



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 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, VanDyke (remote via Zoom) and Whitten were present. Councilmember Kent was absent.

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER KENT. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Hester, 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

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

1. Proclamation of Appreciation to Jeffrey Kissel

Mayor Christensen presented Jeffrey Kissel with a proclamation of appreciation for his eight (8) years of service on the Richland Arts Commission. Dr. Jeff Kissel thanked City Council for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the Richland Arts Commission for the past eight (8) years. Dr. Kissel then acknowledged his predecessor and successor for their leadership as Chair to the Arts Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Richardson and

Councilmember Lukson thanked Dr. Kissel for his years of service to the Arts Commission.

2. New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring new hires for the month of March was played for the audience.

The City acknowledged Leslie Nield's retirement after service forty (40) years of service with the City of Richland. Mr. Nield worked briefly as a temporary employee with the Parks & Public Facilities division before spending the next forty (40) years as a truck driver with the City's Solid Waste division.

Public Hearing

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

3. Declaring Surplus and Relinquishing a Temporary Access and Utility Easement at the Western Terminus of Cortona Way, Resolution No. 2023-56

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

4. Declaring Surplus and Relinquishing a Utility Easement Lying Within 557 Stevens Drive, Resolution No. 2023-57

Mayor Christensen opened and closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comments:

- Sharon Grant - Richland, WA: Ms. Grant, board member of Friends of Badger Mountain (FOBM), requested the City include adequate parking within the Little Badger Mountain Trail Loop Master Plan to accommodate recreational users.
- Bri Forge - Richland, WA: Ms. Forge stated concerns relating to events hosted by businesses, including the Emerald of Siam, which supports the inclusion of children to events she perceives as not being age appropriate. Ms. Forge provided materials for Council to review.
- Tim Thornton - Richland, WA: Mr. Thornton, General Manager of Emerald of Siam, responded to previous comments relating to the upcoming event to be hosted by the restaurant.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes

5. Approval of the following Richland City Council Meeting Minutes:
 - March 21, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting
 - March 24, 2023 City Council Retreat
 - March 28, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting

Ordinances - First Reading

6. Ordinance No. 2023-06, Providing for the Sale of 2023 Electric Revenue Bonds
7. Amended Ordinance No. 29-21, Approving The Links Residence at Horn Rapids Planned Unit Development

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

8. Ordinance No. 2023-04, Amending the 2023 Budget in the General Fund in support of the Richland Police Department Officer Resiliency Program
9. Ordinance No. 2023-05, Amending the 2023 Budget in the General Fund and Fire Station Construction Fund in support of Fire Station No. 76

Resolutions - Adoption

10. Resolution No. 2023-43, Authorizing a U.S. Department of Justice Grant Application for the Richland Police Department Resiliency Program
11. Resolution No. 2023-44, Authorizing Use of \$441,500 from the Tourism Promotion Area Reserve Account for Supplemental Tourism-Related Projects in 2023
12. Resolution No. 2023-45, Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Northwest Code Professionals for Plan Review Services
13. Resolution No. 2023-46, Ratifying a Three-Year Agreement with Insight Public Sector for Microsoft Volume Licensing

14. Resolution No. 2023-47, Adopting the Little Badger Mountain Trail Loop Master Plan
15. Resolution No. 2023-48, Rejecting All Bids for the Wayfinding Signage Phase 2 and 3 Project
16. Resolution No. 2023-49, Authorizing 2023 Park Partnership Program Grants
17. Resolution No. 2023-50, Authorizing Award of Bid to Industrial Construction of Washington LLC for the 2023 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramps Project
18. Resolution No. 2023-51, Authorizing Award of Bid to Clearwater Construction and Management, LLC for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pumps Project
19. Resolution No. 2023-52, Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Center Parkway Extension South Project
20. Resolution No. 2023-53, Authorizing a Collector Street Latecomer Agreement with Siena Hill Development, LLC for a portion of Bermuda Road
21. Resolution No. 2023-54, Authorizing a Sanitary Sewer Latecomer Agreement with Siena Hills Development, LLC for a Sewer Lift Station and Sewer Force Main

Items - Approval

22. Appointments to the Code Enforcement Board: Jenna Coddington and Ragan Faylor

Expenditures - Approval

None.

Items of Business

23. Resolution No. 2023-56, Declaring Surplus and Relinquishing a Temporary Access and Utility Easement at the Western Terminus of Cortona Way

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided a brief overview of the proposed temporary access and utility easement relinquishment mirroring the detail in the staff report.

MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-56, DECLARING SURPLUS AND RELINQUISHING A TEMPORARY ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AT THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF CORTONA WAY. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

24. Resolution No. 2023-57, Declaring Surplus and Relinquishing a Utility Easement lying within 557 Stevens Drive

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided a brief overview of the proposed utility easement relinquishment mirroring the detail in the staff report.

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57, DECLARING SURPLUS AND RELINQUISHING A UTILITY EASEMENT LYING WITHIN 557 STEVENS DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson reminded Council of the upcoming government-to-government special workshop meeting with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2023 at Richland City Hall.

City Council

Councilmembers Jones, Lukson and VanDyke had no comments.

Councilmember Whitten thanked newly appointed Code Enforcement Board member Jenna Coddington for her willingness to serve, then thanked Ragan Faylor for his continued service on the Code Enforcement Board. Lastly, Councilmember Whitten expressed anticipation for the upcoming government-to-government meeting with CTUIR.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson thanked Sharon Grant and Brie Forge for providing public comments. Next, Mayor Pro Tem Richardson shared that she has received numerous phone calls from concerned citizens who oppose the upcoming event at Emerald of Siam, and shared that, in response, she has suggested to the callers that they send a polite note to the establishment stating their opinion.

Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Richardson shared that she recently attended a guided walking tour focused on Richland as a Secret City, and encouraged fellow councilmembers to consider experiencing the walking tour if they have not already done so.

Mayor

Mayor Christensen spoke favorably about incorporating the walking tour into the public school's education program to give students a better understanding of Richland's history.

/

/

/

Adjournment

Mayor Christensen adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED:


Terry Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: April 18, 2023

DATE PUBLISHED: April 25, 2023