



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Richland Library Board Room – 955 Northgate Drive

Thursday, August 4, 2016

City Council and Richland School District - Special Joint Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mayor Thompson, City Manager Reents and Councilmembers Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Luzzo Gilmour were present.

Also present were Richland School District Superintendent Schulte, Board President Jansons, Vice President Cleary and members Comfort and Amidan.

Introductions:

Mayor Thompson requested self-introductions, including the members in the audience.

Discussion Items:

1. Enrollment Forecasting:

Mr. Jansons expounded on the Richland School District's (RSD) enrollment and supporting infrastructure forecasting which spurred further discussion about population and economic development within Richland and the greater Tri-Cities region among Council and RSD representatives.

2. School Construction and Facility Planning; City Projects:

Discussion ensued regarding four major projects the City of Richland (COR) is pursuing and how that may affect the RSD; the projects discussed included:

- Waterfront Area Project
- Swift Boulevard Improvements
- Queensgate Drive Improvements
- Duportail Bridge

Dr. Schulte stated that with the projected growth in south Richland, the RSD is in the initial stages of planning for a third high school to be located in south Richland or West Richland, as 70 acres within the Urban Growth Area (UGA) will be needed for the facilities.

3. Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT):

Mr. Jansons stated that the PILT is a high priority on the RSD list. Dr. Schulte explained that the school district received only 20 percent of its normal allocation from the Department of Energy (DOE) this year. Mayor Thompson offered possibility that the COR may provide a letter of support for RSD's efforts in requesting the lost funding from DOE

4. School/Community Partnerships:

Both RSD and COR expressed great appreciation for the long standing partnerships they have enjoyed through the Richland Police Services and the Parks and Public Facilities Departments, as well as, the excellent communications provided to and from each entity. Both organizations articulated many thanks to one another while providing many examples of how they work together to make the community and its members even a better place to live, work and play.

Adjournment:

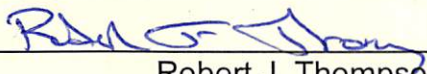
Mayor Thompson adjourned the special joint meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



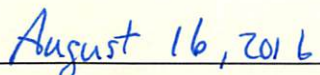
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Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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