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Richland City Council Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026  
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers  
625 Swift Boulevard

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**City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Attendance: Mayor Richardson	Present
Mayor Pro Tem VanDyke	Present
Councilmember Holten	Present (Remote via Zoom)
Councilmember Jones	Present
Councilmember Maier	Present
Councilmember Samuel	Present
Councilmember Whitten	Present

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Pilcher, Fire Chief Aust, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Development Services Director Rizzitiello, Public Works Director D'Alessandro and City Clerk Rogers.

**Agenda Items**

**1. Richland Public Facilities District Update**

Richland Public Facilities District (RPFDD) Board President Steven Wiley provided an overview of the RPFDD's formation, financial status, and future direction.

Mr. Wiley reported that the RPFDD is now in a strong financial position, citing steady growth in sales tax revenue, extension of the state sales tax rebate through 2056, and recent bond refinancing that significantly reduced annual debt payments. He stated that the RPFDD generates approximately \$1 million annually and maintains financial reserves.

Mr. Wiley outlined future priorities, including facility planning, potential upgrades to the REACH Museum, and evaluation of future expansion opportunities.

Councilmembers asked questions and engaged in discussion throughout the presentation. Additional details are included in the PowerPoint presentation presented by Mr. Wiley.

**2. 2026 State Legislative Update**

Dave Arbaugh, representing Arbaugh and Associates, Inc., provided a summary of the 2026 legislative session, noting it was a short session that focused on addressing the approximate \$2.5 billion shortfall.

Mr. Arbaugh also identified housing and Senate Bill 6346 (the Millionaire's Tax) as additional focus points, along with emerging discussions related to climate and energy policy. He highlighted passage of House Bill 1210 (HB 1210), which allows Targeted Urban Areas to extend tax incentives to clean energy businesses. He also discussed the STEP bill, noting it requires cities to allow certain housing types while limiting local regulatory authority.

Chief of Police Pilcher presented on the passage of Senate Bill 6002 (SB 6002) which imposes new restrictions regarding Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) use. He stated ALPR data may be compared with state and national databases to identify stolen vehicles, vehicles associated with missing or endangered individuals, and vehicles linked to persons with outstanding felony or misdemeanor warrants.

Mr. Arbaugh added that the ALPR legislation includes an emergency clause, resulting in immediate implementation upon the Governor's signature and requiring agencies to suspend use until the Attorney General establishes a registration process.

Council asked questions throughout the presentation.

Development Services Director Rizzitiello stated that despite the constraints of a short session, the City secured funding for two (2) projects. He reported the City received approximately \$3.2 million for tire pile remediation and \$600,000 for facility HVAC improvements through the Climate Commitment Act account.

Mayor Pro Tem VanDyke emphasized the importance of continuing to refine the City's legislative strategy and requested that the City's lobbyist provide recommendations and lessons learned to strengthen future advocacy efforts.

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City Manager Amundson reported that the City hosted the 16th Legislative District Town Hall meeting the previous Sunday, held in the City's council chambers. The meeting was attended by Senator Dozier and Representatives Klicker and Rude. He noted the event was well attended and that legislators expressed appreciation for the City's collaborative approach and support.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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APPROVED:

  
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Theresa Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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