



YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2018
City Hall -- Council Chambers
6 p.m. Business Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Public Hearings -- MINUTES

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Roll Call

Council: Mayor Kathy Coffey, presiding, Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez, Council Members Kay Funk (attended via speakerphone), Brad Hill, Carmen Mendez and Jason White

Staff: City Manager Moore, City Attorney Cutter and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent: Council Member Holly Cousens (excused)

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. Yakima Chamber 125th anniversary proclamation

Mayor Coffey proclaimed 2018 the year to celebrate the local business community and the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce on its 125th year and Verlynn Best, President and CEO of the Yakima Chamber, along with Chamber Board members, accepted it.

ii. Reverend Doctor Joe T Denman Day proclamation

Council Member Mendez proclaimed August 19, 2018, to be Reverend Doctor Joe T. Denman Day and Rev. Robert Trimble accepted it.

iii. Health Center Week proclamation

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez proclaimed August 12-18, 2018, as National Health Center Week and Anita Monoian, President and CEO of Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, accepted it.

B. Presentations / Recognitions / Introductions

i. Central Washington State Fair mid-year report

Ann Moneymaker, Sales & Marketing Manager at the Central Washington State Fair, presented its mid-year report. Ms. Moneymaker introduced two interns, Esther and James from South Korea, who will be here through August 15, 2018.

5. Council Reports

- A. Council Partnership Committee request for Council authorization to allocate staff resources to assist the N. 1st Street merchants in a community outreach effort

Council Member Mendez stated the Partnership Committee requests that Council direct staff to provide support to a group of merchants on N. 1st Street that would like to co-sponsor community engagement activities including a listening session in August. Staff would provide information on topics related to quality of life along N. 1st and will help out with community outreach. Members of the Partnership Committee will attend these events as requested by the merchants. **The request was approved by Council consensus.**

- B. Council Partnership Committee recommendations regarding requested letter of support from People for People and a request from La Casa Hogar for the City to join Cities 4 Citizenship

Council Member Mendez reported on the Council Partnership Committee recommendations regarding a requested letter of support from People for People and a request from La Casa Hogar for the City to join Cities 4 Citizenship. **The requests were approved by Council consensus.**

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

- A. Approval of the minutes from the July 10 and 17, 2018, City Council Business Meetings; July 10 and 24, 2018, City Council Study Sessions and July 31, 2018, meeting notes
- B. Accept Council Committee minutes
- C. Set date of public hearing for August 21, 2018, regarding a 2018 JAG Grant
- D. Resolution setting date of public hearing on August 21, 2018, at 6:30 PM on the proposed Public Records Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-080, A RESOLUTION setting the time and place for hearing on August 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the City of Yakima Council Chambers to hear from the public on the proposed City of Yakima Public Records Fee Schedule.

- E. Resolution declaring a snow blower to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing its sale to the Kittitas County Public Works for \$115,000

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-081, A RESOLUTION declaring a LaRue Snow Blower to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing its sale to the Kittitas County Public Works for \$115,000.00.

- F. Resolution authorizing City Manager to accept grant from the Department of Commerce for \$150,000 to implement a gang prevention pilot in the City of Yakima

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-082, A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Department of Commerce for One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars to implement a gang prevention pilot program in the City of Yakima.

- G. Resolution authorizing an Airport Lease Agreement with Gene O'Dell dba O'Dell Enterprises for property located at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-083, A RESOLUTION authorizing an Airport Lease Agreement with Gene O'Dell dba O'Dell Enterprises for property located at 2106 West Washington Avenue, Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

- H. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Granite Construction to rehabilitate the West General Aviation apron at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-084, A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with Granite Construction to rehabilitate the West General Aviation apron at the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field.

- I. Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to execute recurring annual agreements with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-085, A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chief of Police's execution of recurring annual agreements with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

7. **Public Comment**

Michael Burke, City resident, stated he does not support any costly efforts to improve N. 1st Street.

Tony Courcy, City resident, shared his concern that a project wasn't completed.

Police Officers Lyn Thorn and Frank Bowersox thanked contributors and the community for their help with the Yakima Police Department lip sync challenge.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Public Hearing and Resolution declaring certain property originally part of Drainage Improvement District #39, later abandoned by Yakima County and ceded to the City, to be surplus to the City needs

Wastewater Manager Mike Price briefed Council on the resolution.

Mayor Coffey opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward to speak, closed the hearing. 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, Cousens absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-086, A RESOLUTION declaring certain property originally part of Drainage Improvement District #39 later abandoned by Yakima County to be surplus to City needs and abandoning all interest to the property owners over which the pipeline extends.

9. Public Hearing and Resolution to amend the 2018 through 2023 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Chief Engineer Sheffield stated that the following two projects need to be removed from the list: Priority Project #4, Powerhouse Road Sidewalk; and, Priority Project #12, Northside Alley Paver. He stated a mistake was made on project #12, which means returning grant money that is no longer available at this time.

Assistant Mayor Gutierrez shared her frustration about the mistake and stated the need is still there and requested that Council not eliminate the Northside Alley Paver project from the list. City Manager Moore stated they can keep this project on the list and continue to seek funding.

Mayor Coffey opened the public hearing. James Parks, City resident, shared his anger about this mistake as well as frustrations on other items over the years.

Phil Hoge, City resident, spoke in support of the resolution and shared his understanding on why the Powerhouse Road project would be removed from this list.

Mayor Coffey closed the hearing. After further discussion,

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded to remove the Powerhouse Road sidewalk project only from the STIP list (amending and adopting the resolution). The City Clerk read the amended resolution by title only. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-087, A RESOLUTION to amend the Six-year Transportation Program (TIP) for the period of 2018 through 2023 to include projects affecting the City's Transportation Plan.

10. Public Hearing to consider: A) Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2019 to 2024, and to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and B) Amend the Yakima Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element and continue Public Hearing to the August 21, 2018, City Council Meeting for the second Public Hearing

Chief Engineer Sheffield briefed Council on the item. Mayor Coffey opened the public hearing. Phil Hoge, City resident spoke in favor of the resolution. After Council discussion, Assistant Mayor Gutierrez asked if they needed formal action to add the Northside Alley Paver project back on this list. City Manager Moore stated no formal action is necessary and it will be added to the list and brought back for a second hearing on August 21, 2018.

11. Public Hearing and Ordinance amending the Yakima Municipal Code Title 8 to add Chapter 8.40, establishing truck routes in the City of Yakima

Planning Manager Calhoun briefed Council on the ordinance.

Mayor Coffey opened the public hearing and, with no one coming forward to speak, closed the hearing. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION: Mendez moved and Gutierrez seconded to pass the ordinance. The motion

carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-024, AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code to add Chapter 8.40 – Truck Routes.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

12. Ordinance repealing Municipal Code Chapter 6.18 relating to Pit Bull Dogs

City Attorney Cutter briefed Council on the issue. Council Member White suggested postponing this controversial item out of professional courtesy with one member absent.

MOTION: White moved and Mendez seconded to postpone this item to the next business meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

The following community members spoke against repealing the ban: Ellen Taft, non resident and Dave Ettl, City resident.

The following community members spoke in favor of repealing the ban: Mary Abigail Dills, City resident; Stephanie Chavers, City resident; Jane Sonnier, non-resident; Morgana Homan, City resident; Cassy Frayle, City resident; Joey Anderson, City resident; and, Daniel Cerda, City resident. Additionally, Kelly Murray, President of the Humane Society, spoke in favor of repealing the ban and stated the Humane Society is giving verbal notice of its intent to terminate its contract with the City of Yakima for the following year, effective at the end of this year, unless the City of Yakima repeals the pit bull ban. She stated, should the City repeal the ban, the Humane Society would welcome the opportunity to revisit its partnership with the City.

Motion: Gutierrez moved and Hill seconded to adjourn to an Executive Session for up to 10 minutes regarding pending litigation. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent. Executive Session was held at 7:58 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

13. Gang Proviso Pilot Program - City Steering Committee membership

Assistant City Manager Cortez briefed Council on the program and asked about Steering Committee membership. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez suggested she, Hill and White be members. Council Member Funk stated she would also like to be a member and feels creating an open public meeting for any Council members to attend these meetings would be beneficial.

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to appoint Hill, White, and Gutierrez as the Council liaisons to the Ad Hoc Gang Proviso Steering Committee. **MOTION: Funk moved to amend the motion that Council members who wish to participate could do so.** The motion to amend failed for lack of a second. **MOTION: Gutierrez moved and White seconded to amend the motion to have Funk as the alternate.** The motion to amend carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent. The motion as amended carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

City Manager Moore encouraged Council members to email him in the next few days with names of community members they would like to see on this Committee.

14. Strategic Plan update - next steps

Assistant City Manager Cortez briefed Council on the update. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez asked that the word "elementary" be added under Public Safety since that was the original text. Council Member Hill stated he will be prickly about adherence to the Strategic Plan as it should guide policy.

MOTION: Mendez moved and Hill seconded to adopt the Strategic Plan update and post on the City's website as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent.

- 15. Martin Luther King, Jr., pool project - RFQ process

City/County Purchasing Manager Ownby briefed Council on Municipal Research Services Center Small Works Roster and the Request for Qualifications process. Ms. Ownby stated if Council members know of anyone who would like to be placed on the small works roster, to please contact her and she would guide them through the process. Assistant City Manager Cortez noted staff had previously presented its recommendation on moving forward with a particular partner as far as design utilizing the small works roster, understanding that no funding has been allocated to this project and that it will be part of the 2019 process.

- 16. **Other Business**

Council Member Hill reminded the community that tomorrow is National Night Out.

- 17. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Gutierrez moved and Mendez seconded to adjourn to the next Council Business Meeting on August 21, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

READ AND CERTIFIED ACCURATE BY

Carmen Mendez 8/23/18
COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

Kay Fink 8/23/18
COUNCIL MEMBER DATE

ATTEST:

Suzanne Claar CITY CLERK  Kathy Coffey MAYOR