



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 2, 2017

**YSD Central Services Conference Rooms A & B, 104 North 4th Avenue, Yakima
6:00 p.m. Special Joint Meeting with Yakima School District Board (YSD)**

1. Roll Call

Mayor Coffey called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Yakima School District (YSD) Board Room, 104 N. 4th Avenue, Yakima, Washington.

Council: Mayor Kathy Coffey, presiding, Assistant Mayor Carmen Mendez, Council Members Maureen Adkison, Dulce Gutierrez and Bill Lover

Staff: City Manager Moore and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent: Council Members Cousen (excused) and A. Gutierrez (excused)

YSD Board Members Martha Rice, John Vornbrock and Graciela Villanueva, were present, along with School Board Superintendent Jack Irion and Deputy Superintendent Cece Mahre

President Rice announced interpreter services and noted the meeting is being broadcast live on cable channel 191.

2. Recognition

Mayor Coffey and Deputy Fire Chief Soptich recognized Yakima Police Department School Resource Officer Angie Nielson and Eisenhower Custodian Douglas Choate and Eisenhower Security Staff Member Anthony Stewart for saving the life of a student.

3. Homelessness

City Manager Moore gave a briefing on the City's efforts to reduce homelessness. Board President Rice gave a Powerpoint presentation on homelessness amongst YSD students.

4. Safety & Security

Yakima Police Lieutenant Sean Boyle provided an update on how School Resource Officers are assigned to YSD, how the program works and the tremendous amount of positive interactions between officers and students each day. He stated the program is mutually beneficial and hopes it continues for years to come. President Rice noted they often hear stories from students and staff about the benefit of the relationship between the officers and students. Superintendent Irion presented a PowerPoint on safety and security, including discipline data. He also discussed the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system implemented at YSD.

5. Mentorship/Internship Program

Mayor Coffey noted for the first time the City of Yakima is participating in an Association of Washington Cities scholarship program and will be selecting a student to nominate for this scholarship. Council Member D. Gutierrez reported on the mentorship/internship program. She noted each Council member has been assigned a student, and the student must attend three City Council meetings or Committee meetings for 1-2 hours each. Once completed, the student will be eligible for a paid summer internship at the City.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Adkison moved and D. Gutierrez seconded to adjourn to the next Council Business meeting on March 7, 2017, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens and A. Gutierrez absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR