



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

Item No. 8.B.
For Meeting of: September 17, 2024

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

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Preston - Community Development Director
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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 meeting was continued to September 17th, to allow staff time to research the impact annexation would have on utilities and taxes in the area. The updated area proposed for annexation is approximately 588 acres in size and consists of approximately 195 parcels zoned a combination of Light Industrial, General Commercial, Single Family Residential, Two-Family Residential, and Suburban Residential.

The purpose of the August 20th meeting was 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.

The purpose of the September 17th meeting consists of the following:

1. Review the impact on property taxes and utilities;
2. Review benefits of annexation; and
3. Consider next steps in the annexation process.

Public comments specific to this item will be accepted during this portion of the Public Meeting, after the staff presentation.

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.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

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RECOMMENDATION: If the Council chooses to take the next step: Authorize the City to collect 60% of signatures, and direct City staff to work with Yakima County and District partners to begin service agreement discussions.

ATTACHMENTS:

[September 17th-Information Packet.pdf](#)

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