



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 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, Dulce Gutierrez, Bill Lover, and Carmen Mendez

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

Absent: Council Members Kathy Coffey (excused)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Open Discussions for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

i. WIAA proclamation

Mayor Gutierrez proclaimed the month of March 2016 as "Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) month. Gene Rostvold and Rich Austin accepted the proclamation.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. 2015 Yakima Valley Tourism Annual Report presentation

John Cooper, President & CEO of Yakima Valley Tourism, briefed Council on their 2015 annual report.

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. Item 9 (now 5G) was added to the consent agenda. 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: Adkison moved and Lover seconded to approve the consent agenda.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote, Coffey absent.

- A. Resolution declaring rolling stock and heavy equipment surplus and authorizing their disposal

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-028, A RESOLUTION declaring surplus rolling stock and heavy equipment from the Equipment Rental Division surplus to the needs of the City of Yakima, and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of them in a manner most beneficial to the City of Yakima.

- B. Resolution ratifying the declaration of an emergency and authorizing the City Manager to execute the replacement of the engine for Transit Bus # 60

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-029, A RESOLUTION ratifying the declaration of an emergency and authorizing the City Manager to execute all applicable contracts for the labor and materials for the removal, and replacement of the engine for Transit bus # 60.

- C. Resolution authorizing an agreement with TEM Enterprises d/b/a Xtra Airways, LLC, a Nevada Corporation, to provide chartered airline service from the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-030, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with Tem Enterprises d/b/a Xtra Airways, LLC, a Nevada Corporation, to provide chartered airline service from the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

- D. Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for National Criminal History Improvement Program for grant funding from the Washington State Patrol

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-031, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager of the City of Yakima to execute an Interlocal Agreement for National Criminal History Improvement Program funding between the Yakima Police Department and the Washington State Patrol

- E. Resolution declaring City-owned property located at 1606 E. Nob Hill Boulevard surplus to the uses and needs of the City of Yakima, authorizing disposition and approving purchase and sale agreement for sale of the property to Lawrence B. Stone, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-032, A RESOLUTION declaring the property located at 1606 East Nob Hill Boulevard, Yakima Washington, to be surplus to the uses and needs of the City of Yakima, authorizing disposition of such parcel, and approving purchase and sale agreement.

- F. Resolution affirming City-owned property located at 3300 W. Nob Hill Boulevard as surplus to the uses and needs of the City of Yakima, authorizing disposition and approving purchase and sale agreement for sale of the property to GESA Credit Union

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-033, A RESOLUTION affirming the property commonly known as 3300 West Nob Hill Boulevard, Yakima, Washington to be surplus to the uses and needs of the City of Yakima, and authorizing disposition of such parcel.

- G. Resolution authorizing an agreement with the YWCA to continue to provide services as a Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate in accordance with the specific terms and conditions set forth in said agreement

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-034, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the YWCA to continue to provide services as a Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate in accordance with the specific terms and conditions set forth in said Agreement.

6. Audience Participation

Dana Dwinell, City resident, stated she is representing a small, yet mighty, community steering committee for the downtown central plaza. She reported Yakima Chief Hopunion has just pledged \$250,000 for the plaza, which brings the donations close to \$5 million dollars. She understands the Council has budget concerns and she wanted to publicly state their willingness to work with staff and Council to explore possibilities for maintenance reserves to ensure the plaza's ongoing success.

Jim Scoggins, City resident, discussed what he feels are unnecessarily high refuse rates and encouraged Council members to investigate the option of privatizing the City's refuse. Council Member Lover noted he has forwarded approximately 20 different budget reduction recommendations to the Interim City Manager for review, including privatizing refuse.

Phil Hoge, City resident, suggested Council re-establish the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, which was created in the 90's but due to the recession, staff participation was withdrawn. He believes the Committee still exists. Interim City Manager Cutter noted it was removed as a City Committee in 2012.

Chad Dold, City resident, encouraged Council to participate in Safe Streets -- Complete Streets. He understands there may be grant funds available if our community participates.

Ralph Strader, City resident, stated he is a member of the Bikes and Walks organization and encouraged re-establishing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. He also spoke in support of the Safe Streets issue.

Kris Fork, City resident, spoke against the plaza.

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7. Resolution authorizing a Facilities Rental Agreement with the Seasons Music Festival for the use of the Seasons Performance Hall to host the City of Yakima Community Diversion Program

Interim City Manager Cutter stated he would like to remove this item from the agenda due to budget considerations. It was Council consensus to postpone this item.

8. Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with People for People to perform assessment and case management services for City of Yakima Community Diversion Program

Interim City Manager Cutter stated he would like to remove this item from the agenda due to budget considerations. It was Council consensus to postpone this item.

9. Other Business

Council Member Adkison noted at the previous Council Business meeting they voted on whether to send the marijuana issue to the Planning Commission. She believes she voted incorrectly and would like to bring the issue back.

Motion: Adkison moved and Lover seconded to request adding to the next Council Business meeting to direct the Planning Commission to begin consideration recommending zoning regulations regarding location and controls associated with the sales, production and processing of marijuana within the City limits. The motion failed by a 5-1 vote, Adkison voting yes, Coffey absent.

Council Member D. Gutierrez spoke in favor of the Safe Streets and Complete Streets and encouraged the City to apply for these grants. Interim City Manager Cutter will add this to the March 15, 2016, agenda.

Council Member Mendez requested staff to look at solar panel grant funding in order to apply at the next grant cycle.

Motion: **A. Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to add an exploratory or ad hoc committee on Ethics and a Community Integration Committee under the Neighborhood Partnership Committee.** The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Lover voting no, Coffey absent.

Motion: **D. Gutierrez moved and A. Gutierrez seconded to rename the Neighborhood Partnership Committee to the Neighborhood and Community Building Committee.** The motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Lover voting no, Coffey absent.

Council Member Lover would like to see a system where duties, responsibilities and limitations of council committees are defined.

Motion: **Lover moved and D. Gutierrez seconded to create guidelines and establish protocols for council committees.** Motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Adkison voting no, Coffey absent. Council Member Lover stated this will need to go through Legal with Council review. Council Member Mendez suggested having a study session on this issue.

Council Member Mendez requested City staff bring the dog breed-specific ordinance for review at the next council meeting.

Motion: **A. Gutierrez moved to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss pending litigation.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Coffey absent. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion: **Cousens moved and D. Gutierrez seconded to adjourn to a Special City Council Meeting on March 8, 2016, at 6 p.m. at the Convention Center.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Coffey absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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