



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**April 4, 2023**

**City Hall -- Council Chambers**

**5:15 p.m. Executive session; 5:30 p.m. regular meeting conducted in person and virtually via Zoom**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Executive session to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

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 phone)

**MOTION: Lund moved and Byers seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).** The motion carried by unanimous vote. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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 City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee

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. Red Cross Home Fire Safety Week proclamation

Councilmember Byers proclaimed April 15-22, 2023, as "Red Cross Home Fire Safety Week" and Jenny Carkner accepted the proclamation.

ii. Arbor Day proclamation

Mayor Deccio proclaimed the third Saturday in April as "Arbor Day."

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Introduction and Oath of Office for newly selected City Clerk Rosalinda Ibarra

City Manager Harrison introduced Rosalinda Ibarra who has been selected to fill the position of City Clerk once the current City Clerk, Sonya Claar Tee, retires on June 22, 2023.

City Clerk Claar Tee administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed City Clerk Rosalinda Ibarra.

ii. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Recommendation - William O. Douglas Trail: Trolley Bridge Project

Planning Manager Calhoun opened this item for Council consideration. City Engineer Preston provided additional information regarding a recent inspection of the Trolley Bridge and the closure of the bridge last week due to safety concerns. Jennifer Gindt, Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, briefed Council on the Committee's recommendation to move forward with the pedestrian crossing related to option 1. Options for Council consideration:

1. If the City Council wishes to move forward to the project stage with regards to use of the trolley bridge for pedestrian crossing, a motion to direct staff to work with the William O. Douglas Trail Foundation, Yakima Valley Trolleys, Greenway, BNSF, and the City of Selah to create a project and all the necessary components and move forward with environmental review, shoreline review, and engineering project permitting.
2. If the City Council wishes to see additional options, a motion to direct staff to evaluate additional options for connecting the William O. Douglas Trail over the Naches River, other than use of the trolley bridge.
3. If the City Council wishes to do nothing and keep the trolley bridge for trolley purposes only the Council need not take any action.

City Manager Harrison and councilmembers mentioned and thanked the Committee for their hard work. Councilmember Byers voiced her support for option 2 and Councilmember Brown his support for option 3. After Council discussion,

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Lund seconded to direct staff to work with the William O. Douglas Trail Foundation, Yakima Valley Trolleys, Greenway, BNSF, and the City of Selah to create a project and all the necessary components and move forward with environmental review, shoreline review, and engineering project permitting.** The motion carried by a 5-2 vote; Brown and Byers voting no.

5. **Council Reports**

None.

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 Cousens seconded to approve the consent agenda.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. Approval of minutes from the March 21, 2023 City Council regular meeting
- B. Project Completion and Acceptance for Merrell Bros Inc Project 2561 Biosolids Removal and Reuse
- C. Set date of May 2, 2023 for a public hearing to be held by the City Council to consider a Rezone proposal in the vicinity of 1406 S. Fair Ave.
- D. Resolution setting date of April 18, 2023 to amend the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program and amend the Capital Facilities Element of the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan for the period of 2023 - 2028

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-043, A RESOLUTION** setting the time and place for a hearing on April 18th, 2023 to review and adopt the amended Six-year Transportation Improvement Program and amend the Capital Facilities Element of the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan for the period of 2023-2028.

- E. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with Kittitas County Fire Protection District #2 for a Joint Training Academy

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-044, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a Joint Training Academy Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County Fire Protection District #2.

- F. Resolution authorizing contract amendment No. 1 extending the term of Bid 11807P Bulk Printing and Mailing Services with InfoSend for two additional years

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-045, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a Contract Amendment with InfoSend Inc., for Bulk Printing and Mailing Services.

- G. Resolution awarding RFP 12239P and authorizing an agreement with Rod's House for CBD Housing Development Project

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-046, A RESOLUTION** awarding RFP 12239P and authorizing an agreement with Rod's House for CBD Housing Development Project.

- H. Resolution awarding Bid 12316 and authorizing an agreement with H.D. Fowler Co., Inc. for Miscellaneous Brass Water Tube Fittings

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-047, A RESOLUTION** awarding of Bid 12316 and authorizing an agreement with H.D. Fowler Company, Inc., for Miscellaneous Brass Water Tube Fittings.

- I. Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Washington State Department of Transportation National Highway Freight Program Award for \$228,000 for 34th/Fruitvale/River Road Roundabouts Project 2447

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-048, A RESOLUTION** authorizing acceptance and execution of a grant program agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the 34th/Fruitvale/River Road Roundabouts Project 2447.

- J. Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Washington State Department of Transportation State Funding Award for \$1,000,000 for 34th/Fruitvale/River Road

Roundabouts Project 2447

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-049, A RESOLUTION** authorizing acceptance and execution of a grant program agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the 34th/Fruitvale/River Road Roundabouts Project 2447.

- K. Resolution ratifying the declaration on an emergency and authorizing the purchase of a hot asphalt tank trailer

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-050, A RESOLUTION** ratifying the declaration on an emergency and authorizing the purchase of a hot asphalt tank trailer.

- L. Resolution accepting and authorizing the execution of the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for the Tahoma Cemetery Preservation Project

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-051, A RESOLUTION** accepting and authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Presentation for the Tahoma Cemetery Preservation Project.

- M. Ordinance amending the Yakima Municipal Code to place certain fees and charges in a City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-012, AN ORDINANCE** amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code

7. **Public Comment**

Jeanna Hernandez, resident, asked about the Council agenda preparation process.

Arboretum Executive Director Colleen Adams-Schuppe thanked Council for the Arbor Day proclamation and invited Council and the community to attend Arbor Day festivities on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

8. Update on Creating a Definition of "Abandoned" in International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)

Code Administration Manager Glenn Denman briefed Council on the definition of the term "abandoned" in the International Property Maintenance Code. This item was previously debated by the City Council in June of 2022.

9. Resolution amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule regarding Animal Control (YMC 6.20)

Supervising Code Inspector Tony Doan briefed Council on the resolution. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-052, A RESOLUTION** amending the City of Yakima Master Fee Schedule regarding Animal Control (YMC 6.20).

10. Ordinance amending City of Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 6.20 Animal Control

Supervising Code Inspector Tony Doan briefed Council on the ordinance. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-013, AN ORDINANCE** amending the City of Yakima Chapter 6.20 Animal Control; expanding dangerous dog definition, eliminating potentially dangerous dog regulation, increasing licensing fees, changing all request for appeal timelines to ten days, decriminalizing poultry at large, criminalizing nauseous keeping of animals, adding a section concerning cats, removing fees to the master fee resolution, and other housekeeping measures.

11. Ordinance amending the 2023 Budget for the City of Yakima and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balances within various Funds for expenditure during 2023 for various purposes (First Reading)

Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines, Director of Finance and Budget, briefed Council on the budget amendment and noted this will be brought back on April 18, 2023 for action. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE** amending the 2023 Budget for the City of Yakima; and making appropriations from Unappropriated Fund Balances within various funds for expenditure during 2023 for various purposes including 2022 encumbrances as described in the attached Schedule.

12. **Other Business**

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to direct staff to bring back information regarding a Youth Council for discussion at a future meeting.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded for discussion of the Bike/Ped Committee membership rules at a future study session.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**MOTION: Brown moved and Cousens seconded to discuss at a future study session review of other agency ordinances regarding drug use in public.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. **Adjournment**

**MOTION: Lund moved and Byers seconded to adjourn to a Council study session on April 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## CERTIFICATION

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