



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

**May 16, 2023**

**City Hall – Council Chambers - 129 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA  
5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - conducted in person and 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, City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee, and City Clerk In-training Rosalinda Ibarra

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Deccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Interpreter Services**

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

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

**A. Proclamations**

**i. Draft Juneteenth proclamation**

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Herrera seconded to approve the proclamation.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**ii. Draft Pride Month proclamation**

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Macias seconded to approve the proclamation.** The motion carried by a 5-2, Brown and Byers voting no.

**iii. Draft Narcissa Whitman Chapter, NSDAR Day proclamation**

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

**iv. Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness Month proclamation**

Mayor Deccio proclaimed May 2023 as "Missing and Unidentified Persons Awareness Month" and Michelle Joe accepted the proclamation.

**B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions**

- i. Recognition of Councilmember Patricia Byers for achieving an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Tonia Sugarman, Director of Member Services (via Zoom), with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), recognized Councilmember Byers for achieving an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership. The program recognizes elected officials for accomplishing training in five core areas: roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements; effective local leadership; community planning and development; public sector resource management; and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Councilmember Cousens presented the award to Byers.

- ii. Introduction of Purchasing Manager Kristine White

Director of Finance and Budget Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines introduced Kristine White as the new Purchasing Manager.

## 5. Council Reports

- A. Discussion about establishing a coalition of community partners to address chronic repeat offenders of misdemeanor crime

Assistant Mayor Lund introduced the concept of establishing a coalition of community partners to address chronic repeat offenders of misdemeanor crimes. After Council discussion, City Manager Harrison stated staff would begin identifying partners to participate.

## 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. Item 6K was removed from the consent agenda. 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 as amended.** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. Approval of minutes from the May 2, 2023 City Council regular meeting, May 9, 2023 City Council study session, and May 11, 2023 City Council special meeting
- B. 2023 1st Quarter Financial Report
- C. April 2023 Investment Transaction Report
- D. Approve payment of disbursements for the period April 1-30, 2023
- E. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for DW Excavating, Inc. Project SC2501 Wastewater Collections System Improvements Priority 5
- F. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for East General Aviation Apron Rehabilitation Project
- G. Set date of June 20, 2023 for an open record public hearing to consider the Yakima Planning Commission's recommendation regarding proposed 2023 text amendments

- H. Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of WSDOT Aviation grant for Taxilane Charlie Extension

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-067, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a construction grant application for the Yakima Air Terminal Taxilane Charlie Extension project to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Capital Improvement Projects at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

- I. Resolution authorizing a contract with Thomson Reuters for legal research database usage

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-068, A RESOLUTION** authorizing a contract with Thomson Reuters for legal research database usage.

- J. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Troy Lee and Associates to provide public defense services for indigent defendants

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-069, A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with Troy Lee and Associates to provide public defense services for indigent defendants.

- K. This item was removed from the consent agenda

- L. Ordinance adopting the City Council's decision on Rezone, Type 2, and Administrative Adjustment requests located in the vicinity of 1406 S Fair Avenue / 909 LaFollette Street RZ#001-22, CL2#025-22, and ADJ#024-22

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-017, AN ORDINANCE** rezoning parcels 191330-41485 and 41486 from Two Family Residential (R-2) to local Business (B-2), amending the Zoning Map of the City of Yakima, and approving the automobile sales use and the requested administrative adjustments.

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

- A. Resolution authorizing the removal of 9 S 10th Ave from the local historic register

Councilmember Byers requested this item removed from consent for clarification. Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun briefed Council on the application and process for request of removal of the John J. Miller House from the Yakima Register of Historic Places by the property owner.

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-2023-070, A RESOLUTION** relating to historic preservation: Removing the John J. Miller House, 9 S 10th Avenue, from the Yakima Register of Historic Places.

#### **7. Public Comment**

Lisa Graham, Art Awareness Project, spoke regarding parking in the area of her residence and business. The neighborhood would prefer angle parking be added to this area and a one-way street going into the angled parking.

Tony Courcy, resident, spoke regarding several matters.

## DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. 2023 Vacant Building Safety Project 1st Quarter Report

Code Administration Manager Glenn Denman reported on the 2023 1st Quarter Vacant Building Safety Project implementation efforts. Councilmember Byers inquired about the status of two properties on Nob Hill Blvd. Staff indicated they will provide and update.

9. Update on the relocation of Refuse Service from Alleys to the Street Curb

Solid Waste and Recycling Manager Trace Bradburn provided an update on the status of relocating refuse service from alley to the street curb and noted a decrease in illegal dumping. He also stated the Clean City Program is able to focus on other areas rather than alleyways.

10. Resolution authorizing \$125,000 of ARPA Funds for air service fund

Assistant City Manager Rosylen Oglesby briefed Council on the efforts to support the development of additional air service at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

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-2023-071, A RESOLUTION** authorizing the use of \$125,000 of ARPA Funds to support the development of additional air service at Yakima Air Terminal McAllister Field.

11. Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 1.34 related to the Community Integration Committee

Communications and Public Affairs Manager Randy Beehler briefed Council on the amendments to the Yakima Municipal Code Section 1.34 related to the Community Integration Committee.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-018, AN ORDINANCE** amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 1.34 concerning the Community Integration Committee.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Adjournment

**MOTION: Lund moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to a study session on May 23, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Harman Senior Center.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

## CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR