



Agenda
City Council Special Meeting and Regular Workshop
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

City Council Special Meeting - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Candidate Interviews

- I. Interviews for Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council
 - City Council

Executive Session

- I. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h): Evaluate the Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office (30 minutes)
 - City Council

Agenda Items

- I. Resolution No. 2026-10, Appointing _____ to serve as Interim Councilmember in Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council
 - City Council

Adjournment

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Items

- I. Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) Shoreline Reconveyance Project Update (30 minutes)
 - Joe Schiessl, Deputy City Manager
 - David Reeploeg, Vice President for Federal Programs TRIDEC
2. Police Station Options (30 minutes)
 - Joe Schiessl, Deputy City Manager
3. Sewer, Stormwater, Solid Waste Utility Rates (30 minutes)
 - Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director

Future Workshop Agenda Items

Adjournment

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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Council Date: 1/27/2026

Agenda Category:
Candidate Interviews

Strategic Priority I - High Performance Government

Subject

Interviews for Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council

Department/Office

City Council

Ordinance/Resolution Number**Document Type**

General Business Item

Recommended Motion

None.

Summary

Five (5) candidates have been invited to interview for the vacant Richland City Council Position No. 4. Interviews are scheduled to occur between 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Each interview is expected to last approximately 25 minutes, with a 5-minute transition period between each candidate. Candidates to be interviewed include:

- Britt Creer
- Kyle Palmer
- Andrew Rice
- Samantha Mason
- Todd Samuel

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments



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Strategic Priority I - High Performance Government

Subject

Resolution No. 2026-10, Appointing _____ to serve as Interim Councilmember in Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council

Department/Office
City Council

Ordinance/Resolution Number
2026-10

Document Type
Resolution

Recommended Motion

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-10, appointing _____ to serve as Interim Councilmember in Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council.

Summary

On January 1, 2026, a vacancy was created in Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council. The Richland City Charter provides that a vacancy in the Council shall be filled by a duly elected and qualified candidate during the next regular general election following the occurrence of the vacancy, and that the City Council, by majority vote, may appoint someone to serve as an interim councilmember until the general election is held.

Council promptly sought applications from interested citizens to fill the vacancy. 24 applications were received, and all applicants were determined to be eligible pursuant to the Richland City Charter.

On January 27, 2026, Richland City Council interviewed five (5) of the 24 candidates. Should Council select an appointee from the five (5) candidates, Resolution No. 2026-10 will appoint the selected individual to serve as interim councilmember in Position No. 4.

Per Article II, Section 2.04 of the Richland City Charter, an interim councilmember's appointment to the Richland City Council is effective from the date the appointee is sworn in until the duly elected and qualified successor takes office at the first meeting, regular or special, after the 2026 general election has been certified. The appointee chosen for Position No. 4 of the Richland City Council will be sworn in on February 3, 2026.

Fiscal Impact None.

Attachments

I. Resolution No. 2026-10

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
APPOINTING _____ TO SERVE AS INTERIM COUNCILMEMBER
IN POSITION NO. 4 ON THE RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2025, the Benton County Auditor certified the results of the 2025 General Election and issued a Certificate of Election identifying Donald Landsman as the candidate elected to Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council; and

WHEREAS, Donald Landsman passed away prior to the November 4, 2025 General Election, thereby creating a vacancy in Position No. 4, effective January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Richland City Council sought applications from qualified individuals interested in serving as interim councilmember in Position No. 4 until the first regular or special meeting after the 2026 General Election is certified; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four (24) applications were received and certified by the City Clerk's Office as eligible for consideration consistent with Article II, Section 2.02 of the Richland City Charter; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2026, Richland City Council interviewed five (5) candidates in a duly noticed open public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Effective February 3, 2026, upon takin the Oath of Office, _____ is appointed to serve as interim councilmember in Position No. 4 on the Richland City Council.

Section 2. The appointment of _____ will continue until the swearing in of a duly elected and qualified successor to Position No. 4 as determined consist with the Richland City Charter and the laws of the state of Washington, or in the absence of a duly elected and qualified successor, until Richland City Council makes a subsequent appointment to Position No. 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a special meeting on the 27th day of January, 2026.

Theresa Richardson, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Heather Kintzley, City Attorney



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 1/27/2026

Department: Deputy City Manager

Strategic Priority I - High Performance Government

Subject

Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) Shoreline Reconveyance Project Update (30 minutes)

Summary

TRIDEC staff and City staff will present an update to Council on the ongoing Shoreline Reconveyance Project.

Attachments

- I. Shoreline Reconveyance Project Update Presentation

COLUMBIA RIVER SHORELINE RECONVEYANCE



Karl Dye

President & CEO
TRIDEC



David Reeploeg

VP for Federal Programs
TRIDEC



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• SHORELINE RECONVEYANCE •

GOAL

- In partnership with local governments and Tribes, pursue Congressional legislation to transfer ownership of Corps-owned lands

PROCESS

- 'Shoreline Reconveyance Working Group'



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Reconveyance Areas - Exhibit A

- Kennewick Reconveyance Request
- Richland Reconveyance Request
- Pasco Reconveyance Request
- Franklin County Reconveyance Request
- Port of Pasco Reconveyance Request





• SHORELINE RECONVEYANCE •

DOCUMENTS

- Memorandum of Agreement
- Cultural Practices Easement
- Napúutkwit Ground Disturbing Protocols



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COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 1/27/2026

Department: City Manager

Strategic Priority I - High Performance Government

Subject

Police Station Options (30 minutes)

Summary

Staff will provide Council with an update on the Richland Police Station capital project. The update will include the project background, departmental needs, site options, and potential implementation strategies.

Attachments



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 1/27/2026

Department: Public Works

Strategic Priority 2 - Financial Sustainability

Subject

Sewer, Stormwater, Solid Waste Utility Rates (30 minutes)

Summary

Several sections of the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) set rates and charges for the City's sewer, stormwater, and solid waste utilities. The City has need, from time to time, to update the RMC to reflect current conditions. According to established policy, Richland's utility rates are set to recover the City's costs for each service and class of customers. The City periodically reviews the revenue requirements and rate structures for each of its utilities. The City's sewer, stormwater, and solid waste utility rates were last updated in 2009 and 2010. The City is performing a review of the wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste utility revenue requirements that indicate that current rates do not provide the necessary revenue required to recover the City's costs, when considering anticipated capital expenses over the coming several years.

The City contracted with FCS Group, utilizing their expertise to perform the rate analysis for these Public Works utilities. This work includes reviews of the proposed revenue requirements, key assumptions of future operation, maintenance, and capital costs, fiscal policies related to reserve targets, projected new debt for future project delivery, and rate-funded coverage of existing capital and maintenance programs for the wastewater and stormwater utilities. FCS is also scoped to provide a revenue requirement forecast for the solid waste utility. This includes new inputs into the solid waste fund such as recent bonding for the landfill expansion project, changes in green waste/organics operations to meet new regulatory requirements, and added staffing due to customer growth.

Attachments