



**MINUTES  
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION**

**June 13, 2023**

**Washington Fruit Community Center - 602 N 4th St, Yakima  
4 p.m.**

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1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Janice Deccio, presiding, and Councilmembers Matt Brown (attending via speakerphone), Patricia Byers, Holly Cousens, Danny Herrera and Eliana Macias

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

Absent and Excused: Assistant Mayor Soneya Lund

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

None.

3. City of Yakima EMS Levy Discussion

Chief Markham presented a PowerPoint and answered questions from Council members on the current City-County EMS Levy, EMS Levies in Washington State, 2022 call type percentages, estimates on having a City EMS Levy and potential uses, and next steps. City Manager Harrison stated the budget presentations will be finished at the end of summer and the Council should look at revenue options at that time.

4. Community Development Department Budget Strategy Presentation

Community Development Director Joan Davenport, Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun, Code Administration Manager Glenn Denman and Supervising Code Inspector Tony Doan presented proposed budget reductions for the Community Development Department and the impacts of those reductions.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Deccio reported that Council members are invited to a meet and greet on Wednesday, June 21st with the Morelia Sister City delegation. She asked anyone that is interested in participating, to please contact City Clerk Claar Tee.

Councilmember Cousens stated also next week is the Association of Washington Cities conference in Spokane, which she will be attending.

**MOTION: Cousens moved and Byers seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on June 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Lund absent. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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MAYOR