



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

**Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard**

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

Mayor Alvarez called the 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, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lukson, Richardson and VanDyke were present.

Also present were Deputy City Manager Schiessl (Acting), Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen, and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

1. Richland Firefighters Community Outreach

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Fire Lieutenant Jonathan Walling shared the organization's purpose and mission. A video capturing the organization's cause, programs, partnerships, sponsorship, and fundraising opportunities was played for the audience. All programs are funded by donations, fundraising events and grants. More information about the Richland Firefighters Community Outreach Program is available online at rfdcommunityoutreach.com. Mayor Alvarez and Councilmember Richardson thanked Lt. Walling for the organization's lasting positive impact on the community.

2 Swearing-In of Police Officers

Chief of Police Clary administered the Oath of Office to newly commissioned police officers Aiden Eriksen, Johnathan LeMar and Robert Lewis. A video featuring background information on each officer was played for the audience.

Chief of Police Clary then introduced Monica Malhan, Treasurer for the Richland Police Department Foundation. Ms. Malhan then introduced additional Foundation members and shared some details about the Foundation's mission. The Foundation receives support through volunteer opportunities, financial donations and sponsorship. More information about the Richland Police Foundation is available online at richlandpdf.org.

3 Columbia Point Golf Course 25th Anniversary Proclamation

A video commemorating Columbia Point Golf Course's 25-year anniversary was played for the audience. Mayor Alvarez read the *Columbia Point Golf Course 25th Anniversary Proclamation* on behalf of the Richland City Council.

Michael Sharp, President/CEO of CourseCo, accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Columbia Point Golf Course and thanked Council for the City's long-standing partnership.

Public Hearing

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

4 Amending the 2022 Budget in the Streets Capital Construction Fund, Ordinance No. 2022-35

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the proposed budget amendment. The proposed budget amendment will appropriate \$37,900 from existing fund balance in the Streets Maintenance Fund for a traffic impact fee study.

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

None.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER VANDYKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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5. Approval of the September 6, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

6. Ordinance No. 2022-29, Amending the Richland Municipal Code related to Position and Department Titles
7. Ordinance No. 2022-35, Amending the 2022 Budget in the Streets Capital Construction Fund

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

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

Resolutions - Adoption

10. Resolution No. 2022-118, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with G.S. Gasoline, Inc. for Real Property at 2201 Stevens for the Vantage Pathway - Phase 2 Project
11. Resolution No. 2022-119, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kennewick for the 2022 Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Program Award

Items - Approval

12. Appointments to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Citizens Review Committee: Brenda Bradley and Isaiah Chong
13. Appointments to the Economic Development Committee: Sandya Kesoju and Adam Morasch
14. Appointment to the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees: Tyler Pickel
15. Appointment to the Personnel Committee: Anh-Thu Mai-Windle
16. Appointments to the Utility Advisory Committee: David Larkin, Roy Miller and Daniel Porter
17. Appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Michel Gabbud, Lara Watkins and Lacey Stephens

Expenditures - Approval

18. Expenditures from August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 for \$26,664,165.49 including Travel Check Nos. 20175-20187, Accounts Payable Check Nos.303114-304095, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 9162-9206, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12876-12923, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 196605-197792 and Pension Check Nos. 6241-6265.

Items of Business

19. 2022 Port of Benton Rail Discussion

Executive Director Diahann Howard began her presentation by summarizing the Port of Benton's creation, ownership of real property, and rail ownership and operations in Benton County. Next, Ms. Howard shared current and upcoming rail system projects associated with the Port of Benton's railroad. Lastly, Ms. Howard thanked Council for its support and extended an invitation to the Rail Caucus Tour Reception to be held at 1110 Osprey Pointe Boulevard in Pasco on September 28, 2022.

Council spoke favorably of the significant accomplishments realized by Ms. Howard and Port of Benton staff.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Deputy City Manager Schiessl welcomed new hire Mark Harper, Multi-Media Assistant, to the City of Richland.

City Council

Councilmember VanDyke shared that the Department of Homeland Security established a State and Local CyberSecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) to award funds to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to address cybersecurity risks and threats. Councilmember Vandyke requested Deputy City Manager Schiessl review the program to determine if it would benefit the City.

Councilmember Kent expressed enthusiasm for the many examples of servant leadership shared tonight by those with a passion to give back to the community. Councilmember Kent added that she participated in the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees interviews and congratulated Mr. Tyler Pickel on his appointment. Councilmember Kent also congratulated the other appointees on tonight's agenda.

Councilmember Lukson announced that he and Councilmember Richardson recently attended an informative Washington State Senate Law & Justice Council meeting held in Richland City Hall.

Councilmembers Jones had no comments.

Councilmember Richardson shared that she attended the City's exit interview held by the Office of Financial Management, adding that it was a positive and interesting experience. Councilmember Richardson also agreed with Councilmember Lukson that the Washington State Senate Law and Justice Council meeting was informative.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen spoke positively of the swearing-in of new police officers during Council meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also stated this year's Sausage Fest was well-attended, and thanked those who gave their time to help make the event a success.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez stated that he recently spoke to constituents at a local establishment who expressed gratitude for the increased police presence in known speeding areas as arranged by Chief Clary.

Adjournment

Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED:


Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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