



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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

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

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

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire Chief Huntington, Chief of Police Clary, Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Finance Director Allen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Hester, and City Clerk Rogers.

Agenda Items

1. Fire Station 76 Discussion

Deputy City Manager Schiessl and Parks & Public Facilities Director Hester jointly presented on design, engineering concept options, and building costs for Fire Station 76. Council was asked to provide direction on the proposed options. Detailed information can be found in the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet. A majority of councilmembers supported the Concept 2B design option, which included 4 bays and lower-end doors without fully completing the community/training room.

2. Snow and Ice Management Service Level Options

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided historical background on the City's approach to managing snow and ice. The City's resources for managing snow and ice events are limited and subject to the same resource allocation decisions of all City programs. Residents often seek a higher level of service during snow and ice events than is available.

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of equipment resources, resource deployment, event management tiers, and communication with the public. Public Work Director Rogalsky then offered a few recommendations which included purchase of additional equipment, increasing the annual materials budget, adding staff, and targeted program enhancements. See the PowerPoint presentation for additional detail.

3. Energy Northwest Advanced Reactor Considerations

Energy Services Director Whitney introduced Gregg Cullen, Energy Northwest Vice-President of Energy Services & Development. Formed in 1957, ENW is a joint operating agency in Washington state which produces at-cost power to benefit customers. The City of Richland is one of twenty-eight (28) public power utilities with ENW.

Energy Services Director Whitney stated that on November 1, 2022, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-135, which authorized the City's participation in a new nuclear power generating project study with ENW for the purpose of exploring costs, risks and benefits of a new nuclear power generating project.

Mr. Cullen presented the results of the economic model analysis for an advanced reactor project, estimated funding needs, and potential next steps for consideration. Detailed information can be found in the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet. Council engaged in a question-and-answer session with Mr. Cullen throughout the presentation.

Closing Comments

City Manager Amundson announced that a budget adjustment for Fire Station 76 will come forward at an upcoming Council meeting. City Manager Amundson then sought feedback from Council regarding availability for the following events:

- Strategic planning retreat
- Framatome facility tour
- City of Richland's capital projects/economic development projects tour

Councilmember VanDyke expressed interest in touring the Energy Northwest facility.

Council recessed at 8:20 p.m.

Executive Session

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(i): To discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel (30 minutes)

COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 P.M.

Individuals present for the executive session included Mayor Christensen, Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lukson, VanDyke and Whitten. Others present included City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, and City Attorney Kintzley.

Council exited executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED:


Terry Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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