



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Rose called the pre-meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Council Members Christensen and Jones were present.

Also present were City Manager Johnson, City Attorney Kintzley, Public Works Director Rogalsky and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Discussion of Meeting Agenda Items:

1. South George Washington Way Improvements - Public Outreach Program (15 minutes)
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky provided a status report for the next steps to south George Washington Way (GWW) improvements. He advised Council that the design concepts have been narrowed down to three designs that were reviewed and approved by both the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). He provided a brief overview of the three designs and stated that an "Open House" for the public is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. He also explained the marketing efforts underway for an open house, for on-going communications with the general public and the property owners located on or near south George Washington Way.

Council and Mr. Rogalsky briefly discussed the designs and the scheduled open house.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)
 - City Council Members

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Rose called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

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

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Council Members Anderson, Christensen, Jones, Kent and Thompson were present.

Also present were City Manager Johnson, Community Development Director Jensen, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Police Services Director Skinner, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER JONES SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS ANDERSON, KENT AND THOMPSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER JONES SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Presentations:

3. New Hire and Retirements

- Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

Ms. Jubb first expressed appreciation to three staff retiring from the Richland Fire and Emergency Services Department, which included Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal Kurt Hubele with 36 years of experience; Deputy Fire Marshal Rick Shively with 35 years of experience; and Fire Fighter Steve Richardson with 25 years of experience.

Next, Ms. Jubb introduced newly hired Community Development Director Kerwin Jensen. He comes from the City of Montrose, Colorado where he was the Community Development Director for 13 years. While he was there, Montrose was named the "All America City" by the National League of Cities in 2013. He brings 26 years of experience of municipal government with him to the City of Richland.

4. Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) Drought Response (10 minutes)

- Chuck Freeman, KID District Manager

Mr. Freeman was unable to attend the meeting. However, Mr. Freeman plans to provide his report at the June 16, 2015, Council meeting.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Hearing and Public Comments Procedures.

5. Proposed 2015-2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Southeast Washington Telecommunicators Guild (SEWTG) - Resolution No. 100-15
 - Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

Ms. Jubb provided a brief summary stating that the City entered into negotiations with the SEWTG, which represents approximately 29 City employees. The SEWTG members ratified the proposed agreement on May 14, 2015. The proposed agreement is for a two-year period and includes various language changes that require the union to adopt certain City policies and change work practices. It also includes a total compensation package within the approved Council parameters.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing at 7:38 pm and closed at 7:39 p.m.

Public Comments:

The Honorable Representative Larry Haler briefly discussed the Washington State Budget process including the proposed transportation budget. He also thanked City staff for assistance this past summer in supplying information to him to sponsor a bill for changing the medical doctors residency program within the State of Washington; which also includes a loan forgiveness option for doctors that elect to stay in a rural area for an additional three to four years upon completion of their residency requirements.

Consent Calendar:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent items.

Minutes:

6. Adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held May 19 and 26, 2015
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

7. Ordinance No. 25-15, Amending the 2015 Budget to Provide for Additional Appropriations in the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Streets Capital Construction, and Park Project Construction Funds
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
8. Ordinance No. 27-15, Amending the 2015 Budget for the Industrial Development Fund
 - Jon Amundson, Assistant City Manager
9. Ordinance No. 28-15, Amending RMC Title 2: Creating a Section Relating to Notice of Civil Trespass
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
10. Ordinance No. 29-15, Amending RMC Chapter 2.20 Regarding Duties of the Code Enforcement Board
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
11. Ordinance No. 30-15, Relating to the Duration of Parking in Municipal Parking Lots
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

12. Ordinance No. 31-15, Sale of Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UTGO) Bonds to Refund the 2005 and 2007 UTGO Bonds
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

13. Resolution No. 85-15, Authorizing Consulting Agreement No. 124-15 with EES Consulting, Inc. for Power Resource Planning
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
14. Resolution No. 92-15, Authorizing an Agreement with TRIDEC for Economic Development Services
- Brian Moore, Redevelopment Project Supervisor
15. Resolution No. 100-15, Proposed 2015-2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Southeast Washington Telecommunicators Guild
- Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director
16. Resolution No. 106-15, Accepting the Hayden Homes Donation of \$2,600 to the Richland Police Department
- Chris Skinner, Police Services Director
17. Resolution No. 108-15, Authorizing Addendum No. 2 to the Infrastructure Improvement Agreement with SMI Group XV, LLC for Smartpark Street
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
18. Resolution No. 109-15, Authorizing Purchase and Sales Agreements for Duportail Bridge Right-of-Way Property
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
19. Resolution No. 113-15, Approving Submittal of TIGER Grant Application for Duportail Bridge Project Funding
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Expenditures - Approval:

20. Expenditures from May 11, 2015 - May 22, 2015 for \$4,888,303.97 including Check Nos. 222943-223441, Wire Nos. 5906-5911, Payroll Check Nos. 99975-99994, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 8987-9001
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Items of Business:

No items of business were presented.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager:

Ms. Johnson welcomed Mr. Jensen to the City. One of his first major projects will be working on the riverfront vision with other key directors.

2. Council Members:

Council Member Christensen welcomed Mr. Jensen. He also thanked Richland Police Services staff for handling vandalism that took place with the Hayden Homes. He cooked hamburgers at the Washington State 1A Softball Tournament at the Columbia Play Field the past weekend. He stated the parking lot improvements were awesome and the lot was filled along with the high school and other private business parking lots. He also reiterated the positive comments about the area and the fabulous facility. He recommended marketing that sports facility for future tournaments.

Mayor Pro Tem Lemley attended the 43rd Memorial Day program at Sunset Gardens in Richland, WA. On May 27, 2015, he attended the annual State of the Cities luncheon. He commented on a new business, Lohman Helicopter, located at the Richland Airport. On May 29 he attended a ribbon cutting at U.S. World Class TaeKwondo and the City of Richland Firefighters annual banquet honoring the recent retirees, firefighter of the year, EMT of the year and officer of the year. Lastly, he attended the annual pancake breakfast benefiting the Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC).

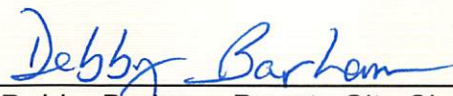
3. Mayor:

Mayor Rose commented on all the activities scheduled in Richland this coming weekend, which included: Live at 5 at John Dam Plaza, several high school graduations, and the first farmers market of the season located at the Parkway. Through Chief Skinner, he reminded everyone that pedestrians always have the right-of-way and to be watchful for them.

Adjournment:

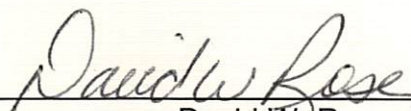
Mayor Rose adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



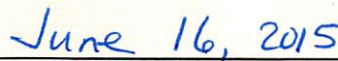
Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



David W. Rose, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:



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