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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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

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

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

Welcome and Roll Call

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

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

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS KENT AND VANDYKE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Development Services Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Hester, Police Commander Schwarder and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations

1. Swearing-In of Richland Police Officer Cooper Shelby

Police Commander Schwarder introduced newly commissioned police officer Shelby and administered the Oath of Office. Following the swearing-in of Officer Shelby, Commander Schwarder introduced Monica Malhan, President of the Richland Police Department Foundation. Ms. Malhan introduced additional Foundation members Brandi Hilmes and

Luke Flohr, then shared details about the Foundation's mission. Ms. Malhan welcomed Officer Shelby to the community.

2. Benton County Recovery Center Update

With the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation, Matt Rasmussen, Benton County Deputy Administrator, provided an update to the Benton-Franklin Health Crisis Recovery Center. In 2022, Benton and Franklin counties each implemented the .1% Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Sales Tax authorized by RCW 82.14.460. Revenues collected from the sales tax must be used solely for the purpose of providing for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services. Benton and Franklin County are anticipated to collectively take in \$8 million annually.

Mr. Rasmussen reported on the creation, membership, role, and key priorities of the Benton-Franklin Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. Next, Mr. Rasmussen provided information on efforts to establish a Recovery Center, including the two (2) locations for services, the Recovery Center's vision, providers, services offered, anticipated construction/opening timeline of treatment facilities, and funding sources. Detailed information can be found in the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet.

3. New Hires & Retirements

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

Public Hearing

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

4. Amending the 2023-2028 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution No. 2022-11

Mayor Christensen opened and closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comments:

Thomas Brown - 522 Holly St. Richland, WA: Mr. Brown expressed frustration over a water meter reading error and shared that Holly Street is in need of pavement maintenance/repair. Mr. Brown then described communications and interactions with staff regrading both issues.

Roy Keck - 3250 Port of Benton Blvd, Richland, WA: Mr. Keck, Port of Benton Vice-President, announced that the Port of Benton has entered into a Short-Term Rail Operator

Agreement with Columbia Rail for rail operations and maintenance.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar as follows:

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5. Approval of the January 17, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 24, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

None.

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

6. Ordinance No. 2023-02, Amending Chapter 5.30 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Public Massage Parlors and Public Bathhouses

Resolutions - Adoption

7. Resolution No. 2023-07, Authorizing a Consulting Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester Functionality Audit
8. Resolution No. 2023-12, Authorizing Grant Agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Systemic Stop-Controlled Intersection Improvements Project, and the Systemic Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvement Project
9. Resolution No. 2023-13, Authorizing an Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Horn Rapids Irrigation Booster Pump Stations Project
10. Resolution No. 2023-14, Authorizing an Amendment to the Property Development, Right-of-Way Improvements, and Right-of-Way Vacation Agreement with ABC Wellsian Way, LLC
11. Resolution No. 2023-16, Setting a Meeting to Consider the Proposed Annexation of 1.83 Acres Known as Short Plat 739, Lot 3 (Ryan Tucker)
12. Resolution No. 2023-17, Authorizing a Consulting Agreement with MacKay Sposito, Inc. for the Horn Rapids Master Plan Update
13. Resolution No. 2023-18, Updating Council Assignments for Calendar Year 2023

14. Resolution No. 2022-19, Authorizing a Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Rio, PLLC for Prosecution Services

Items - Approval

15. Appointment to the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission: Yesenia Galvez

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

Items of Business

16. Resolution No. 2023-11, Amending the 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program and authorizing Grant Agreements with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the Downtown Connectivity Improvements Project and the Jadwin Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project

Public Works Director Rogalsky described Resolution No. 2023-11 as a combination of authorization for grant agreements recently awarded to the City and an amendment to the City's 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) recently selected the City to receive \$3,500,000 in Urban Arterial Program grant funds for the Downtown Connectivity Improvements Project and \$225,324 in Active Transportation Program grant funds for the Jadwin Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project. To fulfill requirements of the TIB, the 2023-2028 TIP, adopted on June 7, 2022, must be amended to include the Jadwin Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project.

The agreements will add \$3,725,324 in new grant revenue to the City. Matching funds will be paid through funding sources identified in the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Jadwin Avenue Improvements Sidewalk Improvements Project will add sidewalks in the Lewis & Clark Elementary School vicinity which will enhance school walk route safety adjacent to the school.

Councilmember Lukson thanked Public Works Director Rogalsky for including the Jadwin Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project and spoke of first-hand experience with his son, who attends Lewis & Clark Elementary School. Addition of sidewalk enhancements will benefit students.

Councilmember Whitten inquired if additional sidewalk improvements will be included in the Jadwin Avenue Sidewalks Improvement Project. Mr. Rogalsky replied that sidewalks located east of Jadwin Avenue will be the primary focus of the project.

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11, AMENDING THE 2023-2028

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE JADWIN AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson reminded the City Council that the initial strategic planning session, facilitated by Craig Rapp of RAPP Consulting Group, will take place on February 21, 2023. A Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City Council

Councilmember Lukson pointed out that, through approval of the consent calendar, City Council authorized grant agreements totaling \$5,104,324 to be used for systemic stop-controlled intersection improvements, systemic pedestrian crossing safety improvement, downtown connectivity improvements, and school-route sidewalk improvements. Councilmember Lukson asked that a reference document be made available to the public that would highlight active and completed pedestrian safety projects.

Councilmember Jones supported Councilmember Lukson's request for a reference document highlighting the City's active and completed pedestrian safety and street maintenance projects.

Councilmember Whitten thanked fellow councilmembers for appointing him to serve on the Richland City Council. Next, Councilmember Whitten thanked Chief of Police Clary and Sgt. Swanson for the opportunity to participate in a recent ride-a-long.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson shared her observations from five (5) meetings she recently attended:

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR): Mayor Pro Tem Richardson announced that she, Councilmember Kent, City Manager Amundson and Deputy City Manager Schiessl met with representatives from the CTUIR to discuss land conveyance. Mayor Pro Tem Richardson spoke highly of the positive relationship between Richland and the CTUIR and credited Mr. Schiessl for his efforts in building that relationship on behalf of the City.

Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory Committee (HAEIFAC): Mayor Pro Tem Richardson explained the role of HAEIFAC and the grant funds it is responsible for disbursing to encourage the development of local small businesses.

Port of Benton: Mayor Pro Tem Richardson commented favorably about Port of Benton Commissioner Keck's encouraging news relating to Port of Benton rail projects made earlier in the meeting.

Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC): Mayor Pro Tem Richardson attended the 24th Annual Tri-Cities Regional Economic Outlook & TRIDEC's 60th Annual Luncheon meeting on February 1, 2023 held at the Three Rivers Convention Center. She stated the City of Richland is well-represented by Economic Development Manager Mandy Wallner.

Home Builders Association of Tri-Cities: Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Public Works Director Rogalsky and Transportation & Development Manager Carlo D'Alessandro attended a meeting with the Home Builders Association of Tri-Cities. Public Works Director Rogalsky was to speak on the City's forthcoming update to traffic impact fees.

Mayor

Mayor Christensen commended staff for its proactive efforts related to pedestrian safety projects and concurred with Councilmember Lukson's suggestion for a reference document that would highlight the status of pedestrian safety projects.

Adjournment

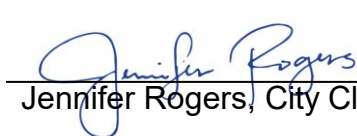
Mayor Christensen adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED:



Terry Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: February 21, 2023

DATE PUBLISHED: February 22, 2023