



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
February 2, 2016
City Hall -- Council Chambers
6 p.m. Business Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Avina Gutierrez, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Council Members Maureen Adkison, Kathy Coffey, Dulce Gutierrez, Bill Lover

Staff: Interim City Manager Cutter, Acting City Attorney Kunkler and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent: Council Member Carmen Mendez (excused)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Open Discussions for the Good of the Order

A. Presentations / Recognition / Introductions

i. Central Washington State Fair - 2015 4th quarter report

Greg Stewart, President and General Manager of the State Fair Park, expressed his appreciation on behalf of their board and staff for the support from the City. Greg Lybeck, Assistant General Manager of the Central Washington State Fair Association and State Fair Park, reviewed the report included in the Council packet.

4. Council Reports

None.

5. Consent Agenda

Mayor Gutierrez referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Council members or citizens 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: Coffey moved and Adkison seconded to approve the consent agenda.
The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

A. Approval of the minutes from the January 5 and 19, 2016, City Council Business meetings; and January 5 and 12, 2016, Special Council meetings

- B. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Columbia Asphalt & Gravel, Inc. - Project AT2379 & 2381 - 2014 Citywide Street Resurfacing (Standard Motion V-B-Accept the project and approve)
- C. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Schneider Water Services - Project AC2350 Kissel Park well pump and motor for domestic water well (Standard Motion V-B-Accept the project and approve)
- D. Resolution authorizing a contract with Yakima County (East Valley) Fire District #4 for dispatch and alarm service

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-015, A RESOLUTION Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fire Communications Services Contract between the City of Yakima and Yakima County Fire Protection District 4, hereinafter known as "District."

- E. Resolution authorizing a Seventh Amendment to 911 Support Services Agreement with Yakima County

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-016, A RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the City Manager of the City of Yakima to execute a Seventh Amendment to the "911 Support Services Agreement" with Yakima County for the provision of 911 services that extends the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2016.

- F. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Central Washington Mountain Rescue (CWMR) to use Franklin Park for its annual two day rope training program

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-017, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Central Washington Mountain Rescue (CWMR) a non-profit corporation, to use the northeast portion of Franklin Park for its annual two day rope training program.

- G. Resolution authorizing an application to the Yakima County "Supporting Investments in Economic Development" Program, (SIED) for the street frontage improvements of the Yakima Sports Complex project

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-018, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to apply for funding, accept the funds if offered and execute the necessary agreement for \$900,000 in a grant and a \$900,000 loan from the Yakima County SIED Board to contribute funds for the engineering, design and reconstruction of certain streets and utilities necessary to support the Yakima Sports Complex,

- H. Ordinance relating to the Yakima Arts Commission; amending Section 1.36.040 of the Yakima Municipal Code regarding meetings, officers, records and quorum

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-001, AN ORDINANCE relating to the Yakima Arts Commission; amending Section 1.36.040 of the Yakima Municipal Code regarding meetings, officers, records and quorum.

6. Audience Participation

Walt Ranta, City resident, distributed information supporting neighborhood committees and highlighted examples of accomplishments of the Barge-Chestnut Neighborhood

Association in working with the City of Yakima to make a stronger community. He noted they have a voluntary assessment program to help fund their website and work with National Night Out and other issues.

Rob Leaming, non-resident, spoke in favor of community gardens and recycling programs. He noted there is a great community garden program called "plant a seed, pick a weed and take what you need."

Jedidiah Haney, Tukwila, Washington, spoke in favor of overturning the cannabis ban and noted how it can change lives.

Sandy Belzer, City resident spoke in favor of medical cannabis.

Paul Tabayoyon, City resident, stated there is a stormwater drainage control issue causing flooding at his house. He said he is having trouble finding help at the City for this issue, which the County turned over to the City in their Ordinance No. 4-2015 involving dissolving drainage improvement districts (DID's). Council Member Coffey reported the City did not accept the DID's and believes this is a County issue. Acting City Attorney Kunkler noted he is researching the issue.

Walt Ranta, City resident, suggested ideas for the new Council members for a smooth council meeting process and noted their positions are similar to a School Board, wherein they are policy makers and hire a City Manager who is trained to run the city.

Thomas McCormick, City resident, congratulated the new Council members and wished them a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Paris Thorpe, City resident, spoke in favor of overturning the cannabis ban.

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7. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Yakima Southwest Rotary Club for development of a new basketball court in Randall Park

Parks and Recreation Manager Wilkinson briefed Council on the agreement, noting the new courts will offer six baskets instead of two. Under the agreement, the City would be responsible for maintenance and repair of the court after the project is completed.

Bill Gilmore, President of the SW Rotary Club, stated they are excited to partner with the City and help replace the basketball court at Randall Park, the second most used park in the City. Council Member Adkison noted the City wouldn't have all the improvements to City parks without the help of Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and expressed her gratitude to them.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-019, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Yakima Southwest Rotary Club for development of a new basketball court in Randall Park.

MOTION: Adkison moved and Coffey seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion

carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

8. Resolution to forego the formal Comprehensive Plan Amendment process through 2017

Senior Planner Valerie Smith briefed Council on the process. She stated there will still be public hearings on the plan and those who want to submit amendments can do so through an informal process that won't require filing fees.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-020, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City's Planning Division staff and Yakima Planning Commission to implement a process to accept individual citizen requests for consideration in the Comprehensive Plan Update Program to be completed in June of 2017; pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) RCW 36.70A.130 & RCW 36.70A.140.

MOTION: Adkison moved and Cousens seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent.

9. Resolution authorizing an engineering and consulting services agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. for engineering and consulting services associated with the 2017 Wastewater Facility Plan update and Solids Handling Plan, not to exceed \$514,210

Interim City Manager Cutter removed this item from consideration on the agenda as several Council members have questions on this contract and he has not had the full opportunity to respond. He invited Council members to meet with him regarding any questions they may have.

10. **Other Business**

Council Member Coffey noted she lost two husbands to cancer and believes cannabis can help.

MOTION: Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to bring back a resolution to overturn the ban on the sale and growing of marijuana in the City of Yakima. The motion carried by a 4-2 vote with Adkison and Lover voting no, Mendez absent. Council Member Coffey recognized Council Member Mendez is absent and understands she would like to be involved in the discussion on this topic, which is why this will be on the next agenda.

Interim City Manager Cutter asked for Council direction on the following topics:

1) Is it the intention of Council to have a study session or a public meeting with public comment on the Plaza? Mayor Gutierrez confirmed she would like to see it open for comment as that was her intent. Council Member Cousens noted she would like to see equal opportunity for both sides, especially those that own property next to the site. It was Council consensus to have a public meeting.

2) The Trolley group would like to present their business plan to the City Council, which could be combined in a study session regarding emergency management on April 12. This was agreed to by Council.

3) Mr. Cutter stated he would like to schedule a study session with Council in the near future on the budget. Council agreed.

4) Mr. Cutter noted Council members will meet individually with Mr. Prothman next week regarding the City Manager selection process and what attributes they are looking for in a candidate. He asked if they would like public input at this time, although he feels that would be premature. Mayor Gutierrez stated she would like public input later in the process. Council agreed.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Lover moved and Adkison seconded to adjourn to a Council Retreat on February 9, 2016, at 9 a.m. at the Yakima Training Annex, 421 E. Chestnut Avenue, Yakima, WA. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Mendez absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR