



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
January 2, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
6 p.m. Business Meeting -- MINUTES

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Kathy Coffey, presiding, Assistant Mayor Carmen Mendez, Council Members Holly Cousens, Dulce Gutierrez, Kay Funk, Brad Hill and Jason White

Staff: City Manager Moore, City Attorney Cutter and City Clerk Claar Tee

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

Mayor Coffey introduced Jorge Villanor who announced interpreter services are available.

4. Newly Elected Process

A. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Council Members

City Clerk Claar Tee administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Kay Funk, Brad Hill and Jason White.

Election of Mayor

A. Election of Mayor

MOTION: Council Member White moved and Mendez seconded to nominate Kathy Coffey for Mayor. The nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Election of Assistant Mayor (Mayor Pro-tem)

A. Election of Assistant Mayor

MOTION: Council Member Mendez moved and Hill seconded to nominate Dulce Gutierrez for Assistant Mayor. The nomination carried by unanimous vote.

5. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

A. Proclamations

i. School Board Recognition proclamation

Mayor Coffey proclaimed the month of January 2018 to be "School Board Recognition Month" and Pastor Don Davis and John Vornbrock, Yakima School District Board Members, accepted it and spoke about the importance of collaboration.

- ii. Proclamation commemorating Yakima's historic name change

Mayor Coffey proclaimed January 2018 as the month to Commemorate Yakima's Historic Name Change from North Yakima to Yakima and the following members of the Historical Society accepted it: Paul Schafer, John Baule, Nancy Kenmotsu and Carla Adams.

B. Executive Session

- i. Executive Session regarding pending litigation

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss pending litigation (at 6:17 p.m.). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session was held and adjourned at 6:36 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

6. Council Reports

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Coffey referred to the items placed on the Consent Agenda, questioning whether there were any additions or deletions from Council members present. There were no changes. 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: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. Approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2017, City Council Business meeting
- B. Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Yakima to renew an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding a law enforcement liaison

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-001, A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Yakima to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding a Law Enforcement Liaison.

- C. Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Yakima to renew an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding traffic safety emphasis patrols

RESOLUTION NO. R- 2018-002, A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Yakima to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for funding traffic safety emphasis patrols.

- D. Resolution authorizing consent to a settlement entered into by Cities Insurance

Association of Washington ("CIAW") and Munich Reinsurance to resolve and settle the lawsuit brought by Lorena Arias, Administrator for the Estate of Rocendo Arias

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-003, A RESOLUTION authorizing consent to a settlement entered into by Cities Insurance Association of Washington ("CIAW") and Munich Reinsurance to resolve and settle the lawsuit brought by Lorena Arias, Administrator for the Estate of Rocendo Arias.

8. Public Comment

James Turner, City resident, updated Council on his petition for speed humps.

Robert Strader, City resident and Yakima Bikes and Walks member, stated he has similar concerns as Mr. Turner about traffic and stated their group is happy to assist Yakima Police on requirements for the agreement with the Traffic Commission, which was approved on consent.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

9. Discussion of Council Business meeting schedule for 2018

After Council discussion, Mayor Coffey made the following suggestions: move the July 3 meeting to July 10; the September 4 meeting to September 11 and have the December 11 meeting at 6 p.m. instead of 2 p.m. Council Member Mendez suggested moving the November 20 meeting to November 13. **It was Council consensus to bring these changes back at the January 9, 2018, study session for approval.**

10. AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Availability

Communications and Public Affairs Director Randy B... briefed Council on the scholarship opportunity.

11. Presentation of Plaza Committee Report on Plaza fundraising status as of December 31, 2017

John Baule, Plaza Fundraising Committee, presented a very large cardboard check to the City in the amount of \$9,638,004.43. He thanked the City Council for providing a deadline of December 31, 2017, to obtain the \$9 million goal, which spurred the Committee into action. He stated how impressive and unprecedented this kind of generosity is and the Committee is very grateful, especially to exceed the goal.

12. Other Business

Council Member White stated he appreciates the Council's no surprise policy and announced at the next Council meeting he would like to make a motion to cancel the City's plans to construct an incubator and also to cancel any plans to implement paid parking. Council Member Cousens stated she supports this and will make a second on that motion when it is made. City Manager Moore stated the Council previously discussed paid parking but elected not to bring it forward. Mayor Coffey stated the incubator issue should be added to the next business meeting agenda.

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez spoke about the five public safety forums held around the valley in 2017 and noted Council had approved seven forums. She stated with Council support she would like to go forward with a forum at Lewis Clark Middle School and at McClure Elementary. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez stated she plans to provide a summary of each forum and then a cumulative report once they are all completed. Council Member Funk expressed interest in assisting. **It was Council consensus to continue the forums.**

13. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded *to adjourn to a Council study session on January 9, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.* The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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