



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, August 23, 2016

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Administrative Services Director Koch, Finance Director Allen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Transportation and Development Manager Peters and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Americans with Disabilities Act Transportation Transition Plan
Jeff Peters, Transportation and Development Manager

Mr. Peters said the purpose of the workshop is to provide City Council with a briefing on Public Works' preparation of an American's with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for public right-of-way accessibility. He updated Council on the progress towards completing an ADA Transition Plan, including the elements of the plan, the public input process, and the importance of the Plan in relation to other City transportation needs. An ADA Transition Plan, once complete and adopted by the City Council, demonstrates the City's commitment to meet the objectives of the ADA in a thoughtful way. He said the Public Works staff is preparing the Plan for public and Council consideration by the end of the year.

Council had several clarifying questions for Mr. Peters.

2. 2016 Financial Review
Cathleen Koch, Administrative Director

Ms. Koch reviewed the City's fiscal health for 2016 including new businesses, new construction projects, and comparisons of revenue and expenditure figures that were budgeted versus the actual results.

Council discussed several points with Ms. Koch.

3. Smoking and Use of Electronic Vapor Products in Portions of Parks
Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Mr. Schiessl said the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) has discussed smoking and use of electronic vapor products (EVP) in portions of City parks at two workshops and one regular meeting. The PRC is recommending that smoking and the use of EVPs be prohibited in certain high use park facilities and places where children congregate. The recommendation represents a partial ban and follows suit of numerous other local governments in Washington. The PRC recommends that smoking and EVPs be prohibited in the following locations.

- Docks and marinas
- HAPO Community Stage spectator area south of the east/west sidewalk
- Playgrounds (within 25')
- Sports facilities with bleacher seating
- Aquatic facilities
- Groomed beaches

The PRC did not discuss potential penalties for violating a prohibition and deferred the item for Council consideration. State law, including new law created in 2016 via SB 6328, permit the City to implement the PRC's proposal.

Council discussed their views on the topic and agreed with the direction the PRC is taking.

4. City Manager Mid-Year Update
Cindy Reents, City Manager

Ms. Reents said gave an update of the City Manager 2016 goals by giving a detailed report on the status of each goal.

Council did not have any questions for Ms. Reents.

Other Business:

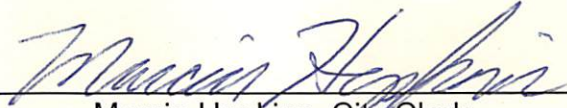
Council discussed the logistics and agenda items for the August 26, 2016, joint meeting with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Ms. Reents said the Washington State Transportation Commission requested Mayor Thompson to attend the Commission meeting in Kennewick on September 21, 2016, to discuss transportation issues in our region. Mayor Thompson said he would be able to attend the meeting.

Adjournment:

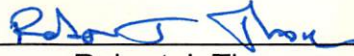
Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

9/6/16