



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 8.A.
For Meeting of: August 20, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Public Meeting to consider the Notice of Intent to commence the East Yakima Business Area Annexation in the vicinity of Terrace Heights Dr., University Parkway, and Highway 24

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Preston - Community Development Director
*Trevor Martin - Planning Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

A Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation was received by the Planning Division on July 22, 2024. On August 5, 2024, Council set the date of August 20, 2024 (per RCW 35.13.125), to consider this annexation request. The area proposed for annexation is approximately 1000 acres in size and consists of approximately 500 parcels zoned Light Industrial, General Commercial, Single Family Residential, Two-Family Residential, and Suburban Residential.

The purpose of this meeting is for Council to determine the following:

- 1) Whether to accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation
- 2) Whether to require the assumption of any portion of existing city indebtedness by the area to be annexed; and,
- 3) Whether to require the simultaneous adoption of a Comprehensive Plan.

Public comment will not be accepted during this portion of the Public Meeting. Comments about the annexation will be accepted during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the Council Meeting.

Regarding the assumption of indebtedness, all property within the territory being annexed shall be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as other property of the City of Yakima, Washington, and shall assume its proportional share of the existing indebtedness of the City of Yakima, Washington as presently adopted or as is hereafter amended.

The property is currently zoned M-1, GC, R-1, R-2, and SR and has Future Land Use designations of Urban Industrial, Urban Public, Urban Commercial, and Urban Commercial. This designation is consistent with the City of Yakima Comprehensive Plan 2040. A separate Comprehensive Plan for the area is not required.

During the October public meeting, Staff will present the Council with additional information and an executive summary regarding the potential annexation of the East Yakima Business Area.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

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RECOMMENDATION: This is the first of a two-part public meeting. This part is to present four possible annexation boundaries, discuss indebtedness, zoning and to seek public input all to provide council an opportunity to review options prior to approval or rejection at the October meeting.

Continue meeting into October, where staff will present the Council will additional information related to utilities and taxes. At the October meeting, if Council wishes to accept and begin the annexation process, direct staff to draft the official Annexation Petition and collect signatures from property owners to begin the Annexation review procedures. The final Annexation Ordinance will be brought to City Council at a later date

ATTACHMENTS:

[Annexation Procedures - 8.20.2024.pptx](#)
[August 20th-Information Packet.pdf](#)