



**MINUTES
YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL**

February 20, 2024

**City Hall – Council Chambers - 129 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA
5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting conducted in person and virtually via Zoom**

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Patricia Byers, presiding; Assistant Mayor Matt Brown and Councilmembers Reedy Berg, Janice Deccio, Rick Glenn, Danny Herrera and Leo Roy

Staff: Interim City Manager Dave Zabell, City Attorney Sara Watkins and City Clerk Rosalinda Ibarra

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Byers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Interpreter Services

Mayor Byers introduced Jorge Villaseñor who announced interpreter services are available in Spanish.

4. Public Comment

Mireya Chavez and Consuelo Rodriguez, residents of Districts 1 and 6, introduced students of the La Casa Hogar citizenship program.

David Macias, AFSCME and City employee, Wastewater Instrument Technician, spoke regarding wage compression in the City's pay ordinance, uncompetitive wages and lack of advancement opportunities.

Michael Moore, City employee, Wastewater Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, spoke about recent changes in job descriptions and no additional compensation for those requirements. He noted upcoming retirements in the next 10 years and the City's inability to entice new employees.

Joey Wallberg, City employee, spoke regarding City workers who are the "behind the scenes" workers that manage the daily needs of the community.

Dustin Miley, City employee, spoke to Council regarding current working conditions and frequent trips to Council to speak.

Charley Mulvey, downtown resident, spoke regarding current boards and commissions and spoke in favor of the Climate Action Plan for the City.

Coleen Anderson, resident, spoke against making the Sustainable Yakima Committee a

subcommittee under the Planning Commission due to its limitations on community members to obtain information regarding committee work.

Bob Cox, valley resident, expressed concerns about losing the Sustainable Yakima Committee and hopes the Planning Commission will consider social and environmental justice issues and recommendations related to climate change from the subcommittee.

Dan Shapiro, member of Sustainable Yakima Committee, spoke against making the committee a subcommittee.

Natalie McClendon, resident, spoke in favor of government transparency and providing advanced notice of actions to be taken by Council. She noted concern about a loophole in the Council Rules of Procedure allowing a simple majority to suspend the rules.

Tony Courcy, resident, spoke regarding several matters.

Andi Hochleutner, CWHBA Government Affairs Director, extended a formal invitation for a Council member to attend their Government Affairs Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p.m. or to attend a future meeting. Councilmember Glenn plans on attending.

5. Open Discussion for the Good of the Order

None.

6. Council Reports

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Byers 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: Deccio moved and Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- A. Approval of minutes from the February 6, 2024 City Council regular meeting and February 13, 2024 study session
- B. January 2024 Investment Transaction Report
- C. Approve payment of disbursements for the period January 1-31, 2024
- D. Project Completion and Contract Acceptance with Knobel's Electric Inc for the Lions Pool Emergency Electrical Repair Project 2600
- E. Set date of March 19, 2024 for a closed record public hearing to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the preliminary plat of "Marylyn Place" submitted by WM Real Property Holdings, LLC

F. Set date of March 19, 2024 for a closed record public hearing to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the preliminary plat of "Champions Park Phase 1" submitted by Prickly Pear Holdings, LLC

G. Resolution accepting and approving 4th Quarter 2023 Claim Report

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-030, A RESOLUTION accepting and approving the 4th Quarter 2023 Claim Report for the City of Yakima.

H. Resolution authorizing Task Order No. 2022-02 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. for water and wastewater systems design in low-income and unserved areas

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-031, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 2022-02 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to provide engineering services for the design of water distribution systems and wastewater collection systems in low income and underserved areas in Yakima.

I. Resolution authorizing Supplemental Agreement 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Haley & Aldrich Inc for Tiger Oil Project EV2999

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-032, A RESOLUTION authorizing Supplemental Agreement 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Haley & Aldrich Inc to perform the design and remediation for the former Tiger Oil site at 2312 W Nob Hill Boulevard.

J. Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc for Systemic Pedestrian and Bicyclist Data Collection Project 2674

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-033, A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with HLA Engineering & Land Surveying Inc for the City Safety Systemic Pedestrian and Bicycle Data Collection Project No. 2674.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

8. Resolution authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Department of Commerce for the development of Gloria's Park, a new City Park adjacent to the SOZO Sports Complex

Public Works Director Scott Schafer briefed Council on the proposed resolution. He noted that the RCO conversion process that allowed the YMCA Aquatic facility was completed and it resulted in the City's obligation to develop replacement property as a new public park for the area lost at Chesterley Park.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only. After discussion,

MOTION: Deccio moved and Brown seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-034, A RESOLUTION authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Department of Commerce for the development of Gloria's Park, a new City Park adjacent to the SOZO Sports Complex.

9. Ordinance granting a non-exclusive Franchise to Falcon Video Communications, L.P. I/k/a Charter Communications to operate and maintain a Cable Communications System throughout the city of Yakima

Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler briefed Council on the franchise agreement with Falcon Video Communications, also known as Charter Communications.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

MOTION: Brown moved and Deccio seconded to pass the ordinance. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003, AN ORDINANCE granting a non-exclusive Franchise to Falcon Video Communications, L.P. I/k/a Charter Communications to operate and maintain a Cable Communications System throughout the City of Yakima; setting forth provisions, terms and conditions of the grant of Franchise; providing for City regulation and use of the Cable Communications System; prescribing penalties for violation of Franchise provisions; and terminating Ordinance No. 93-115.

10. Other Business

MOTION: Berg moved and Roy seconded to direct staff to create study session to discuss with the Planning Committee to review permits and codes related to business development and economic development within the City limits. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Brown moved and Berg seconded to add to a future study session the possibility of adding a short term AI commission to look at the benefits of AI used in the City and be able to form a task group. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Brown moved and Herrera seconded to adjourn to the next Council study session on February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR