



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL RETREAT**

February 8, 2016

**Yakima Training Annex, 421 E. Chestnut Avenue
9 a.m.**

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Avina Gutierrez, presiding, Assistant Mayor Holly Cousens, Council Members Maureen Adkison, Kathy Coffey, Dulce Gutierrez (arrived at 9:30 a.m.), Bill Lover, and Carmen Mendez

Staff: Interim City Manager Cutter, Communications and Public Affairs Director Beehler, Assistant to the City Manager Price and City Clerk Claar Tee

Facilitator: Bill Chiat

2. 2016 Strategic Priorities Discussion

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Consultant Chiat briefed Council on his work helping Council, Boards and others how to govern together. They discussed leadership elements, strategic priorities, what they are proud of in our City, and their roles as elected leaders. Mr. Chiat asked them to envision what they would like to accomplish in the next two years.

The top five accomplishments described were:

- 1) East side pool / monitoring park improvements for equitable distribution based on need
- 2) Continued crime reduction
- 3) Utilize state funding to complete streets/sidewalks for safe routes to school -- especially elementary schools
- 4) Model for downtown incubator—to assist entrepreneurs during their first three years / diverse business opportunities / more manufacturing
- 5) Addressing homelessness / tiny homes and villages / affordable housing

Mr. Chiat and Council discussed how districts need to work together and not compete against each other. He noted how the Council can utilize committees to get the end results wanted and the need to assess barriers for unintended consequences.

It was Council consensus to schedule a study session in the near future regarding Boards & Commissions.

3. Boards & Commissions

This item was postponed.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: **Mendez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to the next Council Business Meeting on February 16, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. for Executive Session and Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

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