



Minutes

City Council Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

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

Attendance:	Mayor Richardson	Present
	Mayor Pro Tem VanDyke	Present
	Councilmember Holten	Present
	Councilmember Jones	Present
	Councilmember Maier	Present
	Councilmember Samuel	Present
	Councilmember Whitten	Absent

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Finance Director Allen, Fire Chief Aust, Human Resources Director Mabe, Information Technology Director Goodhue, Chief of Police Pilcher, Public Works Director D'Alessandro, Parks & Public Facilities Director Waite, Development Services Director Rizzitiello, and Acting Deputy City Clerk Follett.

Agenda Items

1. 2027 Capital Improvement Program (90 minutes)

City Manager Amundson began the presentation by providing an overview of the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget process and offering context for the budget handouts to be reviewed during the meeting. The overall plan includes 40 projects with a total estimated cost of \$52,609,415.

Finance Director Allen introduced each presenter and provided context for each Department's capital items.

Trevor Wilkerson, Electrical Systems Manager, provided details about the six electrical utility capital improvements and associated costs.

Finance Director Allen reviewed five of the six municipal capital improvement projects, and Deputy City Manager Schiessl provided details about the police station replacement project, including an update on progress to date and potential funding sources.

Parks & Public Facilities Director Waite provided details about the eight projects planned in 2027 for parks and city facilities, highlighting several replacement projects.

Public Works Director D'Alessandro gave an overview of projects in the Solid Waste, Stormwater, Wastewater, and Transportation divisions. Highlights included several system replacements, rehabilitation of older facilities and infrastructure, and improvements to the City's transportation network.

Proposed project funding per department/division is as follows:

- Electric - \$13,977,000
- Municipal - \$12,969,175
- Parks & Facilities - \$2,174,240
- Solid Waste - \$255,000
- Stormwater - \$1,700,000
- Transportation - \$8,094,000
- Wastewater - \$9,475,000
- Water - \$3,965,000

Detailed information can be found in the presentation saved with the agenda packet.

Council engaged in a question-and-answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

2. Automated License Plate Reader Data Access (15 minutes)

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Chief of Police Pilcher updated Council on recent Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) legislation, the current status of the Department's ALPR assets, and usage and access requirements. He explained that the Richland Police Department (RPD) controls the data collected, access to the system, retention requirements, and sharing. His presentation included next steps required before activation of the system.

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At the conclusion of the presentation, Council engaged in a question-and-answer session with Chief of Police Pilcher.

Adjournment

Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED:


Theresa Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynne Follett, Acting Deputy City Clerk

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