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Joint Meeting of the Richland City Council and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Board of Trustees

Friday, August 26, 2016

City Hall Council Chamber | 505 Swift Boulevard

Joint Meeting of the Richland City Council and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Board of Trustees – 10:30 a.m.

Attendance:

City of Richland: Mayor Thompson; Mayor Pro Tem Christensen; Councilmembers Lemley and Kent.

Also present were: City Manager Reents; Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl; and Community Development Director Jensen.

CTUIR – Board of Trustees Members: Armand Minthorn, David Close, Secretary.

CTUIR – Staff Members: Debra Croswell, Deputy Executive Director; Teara Farrow-Ferman, Cultural Resources Manager; Bill Tovey, Department of Economic and Community Development.

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion of Items of Mutual Interest

a. Columbia Point South

Mr. Minthorn mentioned that in past experience, the CTUIR came to a decision with the City to not develop Columbia Point South, but said there was always room for negotiation within federal and state law. He stated that resources are invaluable in the Tri-Cities and are protected but there is some latitude. He said the CTUIR will discuss this topic further.

Mayor Thompson asked if both parties could work together on a mutually agreeable project, perhaps involving economic development dollars.

Mr. Minthorn said economic development can benefit everyone and more discussion about Columbia Point South would be agreeable. He said he would refer CTUIR staff to work with City on this topic.

b. Proposed Land Transfer of Columbia River Shoreline from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Minthorn said the CTUIR would not want to trade any protection or treaty rights. He spoke to the U.S. Forest Service about his concerns, however, he has not spoken to Congress at this point.

Mayor Thompson encouraged the CTUIR to make their concerns known as timing is important. He said he appreciated the CTUIR sharing their position on the topic with the City. He said Richland was intrigued by the land transfer, but has not made any decisions as there were many unknowns for both Richland and the CTUIR.

c. Hanford Land Conveyance

Mr. Minthorn said they have made proposals to the Department of Energy regarding 40 acres of commercial land and 70 acres of industrial land. He said if the partnership with the City is strengthened, then the CTUIR and City are more apt to agree and have a future of working together. Mr. Minthorn asked for resources to help with the proposal, as they have not received feedback from Department of Energy on their request. He said the land is located in the SE portion, adjacent to Horn Rapids Road and Route 4S.

Mayor Thompson said the City was willing to assist as it is able and said that Los Alamos and Oakridge have examples of this process that they may be able to use as templates. He said the Energy Communities Alliance may be able to facilitate a meeting.

Mr. Minthorn said the current Memorandum of Understanding was good and that he would like future discussions to include:

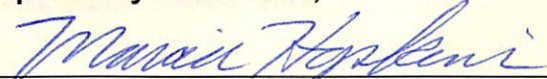
- Bateman Island, as the CTUIR wants to work together to protect the island
- A golf tournament with the City; Ms. Croswell would be the contact person to make arrangements
- A Trading Post in Richland, as the CTUIR is committed to work with City. He said by working at the staff/committee level, progress can be made

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

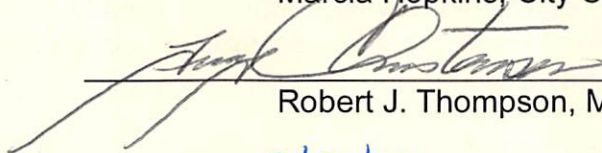
Following the meeting, attendees toured the new HAPO Community Stage located at John Dam Plaza which demonstrates a successful example of a project that was a private/public partnership with the City.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

2/21/17