



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
January 11, 2018
City Hall -- 2nd floor conference room
5 p.m. Council briefing -- MINUTES**

1. Roll Call

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

Staff: City Manager Moore, Assistant City Manager Cortez, City Attorney Cutter, Communications & Public Affairs Director Beehler and City Clerk Claar Tee

2. Council updates

Mayor Coffey discussed meeting forum. Council Member Hill reported he is unable to be the Planning Commission liaison. Council Member White volunteered to take his place, and there were no objections. Council Member Mendez reported she will be testifying on her own behalf in Olympia next Tuesday on climate change and may not be back in time for the Council meeting.

3. Agenda preview for January 16 and February 6, 2018

City Manager Moore reviewed the January 16, 2018, agenda and the draft February 6, 2018 agenda.

4. City Manager update

City Manager Moore updated Council on the following issues: Governor's Gang Prevention Proviso (it was Council consensus to refer this to the Council Public Safety Committee); Aquatic Center project; Rattlesnake Ridge impending landslide; Transportation Benefit District; Wenas fire issue, and homelessness.

City Manager Moore discussed the possibility of holding a Council retreat. Council members were interested in a retreat for Strategic Planning purposes as well as training with Ann Macfarlane regarding parliamentary procedures.

Assistant City Manager Cortez provided a brief history of the Plaza and discussed next steps, including establishing a Council Plaza Steering Committee. It was Council consensus for Coffey, Mendez and White to be on the Committee. Council Member Funk requested information including a legal opinion regarding the parking issue at the Plaza site, as well as information relating to the proposed restroom facilities. Ms. Cortez also briefed Council on the Airport Legislative Day.

