



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, May 24, 2016

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Lemley, Kent, Luzzo Gilmour, and Rose were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Energy Services Director Hammond, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Transportation and Development Manager Peters and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Fire Station No. 73 Funding Partnership Update (15 Minutes)
 - Tom Huntington, Fire and Emergency Services Director

Chief Huntington gave an update on the status, parameters, and possible timelines for the potential capital funding partnerships in North Richland to replace Fire Station No. 73 which is located at the intersection of McMurray St. and Jadwin Ave.

Council had several questions for Chief Huntington which were discussed.

2. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Future Partnerships (15 Minutes)
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond said he will provide a summary of discussions to-date and solicit City Council interest in continuing to move forward with these discussions. As with other such partnerships, no specific City action to meet EVITA objectives or to implement the Interlocal Agreement, if it is approved, will happen without City Council approval.

The State of Washington is putting forward various grant funding opportunities for private/public partnerships to build and operate electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure (primarily charging stations). Energy Services Department (RES) staff have been discussing possible partnership opportunities with Benton and Franklin PUDs and Energy Northwest staff that would position the City to take advantage of those future grants and private funds without adversely impacting existing customer rates.

These discussions have loosely formed up into a group called EVITA (electric vehicle infrastructure transportation alliance) and the draft EVITA objectives were provided in the agenda packet. The PUD and the City RES staff also recommend adoption of an Interlocal Agreement that provides a foundation for acting on future opportunities related to EV infrastructure that represent a positive business interest to the utilities. Staff will bring this Interlocal Agreement forward for official City Council consideration at the June 7 meeting.

Council had several questions for Mr. Hammond.

3. Pavement Management System - Street Condition Standard (45 Minutes)
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of the workshop discussion was to share an updated state of the pavement report to Council and to solicit Council guidance on its preferred pavement management standard. The selected pavement management standard will be used by staff and the Council's Capital Improvement Plan subcommittee to establish a funding plan for the Pavement Management Program.

The Council thoroughly discussed the topic from which Mr. Rogalsky will develop a 3-5 year strategy option for Council's review.

4. Landfill Groundwater Remediation Approach (30 Minutes)
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of the workshop discussion was to update Council on the status of the groundwater contamination at the City's Horn Rapids Landfill and to solicit Council input regarding the approach to compliance with state law. Staff believes that this is a good time to reevaluate the approach and compliance to the state law, Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

The City's Horn Rapids Landfill has been in operation since the mid-1970s under Washington State permitting authority. The landfill does not include a bottom liner to isolate waste from the environment. Requirements for liner systems were introduced in the 1990's. Monitoring of groundwater has been ongoing since 1987.

Organic chemical contaminants were detected in 1998 at levels above Washington State water quality standards. Detection of a release of contaminants introduces oversight under MTCA which defines requirements and alternative implementation paths for addressing sites with contaminant releases.

Since the initial detection of contamination, the City has executed an independent approach to MTCA compliance, completing technical evaluations, conducting a feasibility study of available effective remedies, and implementing a remedial action. In the independent approach the City has received technical support and guidance from the Washington State Department of Ecology, but Ecology has not exercised authority over the City's process.

Since the 2011, implementation of the remedial action monitoring has demonstrated that the system is effective at mitigating the source of contamination. The remedial system has not reversed contamination levels beyond the footprint of the landfill itself. Some contamination has migrated beyond the limits of the City's monitoring network. Under MTCA this contaminant migration requires a reassessment of the site.

Council thoroughly discussed the topic and Mr. Rogalsky will request a written clarification from the Department of Ecology on what the City is required to do for the MTCA compliance issues,

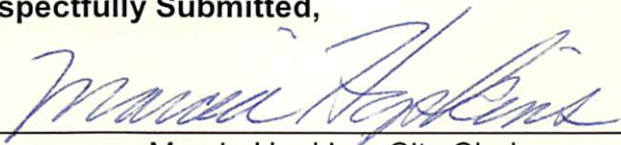
Other Business:

City Manager Reents said Council requested a joint meeting with the REACH and the end of June or first part of July is the anticipated time period to schedule the meeting. Ms. Reents asked Council if they prefer a separate meeting or to add this meeting to a regularly schedule Council meeting date. Council preferred to add the meeting to a regular Council meeting date.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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