



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday October 12, 2021

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00pm
2. New Business
 - A. Budget Workshop Time and Location

The Budget Workshop was set at Snipes Mountain from 10am-2pm on Saturday October 16, 2021

A police officer has finished their probationary period.

Dump Day will be tentatively set for Saturday November 6th from 9am-1pm. Overall cost for the last dump day was \$820.20 for staff overtime and Yakima Waste fees; total revenue to offset was found to be \$278.00 leaving the city with a \$542.20 loss from the last Dump Day. There was discussion of increasing the fee to \$10.00 per load to be applied to the next month's bill.

The city attorney was investigating allegations of staff campaigning, more specifically allegations of campaigning during work hours. Allegations were found not to be true. The city attorney took several actions to ensure that these allegations were in fact false staff were interviewed, both suspected and non-suspected. Staff was questioned in their understanding of the rules and regulations in regard to campaigning. It was clear that staff understands rules and compliance of the law. Staff were also questioned if they were in anyway requested, intimidated, or coerced into campaigning by the mayor. No violations were found. Council member Diana Castaneda stated that there were witnesses to these claims and she would like the witnesses to also be interviewed. The city attorney asked for the names and contact of said witnesses, but council member Castaneda was unwilling to give them on record and was to provide them to the city attorney at a later time.

3. Adjournment: Time: 6:35pm



Laura Vazquez, Mayor



Sylvia Sanchez, City Clerk