



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

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

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

Presiding over the meeting, Councilmember Lukson called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Councilmember Lukson welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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

COUNCILMEMBER VANDYKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Lukson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER VANDYKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Presentations

1. Elijah Family Homes

No representative from Elijah Family Homes was present.

2 New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring the new hires for the month of October was played for the audience. There were no retirements to recognize for the month of October.

3 Richland Cares Employee Fall Litter Pick-Up

A video featuring city employees participating in the Richland Cares Employee Fall Litter Pick-Up, held on October 20, 2022, was played for the audience.

Public Hearing

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

4. Proposed 2023 Budget and 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan, Ordinance No. 2022-39

Councilmember Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comments:

- Francesca Maier - 2146 Hudson Ave. Richland, WA: Ms. Maier shared two separate incidents regarding her children's near-miss and bicycle crash involving a motor vehicle driver at the intersection of Jadwin Avenue and McMurray. Ms. Maier then provided statistics regarding pedestrian and bicyclist injuries in the City of Richland from 2007 to present. Ms. Maier urged Council to empower the Public Works Department to design safe systems, to implement the *Washington State Injury Minimization and Speed Management Policy Elements and Implementation Recommendation* and to install hard center lines on arterial streets within the walk zones of schools in the City of Richland.
- Steve Ghan - Richland, WA: Mr. Ghan, a professed life-long bicycle commuter, requested Council increase safety systems to safeguard bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Laila Krowiak - 1523 Hains Ave. Richland, WA: Ms. Krowiak voiced concerns regarding a perceived lack of safety measures in place to aid bicyclists and pedestrians navigating the City. Ms. Krowiak requested Council prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users, especially children, when considering zoning and transportation system improvements.
- Theresa Ooston - 1923 Harris Ave., Richland, WA: Ms. Ooston shared personal challenges when biking in specific areas of the City. Ms. Ooston expressed her personal opinion that bicyclists and pedestrians will build a safer community through

conversations with other community members when engaged in biking or walking.

- Katelyn Kimura - 408 Catsau, Richland, WA: Ms. Kimura voiced concerns relating to bicycling and challenged Council to personally bike the City to experience challenges encountered by bicyclists.
- Eileen Harbertson - 166 Orchard Way, Richland, WA: Ms. Habertson shared personal pedestrian safety issues experienced and asked Council to create a more navigable community for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Tamra Lehuta - 144 Erica Drive, Richland, WA: Ms. Lehuta advocated for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inclusive playground equipment, and playground/park design to support ADA standards.
- Pam Bieren - Pasco, WA: Ms. Bieren and her eight-year-old disabled grandson, Kason Creed, advocated for ADA inclusive playground equipment and playground design to support ADA standards.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

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5. Approving the October 18, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

None.

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

6. Ordinance No. 2022-35, Amending the 2022 Budget in the Streets Capital Construction Fund
7. Ordinance No. 2022-37, Approving the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax and Property Tax Levies
8. Ordinance No. 2022-38, Approving a Change to the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax over the Prior Year

Resolutions - Adoption

9. Resolution No. 2022-134, Authorizing a Water Main Oversizing and Reimbursement Agreement with LCR Construction, L.L.C. for Jericho Ridge
10. Resolution No. 2022-135, Supporting Energy Northwest's New Nuclear Generation Project Study

Items – Approval

11. Emergency Procurement per RMC 3.04.120

Items of Business

- 12 Ordinance No. 2022-39, Approving the 2023 Budget and the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Finance Director Allen provided a high-level overview of the proposed 2023 Budget and 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan with total estimated revenues and appropriations and next steps for budget adoption. The estimated total 2023 budget appropriations for all funds at first reading is \$300,187,184.

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-39, APPROVING THE 2023 BUDGET AND THE 2023-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson announced that Deputy City Manager Schiessl recently traveled to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) tribal office in Pendleton, Oregon to return priceless, irreplaceable historic stone tools and other artifacts that he personally recovered from a local unlawful sale. All parties to the sale were educated regarding federal law for such trade. Representatives of the tribe commented that the artifacts are some of the best examples in their possession and will be used to educate their members. City Manager Amundson commended Deputy City Manager Schiessl for locating, purchasing, and returning the items to the Umatilla tribe.

Next, City Manager Amundson announced the City of Richland has joined Benton County and other participating agencies in observing *Operation Green Light*, whereby public agencies shine a green light in recognition of Veterans Day. Operation Green Light, recognized November 7-13, 2022, is a nationwide initiative connecting Armed Forces veterans with eligible benefits after transitioning to civilian life. The fountain in front of City Hall at the corner of Jadwin Avenue and Swift Boulevard will be illuminated with a green

light in support of Operation Green Light for the entire month of November.

City Council

Councilmembers Kent and VanDyke had no comments.

Councilmember Richardson stated she attended the Visit Tri-Cities 53rd Annual Meeting earlier in the day at the Three Rivers Convention Center where it was announced that Tumbleweeds restaurant on Stevens Drive was the recipient of the *Excellence in Service* award.

Councilmember Lukson expressed support for Resolution No. 2022-15, Supporting Energy Northwest's New Nuclear Generation Project Study, approved this evening on consent. Next, Councilmember Lukson thanked citizens who provided comments during tonight's meeting, adding that city staff and Council are aggressively pursuing opportunities to enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Lastly, Councilmember Lukson announced that he looks forward to hearing ideas related to ADA playground accessibility from staff.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez was absent.

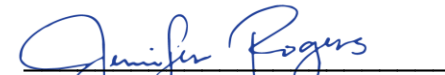
Adjournment

Councilmember Lukson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED:


Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: November 15, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: November 17, 2022