



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

February 1, 2018

**City Hall -- City Manager's 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 (arrived at 5:52 p.m.), Brad Hill, Carmen Mendez and Jason White

Staff: City Manager Cliff Moore, Assistant City Manager Ana Cortez, City Attorney Jeff Cutter, Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler and Acting City Clerk Jodi Stephens

2. Executive Session regarding pending litigation

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Cousens seconded to adjourn the Executive Session for up to 30 minutes to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Executive Session was held and adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

3. Council updates

Mayor Coffey provided an update on her visit to Olympia and suggested reserving rooms at the host hotel for the AWC conference immediately following the announcement. Council Member Hill reported he will be attending the HPPC meeting in February and continuing to work on homeless issues. He suggested a time limit of one minute per person for Council updates at the briefings. Council Member Cousens provided an update on her visit to Olympia and discussed her interest in improving literacy in Yakima by working closely with non-profits in our area. Council Member Mendez reported she will be submitting a letter to the editor regarding the voting rights act.

4. Agenda preview for February 6 & 20, 2018

City Manager Moore reviewed the February 6, & 20, 2018 agendas.

5. City Manager update

City Manager Moore provided a follow up on the topics below from the previous Council Briefing: Transportation Benefit District, Open Public Meetings Act, Plaza parking lot, and parliamentary training with Ann Macfarlane. **It was Council consensus to schedule a 2-hour video training conference with Ann Macfarlane.**

City Attorney Cutter discussed language in the 1974 Ordinance relating to the parking lot Plaza location. City Manager Moore noted they will clarify what "air space" means. **It was**

Council consensus to seek an outside legal opinion on several parking lot issues before bonding.

Assistant City Manager Cortez updated Council on the Plaza. City Attorney Cutter updated Council on the Aquatic Center. Council Member Hill requested 4-5 talking points on the Aquatic Center. Ms. Cortez discussed the Naches Parkway.

Assistant City Manager Cortez reported on the following: traffic calming process, Farmers Market, Governor's budget proviso, and Comprehensive Community Safety Plan Vision 2025 requesting Council's input.

Council members discussed scheduling additional Neighborhood Safety Forums. Assistant City Manager Cortez talked about Strategic Planning timelines. **It was Council consensus to schedule a 30-minute meeting on this next week.**

Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler provided a legislative update and shared new initiatives for media relations, including hosting a breakfast meeting on February 9th for Spanish media. City Manager Moore reported John Carney was promoted to ITS Manager and Fire Chief Stewart and Deputy Fire Chief Soptich are both retiring in February. This City has a preliminary offer for a new Deputy Fire Chief.

City Manager Moore provided a brief update on the Homeless issue and reviewed deliverables for the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Coffey moved to adjourn to the next City Council Study Session on **February 5th, 2018, at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.** The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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MAYOR