



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday 23, 2016

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Anderson, and Luzzo Gilmour were present.

Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Energy Services Director Hammond, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Police Services Director Skinner, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Adam Brault (650 George Washington Way property)
 - Adam Brault

Mr. Brault presented information related to development of 650 George Washington Way. He said the other speakers were Arron Zaretsky, Mark Lambert, Brad Rew and Dr. Jullian Cadwell.

Dr. Cadwell introduced herself and gave her background. She supports the public market and discussed the benefits it would bring to the City, the small businesses in the downtown area and how Richland's art-related businesses would grow.

Aaron Zaretsky introduced himself and gave his background. He said he was the consultant for the redevelopment of Seattle's Pike Place Market and detailed his work on project and how it benefitted City of Seattle. He explained how a public market would benefit Richland, gave reasons why the 650 George Washington Way location is the best location for the public market and discussed the concept of a public market and why they are successful. He continued with ideas on how this project could be funded.

Mark Lambert, introduced himself and gave his background. He discussed why the 650 George Washington Way property is an excellent location for a public market and the companies he is working with to develop the concepts. He showed preliminary plans for parking, the open plaza area and the building layout.

Brad Rew introduced himself and gave his background. He believes Richland needs to look forward to future economic development and how that will revitalize the downtown area. He discussed the benefits of the public market being located at the 650 George Washington Way location.

The Council had questions for the speakers for discussion.

2. Code Enforcement Update
 - Chris Skinner, Police Services Director
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Police Chief Skinner gave a presentation on the background of code enforcement in the City, where the problem areas of the City are located and what type of code violations are the most common. Ms. Kintzley gave an update on the success of the revised code enforcement process during 2015 and gave recommendations for a more focused code enforcement effort to be implemented in the future.

Council discussed the topic with Police Chief Skinner and Ms. Kintzley.

3. SE Richland Substation Update
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond, said the planning, design and construction of a new electrical substation in the south portion of the City is one of the major capital projects scheduled for 2015 through 2017. City Council and the Benton PUD Commission recently approved an inter-local agreement to co-locate substation equipment on one site and to secure one interconnect point onto the Bonneville Power Administration's electric transmission grid. Mr. Hammond provided a status report including information regarding anticipated 2016 Council actions for consideration and approval.

4. Electric Service Transfers from Benton PUD
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond said a "Service Area and Facilities Purchase Agreement" was executed between the City and Benton PUD in May 2005. A primary purpose of this agreement was to allow for a smooth transition of electrical service to the City from Benton PUD in the southern portion of the City's Urban Growth Area. The agreement sets forth the timing and process for the City to identify and assume electrical service for previous Benton PUD customers. The City Manager notified Benton PUD in May 2015 of the intent to assume service for certain Benton PUD customers in the next few years. Mr. Hammond provided a status of the efforts to date and future actions.

Other Business:

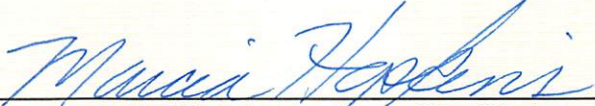
Mayor Thompson pulled the Benton Franklin Jurisdiction discussion because the two entities are meeting on this topic later in the week and may resolve the issue. He said Council will be receiving a letter from staff regarding Richland's position on lowering the dikes along the river and gaining local control of the waterfront for their review and input.

Mr. Amundson said a mail-in opinion poll regarding the Manhattan Historical Park topics was distributed to Councilmembers to complete. He said Council is invited to attend the auditor's exit conference in the City Manager's Conference Room, February 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. He also noted the March 1 agenda items and executive session.

Adjournment:

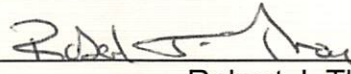
Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

March 1, 2016