



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Rose called the pre-meeting executive session to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Councilmembers Anderson, Christensen, Kent, and Revell were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Energy Services Director Hammond and City Attorney Kintzley.

Executive Sessions:

1. Discuss Acquisition of Real Estate - RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) (10 minutes)
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) FOR 10 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Councilmember Thompson arrived at 7:01 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

2. Discuss Potential Litigation Per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (ii) (10 minutes)

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M. TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110 (1) (ii) FOR 10 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Discussion of Meeting Agenda Items:

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Rose called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

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

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Councilmembers Anderson, Christensen, Revell, Kent and Thompson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, Energy Services Director Hammond, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Planning and Capital Projects Manager Pinard, Police Captain Cobb and City Clerk Hopkins.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations:

1. New Hire/Retirements (5 minutes)
 - Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

There was no report.

2. Overview and Update of Fire Station No. 74 (5 minutes)
 - Tom Huntington, Fire and Emergency Services Director

Fire Chief Huntington gave an update on Fire Station No. 74 which included: the fire fighters are pleased with the building design; the local citizens have expressed appreciation for the fire service in the area; there were 300 calls in the first 3 months; access to the southwest locations and the downtown core will be easy to access after the Duportail Bridge is completed; Police staff will be moving into their office space soon; budget close out is in process; the design/build approach saved money; and Fire Station No. 74 won the Fire Industry Equipment Research Organization's 2015 Fire Station Design Merit Award and will be featured in the November Fire House magazine. He thanked Council for their leadership to make the fire station a reality.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Hearing and Public Comments Procedures.

1. Proposed 2016 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan - Ordinance No. 74-15
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ms. Koch gave a presentation which covered the total appropriation for all funds, the appropriations to the General Fund; the appropriation assumptions for 2016; estimated revenue assumptions for 2016; and noted the Town Hall Meeting is on the City Website and it covers the budget in detail. She expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for their involvement in creating the 2016 budget.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:45 p.m. as there were no comments.

2. Amending the 2015 Budget to Provide for Additional Appropriations in the City's Electric and Fleet Replacement Funds - Ordinance No. 72-15
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond said a highly-used bucket truck has become inoperative and needs to be replaced. It was expected to be replaced in 2020, but funds are available in the fleet equipment replacement reserves to replace the truck at this point in time.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:46:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent items.

Minutes:

1. Adopt the Minutes of the Council Meetings held October 20 and 27, 2015
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

2. Ordinance No. 70-15, Amending RMC 23.42.051 Relating to Vendors in City Parks
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
3. Ordinance No. 72-15, Amending 2015 Budget to Provide for Additional Appropriations in the City's Electric and Fleet Replacement Funds
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

4. Ordinance No. 74-15, Approving 2016 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

5. Ordinance No. 59-15, Amending RMC Chapter 14: Electricity, Relating to Special Equipment
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
6. Ordinance No. 61-15, Proposed Increase in Appropriations of the Park Project Construction Fund Regarding Playground Equipment in Barth Park and Revising the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan
- Phil Pinard, Planning and Capital Projects Manager
7. Ordinance No. 62-15, Authorizing an Increase in Appropriation in the Streets Capital Fund for Duportail Bridge Project Engineering
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
8. Ordinance No. 63-15, Increasing Appropriations in the 2015 General Fund Related to Library and Public Arts Programs
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
9. Ordinance No. 65-15, Amending the 2015 Budget to Provide for Additional Appropriations in the General Fund
- Chris Skinner, Police Services Director
10. Ordinance Nos. 66-15, 67-15 and 68-15, Approving 2016 Ad Valorem Tax and Property Tax Levies
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
11. Ordinance No. 69-15, Amending the 2015 Budget and Capital Facilities Plan to Provide for Additional Appropriations in the Parks Project Construction Fund
- Phil Pinard, Planning and Capital Projects Manager

Resolutions – Adoption:

12. Resolution No. 196-15, Approving Alterations to the West Vineyards Plat 1, Phase 1
- Rick Simon, Development Services Manager
13. Resolution No. 198-15, Youth Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission: Naveen Bontha
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
14. Resolution No. 199-15, Express Appreciation to Shanta Katpamula for Service on the Parks and Recreation Commission
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

15. Resolution No. 200-15, Approving a Contract Amendment with DGR Grant Construction, Inc. for the HAPO Community Stage
 - Phil Pinard, Planning and Capital Projects Manager
16. Resolution No. 201-15, Setting Public Hearing Date for Ordinance No. 73-15, Proposing Right-of-Way Vacation on a Portion of Wellhouse Loop
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
17. Resolution No. 202-15, Amending Contract with Berger Abam for Duportail Bridge Engineering Services
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director Items for Approval:

Expenditures - Approval:

18. Expenditures from October 12, 2015 - October 23, 2015, for \$7,696,177.15 including Check Nos. 227814-228307, Wire Nos. 6007-6015, Payroll Check Nos. 100171-100189, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9184-9196
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Items of Business:

1. Ordinance No. 64-15, Amending RMC Title 11, Traffic Prohibiting On-Street Parking on Certain Road Segments - Second Reading and Passage
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Mr. Pinard said the existing parking lot at Trailhead Park is undersized to meet the demand of over 200,000 annual visitors, leaving many park users to utilize on-street parking on Queensgate Drive. The Port of Kennewick and Benton County have provided funding to the City to construct a new parking lot and Council awarded a contract for the work on September 22, 2015. Work is now underway and expected to be complete by the end of November 2015. Parking on the east side of Queensgate Drive fronting the residential properties in Westcliffe in the vicinity of Trailhead Park will be eliminated concurrent with the opening of the new parking lot.

A second segment of roadway will also be impacted by Ordinance No. 64-15. The turnaround at the east terminus of Lee Boulevard in Howard Amon Park is utilized by tour busses serving the twice-weekly cruise boats docking at the Lee Boulevard Dock. On-street parking on this segment of Lee Boulevard does not allow for the convenient operation of tour busses, including the loading and unloading of passengers. The current parking causes congestion in that area for cars that are driving around the planter and safety hazards for the pedestrians and bikers in the area.

Councilmember Christensen believes the parking is limited at Howard Amon Park and is concerned about eliminating parking stalls and would like to limit parking just during the tour boat season. He said he cannot vote in favor of this.

Councilmember Revell suggested placing signs that say "no parking when tour boats are present" or consider other options instead of eliminating the parking stalls.

Councilmember Kent agreed with Councilmember Christensen that the parking should be available to the public and would like to consider other options than eliminating the parking stalls.

Councilmember Anderson said there are other access points to the river in other nearby locations other than Howard Amon Park. He said the cars that are parked and the cars driving through the loop around the flower bed is a congested point and it is a safety concern for bicyclists and pedestrians. He said there are other reasons beyond the tour boats, such as congestion and safety issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Lemley said he would not want to lose the tour boat docking at Richland for the economic impact. He asked Captain Cobb how difficult it would be to monitor the parking.

Captain Cobb said the police would have to know the boat schedules and have an officer available at those times which could be problematic. Parking complaints would most likely be complaint driven.

Mr. Pinard said three boats operate May through October. He said the tour bus runs over the flower gardens and cause congestion in that area due to the parked cars, people driving through and bicyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. Reents said the elimination of the parking stalls is not all due to the tour boat buses. She said staff has outlined the maintenance issues, traffic congestion problems and safety issues with pedestrian and bicyclists in that area. She said staff would have to be dedicated to monitor traffic issues. She mentioned the Waterfront Vision plan to open up the river view and to have mobile vendors in that area, which the parking revisions would facilitate.

Councilmember Thompson said there are congestion, maintenance and safety issues, as well as, the tour boat bus issues that cause the problems at that location. He would like to send the ordinance back to staff to define all of the problems and develop solutions.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER SECONDED KENT A MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 64-15. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager:

Ms. Reents said that Sue Graves recently retired after 22 years with the City in the purchasing department. At the request of Ms. Graves, she presented the retirement plaque to Ms. Graves, with a small gathering of employees at the Annex building. Also, Ms. Reents complimented staff on receiving the Fire Station Design Merit Award.

2. Council:

Councilmember Anderson said he had concerns with the design/build concept for the Fire Station at first, but it resulted in a successful and under-budget project that he is pleased with.

Councilmember Kent thanked the citizens for attending the Town Hall meeting and said she attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Graze Restaurant at the Parkway.

Councilmember Christensen gave his congratulations to Ms. Reents and staff on the 2016 budget cycle and to staff for the Fire Station Design Merit Award. He said he attended the Ben Franklin Transit's Park and Ride ribbon-cutting ceremony located off of Queensgate; it is the second Park and Ride in the City. He also attended the Town Hall meeting and thanked the citizens for attending.

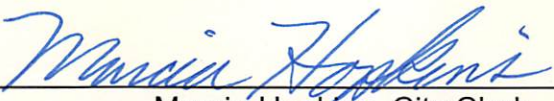
Councilmember Thompson said he and Mayor Rose will be attending the Signing Ceremony in Washington, D.C. for the Joint Agreement to Establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Lemley said he attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Senior Life Resources' new building site.

Adjournment:

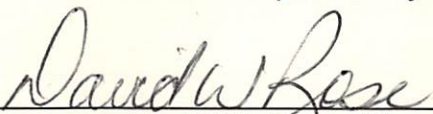
Mayor Rose adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



David W. Rose, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

November 17, 2015

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