



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
February 23, 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

Absent: Council Members Maureen Adkison (excused) and Kathy Coffey (excused)

2. Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan Update with Planning Commission

Joan Davenport, Community Development Director, stated this portion of the Study Session is a joint meeting with members of the Planning Commission. Those members in attendance are Bill Cook, Al Rose, Patricia Byers and Ron Johnson. Ms. Davenport introduced Lisa Grueter with Ben Consulting and Patrick Lynch with Transpo Group.

Ms. Grueter presented a PowerPoint on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Mayor Gutierrez asked if this information is being shared on social media. Senior Planner Valerie Smith noted it is on Facebook, the City's website, and in press releases and news releases, in addition to a survey. Council Member Mendez asked if the County's indicators were utilized. Ms. Grueter stated they will be looking at that information.

Patrick Lynch with the Transpo Group continued with the PowerPoint presentation on the Transportation Plan Update. Council members asked about freight mobility when entering freeways/highways and about commercial trucks utilizing neighborhood roads. Mr. Lynch noted this is a comprehensive plan and they are unable to track every kind of truck movement throughout the City. Their main focus is on freight corridors. Designated truck routes can be established with regulations to assist with neighborhood issues, which the Police and Code departments can enforce.

Michael Houston with Transpo noted the Washington State Transportation Plan tracks tonnage of freight vehicles. He stated they not only look at vehicle movement but also bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Community Development Director Davenport stated they are also looking at ADA issues with existing sidewalks and identifying areas with no ADA ramps, broken or damaged ramps and ramps that are in good condition. Council will be provided a prioritized list of those that do not

meet the standards. Senior Planner Smith gave an overview of the public meeting scheduled for that evening on the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan Update.

3. 2016 Five-Year Financial Plan

Cindy Epperson, Director of Finance and Budget, briefed Council on the Five-Year Plan. She reported the prior Five-Year Financial Plan was adopted on April 8, 2014. However, since then, expenditures have grown beyond what was projected. Ms. Epperson stated they are projecting moderate shortfalls in 2016-2020, with expenditure estimates that do not include debt service for future projects, other than the Parks Capital projects.

Interim City Manager Cutter noted he will work with staff to review the 2016 budget and identify cost containment measures to bring back for Council approval.

4. Approval of Yakima City Manager recruitment profile brochure

Communications & Public Affairs Director Beehler referenced the draft brochure prepared by Prothman Inc. and stated after Council discussion, the position will be advertised at the end of the week following Council approval.

MOTION: Mendez moved and D. Gutierrez seconded to approve the City Manager profile brochure with the addition of an amendment to let candidates know there is the potential for the City to create an Assistant City Manager position. The motion carried by a unanimous vote, Adkison and Coffey absent.

5. Audience Comments (allow 1 minute)

None.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Lover moved and D. Gutierrez seconded to adjourn to the next Council Business Meeting on March 1, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The motion carried by unanimous vote, Adkison and Coffey absent. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR