



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
February 17, 2016
City Hall -- Council Chambers
10:00 a.m.**

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Strategic Priorities and City Council Boards and Commissions

Council discussed 2016 Strategic Priorities as related to their Council Strategic Committees. After discussion, Council consensus to retain the following Committees: Economic Development, Public Safety and Partnerships and to eliminate the Built Environment Committee.

MOTION: Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to move the committee assignments from the Built Environment Committee to the Economic Development Committee and the board appointed assignments to the Board appointment Partnership priority. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Coffey moved and A. Gutierrez seconded to make Neighborhood Partnerships a Strategic Priority Committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Interim City Manager reiterated the new Strategic Priorities as Public Safety, Economic Development; Partnerships and Neighborhood Partnerships.

MOTION: Coffey moved and Cousens seconded to adopt and accept the strategic priorities as listed by Interim City Manager Cutter. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was Council consensus to move the Neighborhood Development committee assignment from the former Built Environment Committee to the Neighborhood Partnerships and the N. 1st Street oversight assignment to the Economic Development Committee.

MOTION: D. Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to move the Transportation Committee assignment to Neighborhood Partnerships. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Lover suggested the Intergovernmental assignment not be assigned to a specific committee but instead have this issue go through the Mayor, Assistant Mayor and City Manager on a case-by-case basis and then decide which committee it should be referred to.

MOTION: **Lover moved and Coffey seconded *that the Intergovernmental Committee assignment does not come under any priority now, it will come under the Mayor, Assistant Mayor responsibility with the City Manager.*** Acting City Attorney Kunkler stated it could be an ad hoc committee appointed by the Council. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was Council consensus that the Downtown, Mill Site Oversight, and Airport Committee assignments remain under the Economic Development Committee; and that the Police/Fire and Gang Free Initiative Committee assignments remain under the Public Safety Committee.

Council asked Interim City Manager Cutter to follow up on several committees that may be defunct or do not require a Council representative including Stormwater, Yakima Community Foundation, Homeless Network, Emergency Management and the Yakima County Gang Commission.

MOTION: **D. Gutierrez moved and Coffey seconded *to move the Homeless Network board appointment under the Neighborhood Partnership Committee.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was Council consensus to keep the remaining committee board assignments under the Partnership Committee.

MOTION: **D. Gutierrez moved and Cousins seconded *to move the TRANS-action board appointment to the Economic Development Committee.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: **Coffey moved and Lover seconded *to move the Planning Commission board appointment to the Economic Development Committee.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: **Coffey moved and Lover seconded *to move the Public Facilities District board appointment to the Economic Development Committee.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: **Coffey moved and Mendez seconded *to move the Hotel / Motel Commission and Lodging Tax board appointment to the Economic Development Committee.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: **D. Gutierrez moved and Coffey seconded *to move the Yakima Regional Clean Air and Yakima River Basin board appointments to the Partnerships Committee.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was Council consensus that the Arts Commission board appointment remain under the Partnership Committee.

MOTION: D. Gutierrez moved and Coffey seconded to move the Historic Preservation Commission board appointment to the Neighborhood Partnership Committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was Council consensus to keep the Harman Center board appointment under the Partnership Committee.

MOTION: Mendez moved and Coffey seconded to move the Capitol Theatre and Sports Commission board appointments to the Economic Development Committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was Council consensus to keep the Sister City, Fish and Wildlife Board, Greenway Board, YVCOG, Emergency Management, and the Yakima Nation under the Partnership Committee, and to move the Parks and Recreation board appointment to the Neighborhood Partnership Committee.

Mayor Gutierrez reviewed the newly created Neighborhood Committee with Neighborhood Development, Transportation, Homeless Network, the Historic Preservation and the Parks and Recreation all under this Committee.

Council Member Coffey suggested that any boards that receive City funding should not have a voting Council member, but an ex-officio Council member.

MOTION: Coffey moved and Adkison seconded that Council members not be voting members on any board that receives funding from the City, with the exception of those otherwise authorized by law. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote. Lover voting no.

Mayor Gutierrez asked Council members which two committees they would like to be on. After further Council discussion, the following committee appointments were made:

Economic Development: Coffey, A. Gutierrez, Cousins and Adkison as the alternate
Neighborhood Partnership: A. Gutierrez, Mendez, D. Gutierrez and Cousens as the alternate
Public Safety: D. Gutierrez, Mendez, Coffey and Lover as the alternate
Partnership: Adkison, Lover, Cousens and A. Gutierrez as the alternate

MOTION: Lover moved and Mendez seconded that each committee meet and decide who fills the board appointments under their committee. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Coffey voting no.

Council discussed their strategic priority notes from their February 8, 2016, retreat.

MOTION: D. Gutierrez moved and Coffey seconded to strike out (from the notes) "have a City Manager in place," "better relations with state and federal government to fight for local issues" and "completed downtown plaza." Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Coffey moved and Adkison seconded to not adopt these retreat notes and have a retreat in the near future to address a new strategic agenda. The motion carried by a 6-1, Lover voting no.

Council discussed having a retreat and possible facilitators. Interim City Manager Cutter will bring back information on facilitators.

MOTION: **D. Gutierrez moved and Lover seconded to have the first official committee meetings by the end of February.** The motion carried by a 6-1 vote, Coffey voting no.

Council Member Coffey noted she will be gone. Council Member D. Gutierrez stated her intention was that by the next business meeting there would be something to report.

3. Audience Comments (allow 15 minutes)

None.

4. Adjournment

Motion: **D. Gutierrez moved and Adkison seconded to adjourn to a Council Study Session on February 23, 2016, at 10 a.m. at City Hall.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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MAYOR