



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

January 16, 2024

**City Hall – Council Chambers - 129 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA
5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting conducted in person and virtually via Zoom.**

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Patricia Byers presiding; Assistant Mayor Matt Brown; and Councilmembers Reedy Berg, Janice Deccio, Rick Glenn, Danny Herrera and Leo Roy

Staff: Assistant City Manager Rosylen Oglesby, City Attorney Sara Watkins and City Clerk Rosalinda Ibarra

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Byers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

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

4. Public Comment

David Macias, AFSCME President and City Wastewater Division employee; Tim Sears, City employee; Dustin Miley, City Water Division employee; and, Matt Mayer, City Irrigation Division employee, spoke regarding working conditions, competitive wages, and inability to retain City employees.

Joey Anderson, City resident, spoke about her current living conditions and lack of services available to community members struggling with rental properties and landlord issues.

Kyle Curtis, County Commissioner District 2, welcomed new Council members and expressed interest in collaborating on future projects, such as the crime lab and the homeless response system.

Scott Kracht, spoke regarding several matters.

Natalie McClendon, City resident and chair of the Community Integration Committee (CIC), spoke about public participation barriers. She noted the work that the CIC accomplished in reviewing the single family rehab program and the ability to delve deeper into expanding programs to serve a larger portion of the community.

5. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Council Committees

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Councilmembers reviewed the list of boards, commissions, and committees. It was Council consensus to make the following appointments at this time:

- Nominating Committee (members change every year): Brown, Deccio, Byers
- GRIT Steering Committee: Herrera, Deccio
- Yakima Valley Tourism Board of Directors: Deccio
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC): Byers
- Capitol Theatre Board: Deccio
- Choose Yakima Valley (YCDA): Herrera
- Yakima Chamber of Commerce Board: Brown and alternate Glenn
- Supporting Investments in Economic Diversification Board (SIED): Byers and alternate Brown
- Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) Executive Board: Byers
- Yakima Regional Clean Air Board: Deccio
- Yakima County Board of Health: Byers
- Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board: Herrera
- Yakima Basin Integrated Plan: Byers
- Trans-Action: Byers
- Sports Commission: Herrera
- Homeless Network Executive Committee: Glenn
- Yakima County Homeless Coalition Executive Committee: Brown
- Arts Commission: Deccio
- Parks & Recreation Commission: Brown and alternate Herrera
- Community Integration Committee: Herrera and alternate Deccio
- Yakama Nation Community Contribution Committee: Byers
- Fire Relief & Pension Board: Byers
- Police Relief & Pension Board: Byers

MOTION: Brown motioned and Glenn seconded to set a future study session a discussion about Council committees and boards. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Council Reports

- A. Update regarding calls with FAA and Rep. Newhouse about the airport terminal project

Robert Hodgman, Director of Yakima Air Terminal, provided an update about recent phone calls with Federal Aviation Administration officials and Representative Dan Newhouse regarding the funding for the modernization of the airport terminal project. He noted Representative Newhouse is supportive of the project.

HollyAnna LittleBull, Assistant Director of the Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program (NW TTAP), researched and located documents at archives regarding promises to return passenger rail service to the Yakama Nation and restore the North Coast Hiawatha Route. Ms. LittleBull announced that this project will move forward. Three locations have been identified to accommodate a train station and secure parking structures but will require approval by the Yakama Nation.

- B. Discussion about Association of Washington Cities - City Action Days

Assistant City Manager Rosylen Oglesby informed Councilmembers that registration to the Annual Association of Washington Cities, City Action Days is full but the City has an

opportunity to send a delegation to Olympia during this year's legislative session. Mayor Byers and Councilmember Glenn will attend on January 28-30.

C. Discussion regarding recruitment for City Manager

Assistant City Manager Rosylen Oglesby and Director of Human Resources Connie Mendoza presented Council members information to assist in their discussion regarding the recruitment for a new city manager. Regarding the recruitment process, Council was in favor of having an internal recruitment process and include a selection committee, community feedback, and staff engagement. After discussion,

MOTION: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to place on the next business meeting agenda a discussion about the City Manager job description. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Resolution authorizing an agreement with GMP Consultants for Interim City Manager

Greg Prothman from GMP Consultants briefed Council on the proposal to select Dave Zabell as Interim City Manager for the City of Yakima.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

A RESOLUTION approving an agreement with GMP Consultants to provide an Interim City Manager to the City of Yakima.

After discussion,

MOTION: Deccio moved and Herrera seconded to have City Council meet with Mr. Zabell, either individually or as a whole, to get to know him prior to authorizing a contract. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote; Brown voting no.

MOTION: Deccio moved and Brown seconded to have a special meeting on January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to meet with candidate Dave Zabell for potential Interim City Manager and vote on a resolution authorizing a contract with GMP Consultants. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Byers referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Council members present. Item F 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: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to approve the consent agenda as read. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- A. Approval of minutes from the January 2, 2024 City Council regular meeting
- B. 2023 4th Quarter Treasury Report
- C. Approve payment of disbursements for the period December 1 – 31, 2023
- D. Resolution ratifying an emergency electrical repair at Lions Pool

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-013, A RESOLUTION ratifying the declaration of an emergency and authorizing the City Manager to execute all applicable contracts for the emergency electrical repairs required at Lions Pool.

- E. Resolution accepting Change Order No. 1 to City Contract 2023-161 with Industrial Construction of Washington LLC for Project SW2661 DID #29 Stormwater Improvements and Spot Repairs

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-014, A RESOLUTION accepting Change Order No. 1 to City Contract 2023-161 with Industrial Construction of Washington LLC for Project SW2661 DID #29 Stormwater Improvements and Spot Repairs.

- F. Item F was removed from the Consent Agenda
- G. Resolution amending CDBG recipient agreement between the City of Yakima and City of Yakima Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-016, A RESOLUTION amending CDBG Recipient agreement between the City of Yakima and City of Yakima Public Works, A Division of the City of Yakima.

- H. Resolution authorizing a contract with M Sevigny Construction Inc for the Washington Fruit Community Center Roof & HVAC Projects 2653 & 2654

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-017, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with M Sevigny Construction Inc for the Washington Fruit Community Center HVAC & Roofing Projects 2653 and 2654.

- I. Resolution amending an interlocal agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation, Yakima County, and the City of Yakima for the Naches-Cowiche Flood Risk Reduction and Floodplain Restoration Project

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-018, A RESOLUTION amending the Interlocal Agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation, Yakima County, and the City of Yakima for the Naches-Cowiche Flood Risk Reduction and Floodplain Restoration Project.

- J. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Image Trend for a records management system for the Fire Department

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-019, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with ImageTrend for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) statewide reporting software for the Fire Department.

- K. Resolution authorizing a separation agreement for City Manager Robert Harrison

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-020, A RESOLUTION approving the Separation Agreement between City Manager Bob Harrison and the City of Yakima.

- L. Ordinance to create a fund to account for the Aquatic Center at MLK Jr. Park (Second Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-001, AN ORDINANCE establishing a Special Revenue Fund 132 "Aquatic Center at MLK Jr. Park Fund"; specifying sources of revenue for such fund; and designating the purposes of and the manner of authorizing expenditures from such fund.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution authorizing Supplemental Agreement 1 to the Professional Services

Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for Project SW2661
DID #29 Stormwater Improvements and Spot Repairs

Item F was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Wastewater Manager Mike Price clarified that the groundwater was not detected during design of the project and therefore required a change to the agreement.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

MOTION: Glenn moved and Berg seconded to adopt Resolution on listed as Item F on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-015, A RESOLUTION authorizing Supplemental Agreement 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc. for Project SW2661 DID #29 Stormwater Improvements and Spot Repairs.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Resolution opening the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and YMC Ch. 16.10

Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun briefed Council on the proposed resolution to open the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Brown moved and Herrera seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-021, A RESOLUTION opening the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, and YMC Ch. 16.10.

9. Mayoral Proclamation of Emergency regarding Extreme Winter Weather - This item was added to the agenda due to its emergency nature.

Mayor Byers issued an emergency proclamation on January 13, 2024 due to extreme winter weather affecting the City of Yakima. The emergency proclamation expired January 16, 2024.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-022, A RESOLUTION ratifying and confirming the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency and Order regarding a state of emergency in the City of Yakima due to the extreme cold temperatures and wind chill.

10. Yakima Fire Department Annual Report for 2022

This item was listed on the meeting agenda as #9.

Yakima Fire Chief Aaron Markham presented the City of Yakima Fire Department 2022 Annual Report. The information related to the Fire Department operations, specific performance measures, response time standards and objectives, call statistics, training, and public education. Chief Markham noted that elected bodies can decide on the response measures; however those levels of service must be met 90% of the time. Major service delivery objectives include fire suppression, emergency medical services, special operations, aircraft rescue and

firefighting, and wildfire fighting.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

- 11. Confirm appointment of Troy Clements as Municipal Court Judge

This item was listed on the meeting agenda as #10.

Assistant City Manager Rosylen Oglesby, in an acting City Manager capacity, recommended that Council confirm the appointment of Troy Clements as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Yakima, effective April 1, 2024. Ms. Oglesby noted that the appointment is valid until the next municipal election in November 2025.

MOTION: Deccio moved and Brown seconded to confirm the appointment of Troy Clements as Municipal Court Judge effective April 1, 2024. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 12. **Other Business**

This item was listed on the meeting agenda as #11.

MOTION: Brown moved and Berg seconded to add to a future study session a discussion regarding memberships Council are currently a part of. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 13. **Adjournment**

This item was listed on the meeting agenda as #12.

MOTION: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to adjourn to the next City Council special meeting on January 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR