



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
May 14, 2024**

**City Hall - Council Chambers - 129 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA
5:00 p.m. Study Session --- 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: Interim City Manager Dave Zabell, City Attorney Sara Watkins and City Clerk Rosalinda Ibarra

2. Public comment (allow 15 minutes)

Jeff Baker and Randy Juetten, City business owners, commented about the proposal for disposal of waste tires and associated fees.

3. Aviation Day at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

Yakima Air Terminal Director Robert Hodgman encouraged the community's participation in this year's Aviation Day taking place at the Yakima Air Terminal on June 1, 2024. The purpose of the event is to reconnect the community with the airport and provide information about career opportunities in aviation related fields. Event activities include military and civilian aircraft display, career information booths, food vendors, and live entertainment.

4. Camp Hope Update

City Attorney Sara Watkins provided an extensive overview on the status of Camp Hope and the Comprehensive Healthcare clinic project. In August 2023, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Grace City Outreach and Comprehensive Healthcare to facilitate the use of property adjacent to Camp Hope for mental health services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of all involved parties, including the rezone and development permit process through a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

The current lease with Grace City Outreach, which operates Camp Hope, expires on June 30, 2024. The City anticipates negotiating new lease agreements with Grace City Outreach and Comprehensive Healthcare once an appropriate location for the clinical facility is determined.

5. Review of Property Maintenance Code Enforcement

Code Administration Manager Glenn Denman presented amendments and changes to procedures regarding enforcement of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). The proposed changes address inoperable vehicles, complaint anonymity, pest elimination, scope of enforcement, and tire disposal.

- Inoperable vehicles - remove "unlicensed" from inoperable vehicle criteria
- Anonymity of complaints - require complainants to provide contact information with the option to withhold information as part of the public disclosure request process
- Pest elimination control - not eliminate pest control provisions from the IPMC
- Scoping of complaints - address complaint itemized violations and issue warnings on other violations identified from the site inspection
- Tire disposal - explore other ways to curb the illegal dumping of tires
- Discretionary language - allow staff to use sound discretionary measures for certain violations

After extensive Council discussion, it was consensus for staff to bring back an ordinance with staff's recommendations on the items presented, with the exception of the tire disposal ordinance.

6. Council Nominating Committee recommendations regarding appointments to the Yakima Planning Commission and the Hotel/Motel Commission of the Tourism Promotion Area

Councilmember Janice Deccio, Council Nominating Committee Chair, reported on the April 29th and May 2nd Council Nominating Committee meeting in which the Committee recommended the appointment of Jeff Baker, Anne Knapp, Philip Ostriem, and Shelley (Katherine) White to the four newly created positions of the Yakima Planning Commission. The term of office for each member is four years, with terms expiring on June 30, 2028.

Additionally, the Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of Cassie Hull to the Hotel and Motel Commission of the Tourist Promotion Area (TPA).

MOTION: Glenn moved and Brown seconded to approve the Council Nominating Committee recommendations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

MOTION: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Present for Executive Session: Mayor Byers, Assistant Mayor Brown, and Councilmembers Berg, Deccio, Glenn, Herrera, and Roy

Executive session was held at 6:23 p.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 6:34 p.m.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on May 21, 2024, beginning with Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The regular business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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MAYOR

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