opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward or calling in to speak, closed the hearing. Councilmember Herrera expressed concerns of a zoning change and equity to nearby

residents. Attorney Watkins reminded Council that in a closed record hearing they must vote based on what information was provided in the record. After discussion,

MOTION: Herrera moved and Brown seconded to reject the Hearing Examiner's decision and ordinance. The motion carried by a 5-2 vote, Byers and Lund voting no.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- 10. Resolution approving Grant Change Request Letter to Washington State Department of Commerce

Public Works Director Scott Schafer briefed Council on the item.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-037, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to submit a Grant Change Request to Washington State Department of Commerce.

- 11. Update on 2023 Session of the Washington State Legislature

Communications & Public Affairs Manager Beehler provided an update on the 2023 Session of the Washington State Legislature and current status of bills the Council is in favor of or opposed to in this legislative session.

- 12. **Other Business**

MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to bring back to a future meeting a discussion on the definition of abandoned vehicles. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 13. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Lund moved and Byers seconded to adjourn to the Council retreat on March 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Washington Fruit Community Center. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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CERTIFICATION

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COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR