



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

City Council Special Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Alvarez called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Alvarez welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

Attendance: Mayor Alvarez and Councilmembers Jones, Lukson, Richardson and VanDyke (remotely via Zoom) were present. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen and Councilmember Kent were absent.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, and Human Resources Director Paulsen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alvarez led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations

1. Constitution Week Proclamation

Councilmember Lukson read the *Constitution Week* proclamation on behalf of the Richland City Council.

2. Attendance Matters Proclamation

Councilmember Richardson read the *Attendance Matters* proclamation on behalf of the Richland City Council. A representative of United Way accepted the proclamation and thanked City Council for supporting United Way in its effort to emphasize the

importance of school attendance.

3. Allied Arts Association

Mary Jecha, President of the Allied Arts Association, spoke of the challenges and successes surrounding the most recent *Art in the Park* event. Ms. Jecha shared that \$370,000 was collectively realized by participating artists, and the numerous vendors participating this year collectively realized \$27,000 in sales. In addition, the City of Richland realized approximately \$34,000 in revenues stemming from the *Art in the Park* event, not including hotel stays and food/beverage purchases.

Ms. Jecha went on to share that next year marks the 75th anniversary of the Allied Arts Association, and the continued existence of the non-profit after such a considerable amount of time is a testament to the staying power of Allied Arts and its partnership with the City of Richland. Finally, Ms. Jecha extended her heartfelt appreciation to Deputy City Manager Joe Schiessl (formerly Parks & Public Facilities Director) and the Parks & Public Facilities staff who make *Art in the Park* the amazing event that it is.

4. JustServe.org

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Becky Kreutz and Kristin Hunt of JustServe.org described the purpose behind JustServ.org, which is a program designed to facilitate volunteer service in the community. JustServ.org is a free website and app used nationwide and internationally to provide information on community service projects. The system allows individuals to learn about the many different projects and opportunities available to serve the community, and match that individual's particular skillset to an ongoing project. JustServ.org provides meaningful opportunities to serve and allows for the creation of lasting relationships.

5. New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring August's new hires and retirements was played for the audience. The City acknowledged Sheri Richards' retirement after serving thirty-two (32) years. Over the course of her tenure with the City, Ms. Richards worked in both Finance and Public Works. Ms. Richards is retiring from the position of Public Works Budget & Contracts Analyst.

Public Hearing

None.

Public Comments

Commissioner Roy Keck, on behalf of the Port of Benton, shared the status of the maintenance and improvement efforts associated with the Port of Benton railroad. The Van Giesen intersection was completed without issue and with many compliments from citizens. The Port of Benton's next maintenance and improvement effort will be at the

Swift/Cemetery Road crossing. Commissioner Keck also invited councilmembers to attend the Rail Caucus Tour Reception jointly hosted by the Port of Pasco and the Port of Benton on September 28, 2022. Invitations were distributed to Council by Mr. Keck. Lastly, Mr. Keck mentioned that maintenance would force the closure of one of the Richland Airport runways in the coming days, and that air traffic would be temporarily diverted for approximately six (6) weeks to accommodate the maintenance effort. Residents across the SR-240 Bypass Highway are most likely to notice the impact of rerouted air traffic.

Consent Calendar

City Attorney Kintzley read the consent calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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6. Approval of the August 16, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 30, 2022 City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

7. Ordinance No. 2022-33, Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the City of Richland's Administrative Code
8. Ordinance No. 2022-34, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 12.08.065 regarding Pavement Cut Requirements

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

9. Ordinance No. 2022-27, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 13.06.330 related to Billing for Ambulance Transports
10. Ordinance No. 2022-30, Granting a Solid Waste Collection Transition Franchise to Waste Management of Washington, Inc. for Properties affected by the Badger Mountain Estates Lots 1-8 and 300.1 Acres of Department of Energy (DOE) Land Annexations
11. Ordinance No. 2022-31, Granting a Solid Waste Collection Transition Franchise to Basin Disposal, Inc. and Ed's Disposal, Inc. for Properties affected by the Badger Mountain Estates Lots 1-8 and 300.1 Acres of Department of Energy (DOE) Land Annexations
12. Ordinance No. 2022-32, Amending Multiple Sections of Richland Municipal Code Title 14: Electricity, related to Underground Service Lines, Net Metering, Line

Extensions and Pole Attachments

Resolutions - Adoption

13. Resolution No. 2022-111, Accepting a Request for Annexation of 1,643 Acres to be known as the North Horn Rapids Industrial Park
14. Resolution No. 2022-113, Authorizing a Grant Application to the State of Washington Tourism Program for Tourism Sustainability Grant Funds
15. Resolution No. 2022-114, Ratification of the 2022-2032 Richland Public Library Strategic Plan
16. Resolution No. 2022-115, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with Hill International, Inc. for Project Management and Construction Management Services in Support of Fire Station No. 76
17. Resolution No. 2022-116, Authorizing a Progressive Design-Build Agreement with DGR Grant Construction, Inc. for Fire Station No. 76
18. Resolution No. 2022-117, Authorizing an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for Wildlife Emergency Response and Reimbursement

Items - Approval

19. Relocation Expenses for the BCES Executive Director
20. Travel for Mayor Alvarez and Councilmember Richardson

Items of Business

21. Resolution No. 2022-112, Establishing Richland City Council Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023

City Manager Amundson introduced Resolution No. 2022-112 by explaining that the schedule for regular meetings of the Richland City Council is established by chapter 2.04 RMC, and that any changes to the regular schedule require a vote of no less than four (4) councilmembers. In reviewing the 2023 calendar for regular meetings, City Manager Amundson noted that two (2) regularly scheduled Tuesday meetings will need to shift in order to accommodate Independence Day and National Night Out/City Fair. Resolution No. 2022-112 provides Council with the opportunity to amend the 2023 meeting calendar in advance to give adequate time to councilmembers, staff and citizens to plan accordingly.

COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112,

ESTABLISHING RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, LUKSON, RICHARDSON AND VANDYKE. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson highlighted a significant action approved during tonight's meeting, which was approval of a consultant agreement with Hill International, Inc. and DGR Grant Construction, Inc. for construction of Fire Station No. 76. Fire Station No. 76 will be built in Badger Mountain South and represents the City's first service facility in the area. City Manager Amundson also shared that the City is initiating its development review process as previously discussed with City Council. Finally, City Manager Amundson advised that interviews will be held shortly to fill the vacancy in the Parks & Public Facilities Director position. Before closing his remarks, City Manager Amundson introduced his son and his son's companions in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Alvarez spoke favorably about construction of Fire Station No. 76 and the benefit it will bring to the community in reduced response times.

City Council

Councilmember Richardson shared a wonderful and interesting experience at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) and promoted others to attend.

Councilmember Lukson thanked Commissioner Keck for presenting during public comment regarding rail improvements, and spoke favorably of the improved response times that will result from construction of Fire Station No. 76.

Councilmember Jones and VanDyke had no comments.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez thanked those who serve as first responders (police and fire).

Adjournment

Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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APPROVED:


Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: September 20, 2022

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