



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Pre-Meeting:

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

Attendance:

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, City Attorney Kintzley and Public Works Director Rogalsky.

Agenda Items:

1. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (ii): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation With Legal Counsel (30 minutes)
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:45 P.M. TO DISCUSS PER RCW 42.30.110 (1) (II): CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR 30 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Assistant City Manager Amundson and City Clerk Hopkins joined the pre-meeting at 7:15 p.m.

1. Duportail Bridge Visual Treatments (10 minutes)
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky gave a brief discussion on options for visual treatments for the Duportail Bridge.

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, 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, Energy Services Engineering and Operations Manager Whitney and City Clerk Hopkins.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations:

1. New Hire/Retirements (5 minutes)
 - Jessica Rettig, Human Resources Generalist

Ms. Rettig said the retirees were Earlene Mokler, Library Technical Support Specialist, with 26 years of service and John Love, Treatment Plant Worker with 38 years of service. She introduced the new hires and gave their backgrounds: John Buster, Police Officer; Bill Sheehan, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Eric Senner, Risk & Safety Program Administrator; Patrick Wick, Emergency Communication Dispatcher; Deborah Phipps, Emergency Communication Dispatcher; Hope Houck, Emergency Communication Dispatcher; Ryan Brimacombe, Accountant; Diana Steagall, Support Specialist; Shelly Avery, Electrical Eng. I; and Taylor Dixon, Emergency Communication Dispatcher.

2. Richland School District's Bond and Projects Update (5 minutes)
 - Rick Jansons, Richland School Board Chairman

Rick Jansons, Richland School Board Chairman, gave an update on the 2013 bond projects, as well as an update on the new School District Bond and the ten facility improvements projects it will address. The bond will be on the February 14, 2017, election ballot.

3. Richland Quality of Life Campaign (5 minutes)
 - Zach Ratkai, Economic Development Manager

Mr. Ratkai said the City produced four videos to capture the quality of life in Richland to use as a marketing tool for economic development. The video to be shown is the first of four videos.

4. Community Development Services 4th Quarter Update (10 minutes)
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Mr. Jensen gave a year-end report including: land use and subdivisions; the Comprehensive Plan Update; building and planning; industrial development; economic development; and CDBG accomplishments.

Councilmembers had several questions for Mr. Jensen.

5. Richland Police Department 2016 Annual Report (15 minutes)
 - Chris Skinner, Police Services Director

Police Chief Skinner gave a 2016 annual report including: National Incident-Based Reporting System report; crime reduction; 2017 goal setting on shoplifting, vehicle prowling, and auto theft; code enforcement; and METRO events.

Councilmembers had several questions for Police Chief Skinner.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Hearing and Public Comment procedures.

1. Declaring Approximately 4,947 Square Feet of Real Property Located Adjacent to 650 George Washington Way as Surplus - Resolution No. 25-17
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Mr. Jensen said a public hearing is necessary for the surplus of City-owned real property. He described the subject property, which is located adjacent to 650 George Washington Way, and said the developer of the 650 George Washington Way property would like to purchase the surplus land for additional parking.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Mr. Zobro, 1321 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, WA, spoke on behalf of the Crown Group. He said the developer plans to preserve or replace all trees and vegetation as they develop the property for parking needs.

Ryan Block, 3003 Queensgate Drive, Richland, WA, asked what the surplus property would be used for.

Mayor Thompson said the 650 George Washington Way property would be developed for retail and condo units and the surplus property would be used for parking.

Martin Newberry, 118 Muriel Street, Richland, WA, asked if the City is planning any parking expansion at Howard Amon Park.

Mayor Thompson said the City is looking at possible solutions for the parking needs in that area.

Mayor Thompson closed the hearing at 8:24 p.m.

Public Comments:

Ann Fraser, 570 Holly Street, Richland, WA, said she took part of the recent National Women's March and asked what the City of Richland plan was to make all residents feel welcome and safe. She said some students in her classroom said they feel unsafe after the election. She said Kennewick has established a Diversity Council to address these issues and read a letter from the Tri-City Free Thinkers that was published in the Tri-City Herald supporting diversity in our community. She asked the City to issue a statement supporting diversity and inclusivity.

Aaron White, 1202 Thayer Drive, Richland, WA, said the March for Science, scheduled on April 22, 2017, was a worldwide movement to support science. He distributed invitations to Councilmembers for the event and invited Mayor Thompson to speak at the event as well.

Ofelia Breck, 2457 Pershing Avenue, Richland, WA, said she wants Richland to partner with Pasco to support a diverse community.

Mayor Thompson said those partnerships between the tri-cities does exist to address those issues.

Laura Newberry, 618 Muriel Street, Richland, WA, thanked Police Chief Skinner for his comments on the safety of all community members. She said as a Mexican American, she does not feel included or represented in the community and would like to see a statement issued by the City addressing diversity. She recommended that Richland honor the Martin Luther King Day holiday and other events celebrating diversity.

Consent Calendar:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent Calendar.

Minutes:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on January 3 and 24, 2017; Joint Meeting with the Council and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Board of Trustees Held on August 26, 2016
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

2. Ordinance No. 01-17, Amending RMC Chapter 23.66, the Nonconforming Use Provisions of the Zoning Code
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

3. Resolution No. 01-17, Authorizing a Purchase Order Contract with Pacific Pole Inspections for Utility Pole Inspection and Replacement
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
4. Resolution No. 02-17, Authorizing a Purchase Order Contract with Boyd's Tree Service, LLC for Tree Pruning and Vegetation Management
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
5. Resolution No. 03-17, Approving the Preliminary Plat of Jolianna Heights
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
6. Resolution No. 14-17, Authorizing Execution of a Right-of-Way Crossing Agreement with Columbia Irrigation District (CID) for Duportail Bridge Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
7. Resolution No. 17-17, Authorizing Purchase Agreement with Benton PUD for Hidden Hills Phase 1 and Badger Mountain Irrigation District Pumping Station Electrical Infrastructure
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
8. Resolution No. 18-17, Authorizing a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
9. Resolution No. 21-17, Authorizing Execution of Purchase and Sale Agreement with SP/LLU Riverpointe LLC for Duportail Bridge Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
10. Resolution No. 22-17, Authorizing the Award of Art Partnership Grants (Rivers of Ink & Savvio LLC)
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
11. Resolution No. 24-17, Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Electric Power Systems, Inc. for Leslie Rd Substation Design and Inspection Work
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
12. Resolution No. 25-17, Declaring Approximately 4,947 Square Feet of Real Property Located Adjacent to 650 George Washington Way as Surplus
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

13. Resolution No. 26-17, Awarding Bid to POW Contracting for Horn Rapids Irrigation Intake Rescreening Re- Bid Project
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
14. Resolution No. 27-17, Awarding Bid to C and E Trenching LLC for Vantage Highway Pathway Phase 1 Project
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
15. Resolution No. 28-17, Authorizing a Consulting Services Contract with PFM Financial Advisors LLC for Municipal Advisory Services Related to Bond Financing
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Expenditures - Approval:

15. Expenditures from January 9, 2017 - January 27, 2017 for \$12,320,182.85 including Check Nos. 241357- 241948, Wire Nos. 6339-6353, Payroll Check Nos. 114765-115283, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9752-9790
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents had no report.

2. Council:

Councilmember Kent said she attended the Chinese American New Year's Celebration at Chief Joseph Middle School and that it was an excellent event and well attended.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour said she attended the Friends of Badger event and described their future plans for expanding the trail system. She said she will be attending the Islamic Center of Tri-Cities' open house on February 11, 2017.

Councilmember Lemley applauded the Public Works Department on their dedicated response to the recent inclement weather hazards.

3. Mayor Thompson commented on the City's good public safety record and the acknowledgements from various entities siting Richland is a top choice for raising a family.

Adjournment:

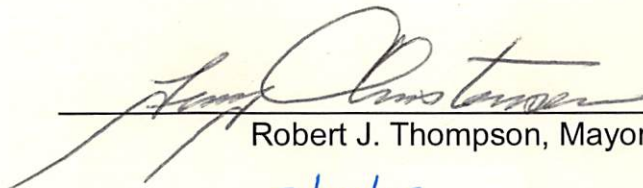
Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

2/21/17

DATE PUBLISHED:

2/22/17