

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT

Item No. _____

For Meeting of August 6, 2008

ITEM TITLE: (A) Hearing on and Consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Yakima, Washington, relating to parking and business improvement areas; disestablishing Parking and Business Improvement Area No. 1 in downtown Yakima; and terminating special assessments heretofore collected for certain uses and projects within said parking and business improvement area as provided therein; and
(B) Hearing on and Consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Yakima, Washington, relating to a Downtown Business Improvement Area; establishing a Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District in the downtown area of the City of Yakima pursuant to Chapter 35.87A RCW; establishing special assessments for certain uses and projects within such Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District, as provided herein; and establishing the time for City Council action to adopt a resolution of intention to disestablish said Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District.

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Waarvick, Director of Public Works

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SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

On July 15, 2008, City Council set this Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., as the date and time of Public Hearing to consider establishing a new Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District (DYBID) pursuant to Chapter 35.87A RCW. As part of this action, Council adopted two resolutions expressing the intent to disestablish the old PBI #1 (Resolution No. 2008-114) and establish a larger, more robust Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District (DYBID) (Resolution No. 2008-115).

The Committee for Downtown Yakima (CDY) is the non-governmental entity allowed under State Law to represent business interests for certain downtown improvements and activities. They proposed to the City Council over 12 months ago to establish more robust maintenance and business promotion programs. CDY has reported that over 60% of assessed value had

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Resolution__ Ordinances <u>2</u> Other: _____
Mail to (name and address): _____
Funding Source: <u>Downtown Business Entities</u>
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: _____ City Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully requests that City Council hold the Public Hearings; and, either pass an Ordinance for disestablishing the PBI #1 and pass an Ordinance for establishing the DYBID or provide staff further direction with regard to the formal legislation and Council scheduling.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Council Downtown Yakima Futures Initiative Committee approved setting the date for the Public Hearing and moving forward on this matter at their June 24, 2008 meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION:

signed approval commitments for the proposed new DYBID. These signed petitions are available for inspection at the City Clerks office. On July 21, 2008, notice of the public hearing was provided by mailing a copy of Resolution No. 2008-115 to 615 assessed parcels and business license holders within the proposed DYBID. A signed affidavit of the mailing and the complete list of addresses is available at the City Clerks Office. Notice of the hearing on the proposed DYBID set for August 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., was given as provided in RCW 35.87A.050. The new proposed DYBID is larger in both assessed valuation and area than the current PBI #1.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council may, subsequent to deliberation and amendment, approve the attached ordinances disestablishing the current PBI #1 and establishing the new DYBID; or direct staff to bring the formal legislation back for action at a future Council meeting, August 19, 2008 Business Meeting, for example.