



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mayor Rose, Councilmembers Anderson, Christensen, Kent, Revell were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Energy Services Director Hammond, Energy Policy Specialist Booth, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Hanford Projects Manager Larsen and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Marijuana Update
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ms. Kintzley gave the update on the 2015 legislative changes to recreational and medical marijuana within Washington State. She discussed Council's previous decision to ban retail-related marijuana activity in Richland, reviewed what is allowed under Washington State's recreational and medical marijuana law and the Liquor and Cannabis objective in implementing I-502. She gave a thorough review of the 2015 retail and medical legislative reforms, SB 5052 and HB 2136, the legal positioning and what the 2015 legislative changes fixed and what remains unaddressed.

Council further discussed the topic with the City Attorney Kintzley.

2. Department of Energy Acquisition Reform
 - Mayor Rose
 - Councilmember Christensen
 - Councilmember Thompson

Councilmember Kent said, as an employee of the Washington River Protection Solutions, she will recuse herself from the discussion.

Mayor Rose said he and Councilmember Christensen attended a meeting with the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding their Acquisition Reform. As agents for DOE in managing its land, facilities and programs, DOE's prime contractors have a major impact in host communities. The Tri-Cities regional economies has come to depend on them and the DOE funding behind them. It will be important for Richland to weigh-in on this topic. He said the comments on the acquisition reform are due back to DOE by November 25, 2015.

Ms. Reents reviewed the local organizations she has contacted already for input and said Ms. Larsen has met with the City Department Directors and other agencies for input as well.

Councilmembers suggestions included: use of local and minority businesses; signage and a Visitor Center for the Manhattan Project National Park; infrastructure needs, transportation issues, and school impact fees.

Ms. Reentz said she will compile a list for Council's review at a pre-meeting before the DOE's November deadline.

3. Wholesale Power Purchase Decisions (45 minutes)
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond said the purpose of his presentation is to provide City Councilmembers a foundational background to reference as each respective independent decision comes forward over the upcoming months. Each individual policy decision will be processed through the City's Utility Advisory Committee, with resulting recommendations brought to Council for consideration of approval.

Mr. Hammond said the City of Richland has an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), which conditions the schedule and procedures for purchasing wholesale electric power through year 2028. This is often termed a Regional Dialogue (RD) contract and includes the provision for deciding in four (4) year blocks how much non-federal power the City intends to secure. The next four-year block covers years 2020 through 2024 with notice due from the City to BPA no later than September 30, 2016.

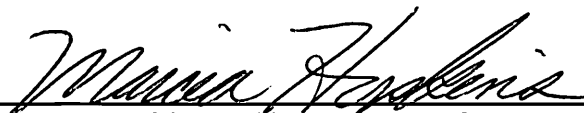
Mr. Hammond provided background and context related to milestones between now and the September 2016 notice deadline. He discussed the City's participation in the Northwest Energy Management Services (NEMS), the LLC formed from the Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU) which acts to secure power generation for the over twenty (20) NEMS members.

Council discussed the presentation with Mr. Hammond.

Adjournment:

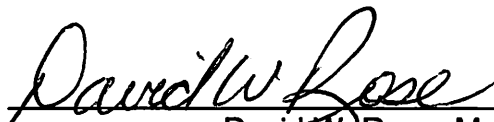
Mayor Rose adjourned the workshop at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



David W. Rose, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

November 3, 2015

This page was intentionally left blank