



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 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, Kent, Lukson, and VanDyke were present. Councilmember Whitten was absent.

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, 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

Members of Girl Scouts Troop No. 904 led in the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER VANDYKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

1. Swearing-In of Richland Police Officer Jared Kirk

Chief of Police Clary, Deputy Chief of Police Neher, Police Commanders Jansen, Judge and Schwarzer, and Police Professional Staff Manager Carper were in attendance to welcome newly commissioned Police Officer Kirk. Chief of Police Clary administered the Oath of Office to Officer Kirk and then welcomed him to the department.

Mary Dover and Brandi Hilmes of the Richland Police Department Foundation welcomed Officer Kirk to the department and presented him with a welcome basket on behalf of the Richland Police Department Foundation.

2. National Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Mayor Christensen read a proclamation declaring October 8-14, 2023 to be National Fire Prevention Week in the City of Richland. Fire Chief Huntington received the proclamation on behalf of Richland Fire & Emergency Services, introduced staff representing various divisions of the department, and thanked them for their work and valuable contributions to the community.

3. Public Power Week Proclamation

Mayor Christensen read a proclamation declaring October 8-14, 2023 to be National Fire Prevention Week in the City of Richland. Energy Services Director Whitney received the proclamation on behalf of the Energy Services Department and thanked Council for the recognition.

4. New Hires and Retirements

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

Public Hearing

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

5. Proposed Surplus of Property and Equipment, Resolution No. 2023-156

Mayor Christensen opened and closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR CHRISTENSEN, MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARDSON, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LUKSON AND VANDYKE. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

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6. Approval of the September 19, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 26, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

7. Ordinance No. 2023-24, Establishing and Dedicating the Right-of-Way for a Segment of Southgate Way

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

8. Ordinance No. 2023-22, Amending the 2023 Budget in the Stormwater Utility Fund
9. Ordinance No. 2023-23, Rezoning a 9,600 Square Foot Lot at 521 Smith Avenue from Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Medium Density Residential Small Lot (R-2S)

Resolutions - Adoption

10. Resolution No. 2023-147, Authorizing an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission for a Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training, Advising, and Counseling Officer
11. Resolution No. 2023-150, Amending the Targeted Urban Area Map to Include the Northwest Advanced Clean Energy Park (formerly the North Horn Rapids Industrial Park)
12. Resolution No. 2023-151, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Regional Agencies for the 2023-2025 Solid Waste Program
13. Resolution No. 2023-152, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Richland School District for 2023 Safe Routes to School Study
14. Resolution No. 2023-153, Authorizing a Grant Application to the Department of Ecology for a Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant
15. Resolution No. 2023-154, Authorizing a Grant Application to the Washington State Department of Transportation for a National Highway System Asset Management Program Grant
16. Resolution No. 2023-155, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for Participation in the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments

Items - Approval

17. Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Hector Cruz

18. Appointment to the Utility Advisory Committee: Bill Richmond

Expenditures – Approval

None.

Items of Business

19. Resolution No. 2023-156, Declaring Certain Vehicles and Equipment Surplus to the City's Needs and Authorizing Disposition

Purchasing Manager Bottineau explained that as part of the City's annual budget process, vehicles and equipment that have reached the end of their useful life are reviewed for disposition. Purchasing Manager Bottineau provided an overview of the surplus disposition process as outlined in the Richland Municipal Code, the disposal methods utilized for the approved surplus items, and the disruptions caused by the United Auto Workers (UAW) Union strike.

A list of vehicles and equipment deemed to be surplus to the City's needs are listed on Exhibit A to Resolution No. 2023-156. Proceeds from the sale of the surplus items will be deposited into the appropriate fund from which the equipment originated.

COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-156, DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SURPLUS TO THE CITY'S NEEDS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

20. Resolution No. 2023-157, Supporting Benton County Proposition No. 1 on the Official Ballot of the 2023 General Election entitled Continued Local Sales and Use Tax for Public Safety Needs

Deputy Chief of Police Neher provided a summary of the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) proposition and how the tax, if continued or discontinued, will impact positions and services in Benton County and the City of Richland. At the request of the Benton County Law & Justice Council, the matter of continuing the existing Public Safety Sales Tax has been placed on the November General Election ballot for voter determination.

Mayor Christensen and Councilmember Lukson provided comments supporting the continuation of the PSST and encouraged citizens to support its approval.

City Attorney Kintzley announced that state law allows a local legislative body to pass a resolution in support of or in opposition to a ballot measure so long as those expressing the opposing view be provided with an approximately equal opportunity to express their

viewpoint. City Attorney Kintzley instructed anyone in the audience or anyone on City Council wishing to express an opposing view against support for the Public Safety Sales Tax to provide comments. No individuals stepped forward or indicated a desire to speak.

MAYOR CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER VANDYKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-157, SUPPORTING BENTON COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION ENTITLED CONTINUED LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson announced that the transmittal letter for the proposed 2024 Budget has been posted on the City's website, and that a City Council special workshop meeting has been scheduled for October 10, 2023 to continue discussion of the City's 2024 legislative priorities.

City Council

Councilmember Kent had no comments.

Councilmember Lukson welcomed City Manager Amundson back to the office and commended staff for their excellent work during his absence.

Councilmember Jones thanked staff at the Horn Rapids Landfill for maintaining a clean and organized site while providing great customer service. Councilmember Jones encouraged residents to utilize the landfill services.

Councilmember VanDyke concurred with Councilmember Lukson's comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson had no comments.

Mayor

Mayor Christensen had no comments.

Adjournment

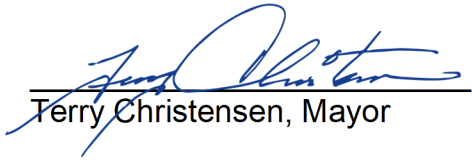
Mayor Christensen adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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APPROVED:


Terry Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

 for
Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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