



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Thompson called the pre-meeting executive session to order at 6:45 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

Mayor Thompson, Councilmembers, Anderson, Lemley, Luzzo Gilmour and Rose were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, City Attorney Kintzley, Community Development Director Jensen, and Administrative Services Director Koch.

Executive Session:

1. Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) – Potential Litigation (30 minutes)
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:45 P.M. TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION FOR 30 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO EXTEND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT MINUTES AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:23 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Assistant City Manager Amundson and Deputy City Clerk Barham joined the pre-meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Discussion of Council Meeting Agenda Items:

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Thompson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

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

Mayor Thompson, Councilmembers, Anderson, Lemley, 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, Community Development Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Police Services Director Skinner, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Thompson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMORE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations:

1. Fourth of July Fireworks Update (5 minutes)
 - Chris Skinner, Police Services Director
 - Tom Huntington, Fire and Emergency Services Director

Communications and Marketing Manager Logan introduced the public service announcement video for the upcoming Independence Day celebration with fireworks.

Chief Skinner explained that on the 4th of July the on-duty police officers plan to first educate, then confiscate and as a last resort write a citation to citizens for illegal fireworks.

Chief Huntington explained that the Fire and Emergency Services Department's emphasis is on educating citizens to be mindful of their surroundings before lighting off any fireworks.

2. CityView Video: Confluent Makerspace
- Hollie Logan, Communications & Marketing Manager

Ms. Logan introduced the CityView video featuring the Confluent Makerspace operation owned by Nick Napoli. This is a place where inventors, technologists, artists and hobbyists share resources and ultimately, build and create items under one roof.

3. Donation to Richland Public Library
- Ann Roseberry, Library Manager

Mayor Thompson introduced Richland Library Foundation founding member Dr. Ron Kathren and Richland Library Board Chair Jana Kay Lunstad. Dr. Kathren presented a ceremonial check representing a \$100,000 donation to the Library to be used for the creation of a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) makerspace within the library.

Public Hearing:

1. Proposed Increase in the 2016 General Fund Budget Appropriation - Ordinance No. 33-16
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Mr. Jensen stated that the public hearing was for a proposed amendment to the City of Richland 2016 General Fund budget to provide an additional appropriation for the Community Development Department to hire a consultant to assist in the preparation of the City's 2017 Comprehensive Plan update.

In accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act, Benton County and all of its cities, including Richland, are obligated to review and update their respective comprehensive plans by June of 2017. Under the 2016 General Fund budget, the City made no specific appropriations to fund this project. The assumption made was that City staff would be able to complete this project without requiring additional funding; however, it has become apparent that given the existing daily work load, staff does not have enough capacity to devote the time and attention that the plan update project requires. The proposed budget appropriation would provide the funding necessary for the City to hire a consultant to assist in the plan update process. The total estimated cost for the project is \$150,000. Half of this amount would be included in the 2017 budget, and the other half, \$75,000, requires an additional 2016 budget appropriation. The general fund has adequate resources to absorb this additional expense.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:44:15 p.m. as there were no public comments.

1. Proposed Increase in 2016 Budget Appropriation in Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan - Ordinance No. 35-16
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky stated that Washington State law requires that a public hearing be held prior to consideration of an ordinance to increase the appropriation of existing fund balance. Ordinance No. 35-16 is on the consent calendar and proposes to appropriate existing fund balance in the Stormwater Fund for \$145,000 and to make changes to the 2016 to 2030 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:45:15 p.m. as there were no public comments.

Public Comments:

Brenda Sartoris, 1730 Meadow Hills Dr., Richland, WA. Ms. Sartoris expressed concern about the sale and use of fireworks within Richland's City Limits.

Mayor Thompson explained the debate Council has every year whether to ban or not ban the sale and use of fireworks to individuals. He confirmed prohibited fireworks within the City Limits include fireworks that fly, quoting the tag line, "If it flies, it doesn't fly in Richland."

Ms. Sartoris expressed appreciation for the Police Services Department's efforts to control illegals use of fireworks, yet she is concerned of property loss due to the illegal use of fireworks.

Consent Calendar:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the consent items.

Minutes:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held June 7, 2016
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

2. Ordinance No. 31-16, Amending RMC Title 28, Telecommunications, Regarding Cable Video Services
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
3. Ordinance No. 33-16, Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget Appropriation for Professional Services to Update the Comprehensive Plan
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
4. Ordinance No. 34-16, Approving a 10-year Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
5. Ordinance No. 35-16, Amending the 2016 Budget for the Stormwater Fund
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Second Reading/Passage:

6. Ordinance No. 25-16, Amending RMC Chapter 11.30, Stopping, Standing, or Parking Restricted or Prohibited for Portions of Chelan Loop
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
7. Ordinance No. 29-16, Amending the 2016 Budget and Revising the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan Regarding the Richland Public Library Makerspace Project
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
8. Ordinance No. 30-16, Amending the 2016 Budget for the Industrial Development Fund
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
9. Ordinance No. 32-16, Amending RMC Title 9: Crime, Related to Assault-Domestic Violence
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Resolutions – Adoption:

10. Resolution No. 114-16, Authorizing Trail Lease Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for Vantage Highway Pathway Project
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
11. Resolution No. 122-16, Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Port of Benton for the Development of a Master Plan and Capital Facilities Plan for the 1,341-Acre Property North of Horn Rapids Road
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
12. Resolution No. 130-16, Adopting 2017 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
13. Resolution No. 132-16, Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Reata Road Area Utility Local Improvement District No. 197 Final Assessment
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
14. Resolution No. 135-16, Authorizing a First Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Columbia Basin College
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Expenditures - Approval:

15. Expenditures from May 23, 2016 - June 10, 2016 for \$8,059,242.26 including Check Nos. 234417-234992, Wire Nos. 6168-6186, Payroll Check Nos. 106316-106848, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9467-9487
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

**COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY
SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED.
THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager:

Ms. Reents congratulated Councilmember Lemley for his recent appointment to Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) at Hanford. EM SSAB, is also known as the Hanford Advisory Board. Mr. Lemley is representing the interest of the Benton Franklin Council of Governments as an alternate member. She also commented on the increased number of budget amendment items on recent Council agendas stating that it is an effort to give Council more control over the budget process and provide more transparency to the community.

2. Council:

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour provided a brief update regarding the recent Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities District meeting she attended. She stated the City of Kennewick placed a ballot issue to expand the Convention Center and if the ballot passes, the Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities District will be placed into a stasis mode for the next 20 years.

3. Mayor:

Mayor Thompson expressed appreciation to City Attorney Kintzley and staff for the perseverance to work through and complete an agreement with Charter Communications. Lastly, he expressed appreciation to those who provided the Library donation and for making a difference the lives of individuals.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

July 5, 2016