



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
January 16, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
5:30 p.m. Executive Session; 6 p.m. Business Meeting -- MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session regarding pending litigation

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

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session was held and adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Kathy Coffey, presiding, Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez, Council Members Holly Cousens, Kay Funk, Carmen Mendez, 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 Villasenor who announced interpreter services are available.

4. **Open Discussion for the Good of the Order**

A. Proclamations

- i. National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Week proclamation

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez proclaimed the week of January 21-27, 2018, as "National CRNA Week" and Jeff Follis accepted it.

- ii. Martin Luther King Jr. week proclamation

Mayor Coffey proclaimed the week of January 15 through January 21, 2018, as Martin Luther King Jr. week and Steve Mitchell and Adrienne Garner accepted it.

5. **Council Reports**

None.

6. **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: Mendez moved and Cousens seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. Approve payment of disbursements for the period December 1 – 31, 2017
- B. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Wildlands, Inc. - Project 2432 Wastewater Treatment Plant Floodplain Enhancement (Standard Motion V-B-Accept the project and approve)
- C. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance for Absco Alarms, Inc. - City Project - City of Yakima Jail Security Renovation (Standard Motion V-B-Accept the project and approve)
- D. Set February 6, 2018, as the date for a closed record hearing to consider an application submitted by Gail Buchanan to rezone a parcel from Single-Family Residential to Medium-Density Residential with a proposal to construct an indoor residential storage facility at 476 S 64th Ave.
- E. Set February 20, 2018, as the date for a closed record hearing to consider an appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision regarding a proposed 80-unit affordable housing community known as Bicycle Apartments
- F. Resolution setting February 22, 2018, as the date for an open record public hearing before the City of Yakima Hearing Examiner to vacate a portion of city right-of-way in the vicinity of Midvale Rd. & S. 64th Ave.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-005, A RESOLUTION fixing time for a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner on February 22, 2018, on a petition (Petition No. 17-09) to vacate right-of-way in the vicinity of Midvale Rd. and S. 64th Ave.

- G. 4th Quarter 2017 Claim Report and Resolution authorizing and approving 4th Quarter 2017 claims activity

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-006, A RESOLUTION accepting and approving the 4th Quarter 2017 Claim Report for the City of Yakima.

- H. Resolution authorizing a collective bargaining agreement for 2018-2021 with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1122 representing the Municipal employee bargaining unit

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-007, A RESOLUTION authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement for 2018-2021 with the American Federation of State, County and

Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1122 representing the Municipal employee bargaining unit.

- I. Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 2.40.015 regarding management PERS 1 employee retirement payout of sick leave

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-001, AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 2.40.015 regarding management PERS 1 employee retirement payout of sick leave.

- J. Ordinance amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 2.20.089 regarding bilingual pay for management employees

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-002, AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 2.20.089 regarding bilingual pay for management employees.

7. Public Comment

James Turner, City resident, updated Council on his petition for speed humps in the 1700 block of Cornell Ave.

Dianna Hillis, substitute teacher at Ridgeview Elementary Schools, spoke in favor of speed humps and shared her concern with traffic around the school.

Carole Sahlstrand, City resident, invited Council and the community to the Women's Rights Sidewalk March on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the Millennium Plaza.

Bishop Patrick Melton, City resident, complained about an incident at the Yakima County jail and reported he has made a public record request for video at the County.

Wanda Roberts, City resident, shared her concern with the fluoride and chlorine in the City drinking water and asked the City to remove it.

Tony Courcay, City resident, spoke on several issues.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Yakima Police Athletic League to provide evidence based programming and activities for 2018 at the Washington Fruit Community Center

Danny Agsalog, Director of Finance and Budget, briefed Council on the agreement. Joe Willis, Executive Director of the Yakima Police Athletic League, shared additions to their programs serving at risk youth.

Council Member Mendez mentioned her concerns regarding the budget differences in the City's community centers. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez, as the committee liaison, thanked Mr. Willis for all of the hard work he has contributed as well as the new partnerships he has developed. After further Council discussion,

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-008, A RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with Yakima

Police Athletic League to provide evidence based programming and/or activities in conjunction with the Yakima Gang Free Initiative Youth and Family Development Center.

9. Resolution authorizing acceptance of a SAFER Grant and increasing the number of full time firefighters by three

Fire Chief Bob Stewart briefed Council on the grant. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-009, A RESOLUTION authorizing execution of all necessary contracts and other documents for the acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and increase the number of full time firefighters by three.

10. Resolution declaring an emergency due to an impending landslide

Deputy Fire Chief Pat Reid briefed Council on the agreement. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-010, A RESOLUTION declaring an emergency in the City of Yakima, Washington due to an impending landslide.

11. Yakima Business Incubator and Public Market Real Estate Study discussion

Ana Cortez, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief history on the project and possible next steps. Joe Mann, City resident, spoke in support of the incubator project. After Council discussion,

MOTION: White moved and Funk seconded that the City of Yakima discontinue any efforts to develop the incubator project. The motion carried by a 5-2 vote, Mendez and Coffey voting no.

12. Resolution approving the updated Governance Agreement for the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG)

Senior Assistant City Attorney Sara Watkins and Larry Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, briefed Council on the agreement. The City Clerk read the resolution by title only. After Council discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adopt the resolution. MOTION: Funk moved and Cousens seconded to postpone consideration of this motion until the next Council meeting on February 6. The motion to postpone failed by a 4-3 vote with Coffey, Cousens, Hill and Mendez voting no. The motion to adopt the resolution carried by a 5-2 vote with Funk and White voting no.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-011, A RESOLUTION approving the governance agreement for the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG).

13. **Other Business**

Council Member Mendez reported that she testified today in Olympia in support of the LIFT and LRF Legislation.

14. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded *to adjourn to a City Council Briefing on February 1, 2018, at 5 p.m. at City Hall in the City Manager's conference room.* The motion carried by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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