



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
August 22, 2017
City Hall -- Council Chambers
10:00 a.m. -- MINUTES**

1. Roll Call

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

Staff: City Manager Moore and City Clerk Claar Tee

2. Downtown parking inventory, revenue and enforcement presentation

Sean Hawkins, Economic Development Manager and James Dean, Utility Customer Services Manager presented a PowerPoint on parking inventory, revenue and enforcement. Mr. Hawkins noted a mistake on a slide indicating the area covered a 3-block area, which is incorrect, the area covers 3 blocks.

MOTION: A. Gutierrez moved and Adkison seconded for staff to proceed with implementation of option three. **MOTION: A. Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to amend the motion to include the words "staff bring a proposal for option three."** The motion to amend carried by a 5-2 vote, Cousens and Lover voting no. The motion as amended carried by a 5-2 vote, Cousens and Lover voting no.

It was Council consensus for staff to bring back the following: 1) return on investment report for option three to include revenue and expense estimates; 2) return on investment report for Streetline parking to include possible reductions in personnel; and 3) potential grants to help pay for street improvements to prepare for a possible ramp to the Yakima Mall on 3rd street.

Council Member Lover stated he believes closing the downtown parking lot for a week will prove that eliminating parking to create a plaza or charging for parking will hurt downtown businesses.

MOTION: Lover moved and Cousens seconded for staff to bring back a proposal of how to implement the closing of the downtown parking lot for 3-5 days. **MOTION: Cousens moved to amend the motion and state up to two weeks.** The motion failed due to lack of second. **MOTION: Cousens moved to amend the motion and state up to a week and place it on the next Council agenda.** The motion failed due to lack of a second. **MOTION: A. Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to amend the motion by adding to close the parking lot for seven days.** The motion to amend carried

by a 4-3 vote, Adkison, Coffey and Mendez voting no. The motion as amended (staff to bring back a proposal on how to implement the closing of the downtown parking lot {across from the Capitol Theatre) for seven {consecutive} days) carried by a 4-3 vote, Adkison, Coffey and Mendez voting no.

3. Overgrown vegetation issues

Joe Caruso, Code Administration Manager, briefed Council on the overgrown vegetation issue. He requested Council approve a code amendment to add to the definition in Chapter 11.10.060 a height requirement of "12" inches under "Nuisance" to clearly identify the violation.

MOTION: Mendez moved and Adkison seconded to bring back the code amendment as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Resolution and public comment authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County regarding the 2017 JAG Grant

Lieutenant Boyle, Yakima Police Department, briefed Council on the grant.

MOTION: A. Gutierrez moved and D. Gutierrez seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-101, A RESOLUTION ratifying an application for a grant in the total amount of \$58,462 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

5. Adjournment

MOTION: A. Gutierrez moved to adjourn to the next City Council Business meeting on September 5, 2017, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR