



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

City Council Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Richardson called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

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

Attendance: Mayor Richardson	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Kent	Present
Councilmember Jones	Present
Councilmember Lukson	Present
Councilmember Maier	Present
Councilmember VanDyke	Present
Councilmember Whitten	Present

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, Acting City Attorney Rio, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director D'Alessandro, Interim Chief of Police Meidl, and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Jones led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER VANDYKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

1. SIGN Fracture Care International Proclamation

Mayor Richardson read aloud a proclamation marking SIGN Fracture Care International's 25th Anniversary on September 26, 2024. Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle, President and Founder of SIGN Fracture Care International, and Jeanne Dillner, CEO of SIGN Fracture Care

International, were in attendance to receive the proclamation. Both thanked councilmembers and the City for providing an excellent environment to start and grow a successful business.

Public Hearing

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

2. Amending the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution No. 2024-128

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

- Pierre Saget - 104 Edgewood Drive, Richland, WA: Mr. Saget provided testimony urging Council to include multi-modal transportation in the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Saget then commended the Public Works Department for its efforts in implementing additional pedestrian and bicycle safety measures and encouraged further action to build on this progress.

No other testimony was offered. Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

3. Declaring Surplus and Authorizing Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 341 Gleneagles Court, Resolution No. 2024-129

Mayor Richardson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comments:

- Cade Bryan of Richland, WA: Mr. Bryan invited councilmembers to participate in the *Week Without Driving* challenge scheduled for September 30, 2024 through October 6, 2024. Participants are encouraged to explore alternative methods of transportation such as public transit, bicycling, walking, or relying on friends and family for transportation. Additional information about the challenge can be found at weekwithoutdriving.org.

Mr. Bryan also invited councilmembers to attend an event at Café Con Arte in Pasco on September 21, 2024. The event will provide insight into the challenges faced by those without access to personal transportation.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

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4. Approval of the September 3, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

5. Ordinance No. 2024-29, Amending Chapter 3.29 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Utility Low Income Program
6. Ordinance No. 2024-30, Amending the 2024 Budget to provide for Additional Appropriations in the City's General Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund
7. Ordinance No. 2024-31, Accepting a Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant and Amending the 2024 Budget to Appropriate Grant Funds

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

None.

Resolutions - Adoption

8. Resolution No. 2024-115, Authorizing an Agreement for Design and Engineering Services with Atlas Agro North America Corporation to develop Water Supply Facilities to serve the Atlas Agro Fertilizer Manufacturing Facility
9. Resolution No. 2024-116, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Horn Rapids Water Intake Rescreening Project
10. Resolution No. 2024-125, Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 97- 24 with McCann Trucking, LLC for the 2024 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramps Project
11. Resolution No. 2024-126, Authorizing a Funding Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for a Site Readiness Grant for the Northwest Advanced Clean Energy Park
12. Resolution No. 2024-127, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Trent Properties Spokane, LLC for Property located at 2557 Robertson Drive

Items - Approval

13. Appointment to the Americans with Disabilities Act Citizens Review Committee: Autumn Chamberlin and Cassie Hammond

14. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Britton Booker
15. Appointment to the Economic Development Committee: Joseph Potts
16. Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Hector Cruz and Lacey Stephens
17. Appointment to the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees: Karen Buxton
(PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAIER AND RELOCATED TO ITEM NO. 3 UNDER ITEMS OF BUSINESS)
18. Appointment to the Utility Advisory Committee: Ricky Hyson

Expenditures - Approval

19. Expenditures from August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024 for \$27,352,286.27 including Travel Checks Nos. 20593-20602, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 325936-326873, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 10192-10247, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 14168-14244, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 226976-228877, and Pension Check Nos. 6814-6835.

COUNCILMEMBER MAIER MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR RICHARDSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, LUKSON, MAIER, VANDYKE AND WHITTEN. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Items of Business

20. Resolution No. 2024-128, Amending the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Public Works Director D'Alessandro provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will facilitate future execution of a funding agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Active Transportation Assistance Program (ATAP) for the Central Richland Active Transportation Improvement Project.

Public Works Director D'Alessandro encouraged citizens to view the Traffic Safety webpage on the Public Works website, which contains information about active transportation-related safety improvements made over years in the City of Richland, and Council's commitment to achieving Vision Zero, a goal of eliminating serious roadway injuries and fatalities by 2035.

COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER MAIER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 128, AMENDING THE 2024-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR

RICHARDSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, LUKSON, MAIER, VANDYKE AND WHITTEN. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

21. Resolution No. 2024-129, Declaring Surplus and Authorizing Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 341 Gleneagles Court

Public Works Director D'Alessandro stated that property owners of 341 Gleneagles Court have requested relinquishment of a utility easement located on their property. The easement to be relinquished is no longer needed for municipal purposes as the utilities have been removed.

Councilmember Lukson recused himself from participating and voting on the proposed relinquishment as he has a personal friendship with the property owner/applicant.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITTEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-129, DECLARING SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING RELINQUISHMENT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT AT 341 GLENEAGLES COURT. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR RICHARDSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, MAIER, VANDKE AND WHITTEN. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0. COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON ABSTAINED.

22. Appointment to the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees: Karen Buxton **(FORMERLY ITEM NO. 17 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR)**

Councilmember Maier recused himself from participating and voting on this appointment as he has a personal friendship with the applicant.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent stated she participated in interviewing candidates for the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees on September 9, 2024. She added that all candidates were highly qualified, which made the selection process very challenging. Mayor Pro Tem Kent highlighted Karen Buxton as a stand-out candidate who, if reappointed, will continue to improve Richland's library services and inspire other trustees and community members.

MAYOR PRO TEM KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT KAREN BUXTON TO THE RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR RICHARDSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, LUKSON, VANDKE AND WHITTEN. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0. COUNCILMEMBER MAIER ABSTAINED.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson provided an overview of the agenda items slated for the September 24, 2024 City Council workshop meeting. He added that he and Deputy City Manager Schiessl will be attending the workshop remotely as they will be out of town attending a conference.

Next, City Manager Amundson stated that in response to Council's request, an additional workshop meeting will be scheduled for December 9, 2024.

Lastly, City Manager Amundson highlighted the grand opening of Fire Station No. 76 in the Badger Mountain South community, noting that the ribbon-cutting event was well-attended by the public and several councilmembers. For those who were unable to attend and are interested, a tour of the facility can be arranged upon request.

City Council

Councilmember Lukson had no comments.

Mayor Pro Kent announced that she attended the annual All Parks event the previous day, which was well-attended by staff and commissioners from the cities of Richland, Kennewick, Pasco, and West Richland, and Benton and Franklin counties. The meeting provides an opportunity for staff and community volunteers to share information about parks across the Tri-Cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent also encouraged those who applied for appointment to various Richland boards, commissions and committees to reapply in the future if they were not selected for appointment during this recruitment cycle.

Councilmember VanDyke expressed excitement about the successful grand opening of Fire Station No. 76 and welcomed the new Fire & EMS staff to the city. Next, Councilmember VanDyke congratulated Nuclear Care Partners on their relocation to a new facility and announced an upcoming ribbon-cutting event for McKinley Springs Winery. Finally, Councilmember VanDyke thanked City Manager Amundson for facilitating the public interaction opportunity with the Chief of Police candidates.

Councilmember Jones shared that she signed up to volunteer for the upcoming Ironman event to be held this weekend and encouraged others to consider doing the same.

Councilmember Whitten stated that he attended the grand opening of Fire Station No. 76. He spoke positively on the design of the station and highlighted its impressive views. Councilmember Whitten congratulated the Richland Fire Department on this achievement and welcomed the new Fire & EMS employees. Next, Councilmember Whitten thanked Utility Advisory Committee member Ricky Hyson for his ongoing service to the UAC. Lastly, Councilmember Whitten shared that he will be volunteering at the upcoming Ironman event this weekend and encouraged other to consider doing the same.

Councilmember Maier expressed appreciation to City Manager Amundson for the process utilized to select the new Chief of Police, specifically the meet-and-greet event, and thanked Interim Chief of Police Meidl for his leadership during this transition period. Next, Councilmember Maier expressed interest in attending the *Week Without Driving* forum at Café Con Arte on September 28, 2024.

Councilmember Maier then stated that he has not been able to confirm if the Active Transportation Assistance Program funding is directly tied to the *Move Ahead Washington* program. He pointed out that such initiatives are supported by funds related to Initiative No. 2117. Councilmember Maier emphasized the importance of understanding the potential impact of Initiative No. 2117.

Mayor

Mayor Richardson acknowledged the high caliber of applicants who applied to volunteer on various Richland boards, commissions and committees. She highlighted the value of their professional experience and expertise, and their impact on the community.

Mayor Richardson shared that she also attended the Fire Station No. 76 grand opening and noted the success of the event. She described the area and future park as a stellar addition to the community and a reflection of the City's commitment to safety, growth and development.

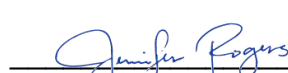
Adjournment

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

APPROVED:


Theresa Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: October 1, 2024

DATE PUBLISHED: October 2, 2024