



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

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

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

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director Rogalsky, and Development Services Director Jensen.

Agenda Items

1. 2024 Legislative Priorities

Deputy City Manager Schiessl introduced the topic and identified the draft priorities put together by Richland's contracted lobbyist, Dave Arbaugh. DCM Schiessl advised that the draft legislative priorities were the current recommendation for adoption, but that there are a few additional topics provided in the staff report that could be added if Council determined that doing so would be appropriate.

The recommended priorities are as follows:

Economic Development

- Targeted Urban Area: Change law to allow additional time for nuclear projects to qualify for property tax exemption. *Additional detail provided by DCM Schiessl.*
- Lower Snake River Dams: Support retention of the facilities. *Additional detail provided by DCM Schiessl.*

Capital

- Public Safety Communication: Construct microwave infrastructure and consolidate radio frequencies. *Additional detail provided by Chief Huntington.*
- Major Waterfront Capital Tourism Event: Pathway and dock renovation to support tourism events. *Additional detail provided by DCM Schiessl.*

Community Safety

- Pursuit Law Fix: Change law to allow law enforcement to initiate pursuit for probable cause for a felony, mandatory arrest, and reasonable suspicion of DUI. *Additional detail provided by Chief Clary.*
- Recruitment and Retention of Police and Dispatch Staff: Allow jurisdictions to access a portion of existing state sales tax to fund law enforcement, defense, prosecution, and more. *Additional detail provided by Chief Clary.*
- Juvenile Access to an Attorney: Change the law to combat the trend of adult offenders using minors to commit crimes. *Additional detail provided by Chief Clary.*

Transportation & Infrastructure

- SR-240/Aaron Drive Complete Streets Project. *Additional detail provided by Public Works Director Rogalsky.*
- Island View to Vista Field Trail System. *Additional detail provided by Public Works Director Rogalsky.*
- Yakima Delta Habitat Restoration Project: Construct a bridge to Bateman Island for pedestrian and emergency access and a marina breakwater. *Additional detail provided by DCM Schiessl.*

Housing

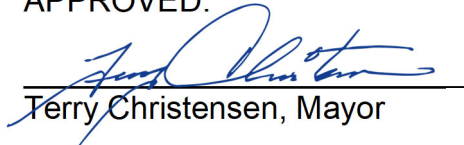
- Affordable housing supply. *Additional detail provided by DCM Schiessl.*

Council engaged in a question and answer with staff throughout the workshop. No items were suggested to be removed from the list, and no items were suggested for addition. Members of Council expressed an interest in adding focused 1-page supplements to the list to provide additional context to legislators.

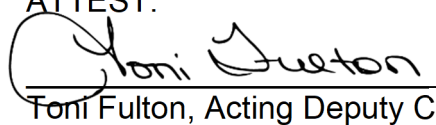
Adjournment

Mayor Christensen adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:


Terry Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Toni Fulton, Acting Deputy City Clerk

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