



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Thompson called the pre-meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Community Development Director Jensen, Energy Services Director Hammond, Finance Director Allen, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Items:

1. Proposed State Legislation - Small Cellular (15 minutes)
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Energy Services Director Hammond briefed the Council on the current legislative efforts concerning 5G/Small Cell Deployment. Mr. Hammond indicated that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and the City's lobbyist, Mr. Dave Arbaugh, are actively working the issue. He gave a brief overview of the impact the bills would have on municipalities if they were approved, and indicated that more work is being done at the legislative level to find compromise between governmental agencies and telecommunications companies.

2. Jail Services Contract Negotiations (5 minutes)
 - Cindy Reents, City Manager

City Manager Reents explained that additional time was need to complete the negotiations with Benton County for a long-term agreement for jail services. She requested that Council add Resolution No. 58-17, authoring the first amendment to the short-term agreement for the use of jail facilities with Benton County for jail services through April 30, 2017, be placed on tonight's agenda as a business item.

3. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (10 minutes)
 - City Council Members

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

Mayor Thompson provided a brief summary of a recent meeting he and the other area mayors had with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) staff. PNNL staff hope that the cities, and in particular the City of Richland, become more welcoming to PNNL's international staff and their families, who work at the laboratory, so they may better integrate within Richland and the greater Tri-Cities community. He also stated one of the largest challenges in welcoming this group is that they are in the United States for only 18 months with a work visa.

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 Anderson, Kent, 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, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Police Services Director Skinner, Finance Director Allen, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

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 LUZZO GILMORE SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE A BUSINESS ITEM, ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES WITH BENTON COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations:

4. 2016 Annual Parks and Recreation Commission Report (10 minutes)
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Chair Gutierrez introduced PRC member Michael Alvarez who was sitting in the audience. She then provided a brief summary of the PRC accomplishments in 2016 and an overview of the 2017 work plan. A copy of the 2017 work plan was distributed to Council.

Various Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the work accomplished and the goals set for 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also asked about the Parks and Public Facilities User Fees. He encouraged the PRC to seek funding from a variety of sources including but not limited to the general fund, various grants, as well as Lodging Tax funding, in order to help further develop the multi-purpose sports centers within the City. Lastly, he asked for a status of the request submitted to the Economic Development Committee to obtain a \$40,000 grant for a consultant to development multi-purpose fields at three locations and asked if the grant application was formally reviewed by the PRC.

Ms. Gutierrez responded to Mayor Pro Tem Christensen's questions.

5. Proposed Annexation Located South of Keene Road and East of Brantingham Road (5 minutes)
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Development Services Manager Simon explained that Ed Shaw, the owner of a 17.2-acre tract located south of Keene Road and east of Brantingham Road has requested annexation into the City of Richland. State law (RCW 35.13.125) requires the City Council meet with the annexation proponents for the purpose of determining whether the City will accept, reject or geographically modify the annexation proposal. Should Council opt to accept this annexation proposal, Resolution No. 54-17, has been prepared and is part of Council's Consent Calendar. The proposed annexation is part of a larger unincorporated Benton County island. Staff contacted the seven property owners who are part of this island to gauge their interest in annexation. They all have declined to participate in the annexation.

Public Comments:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the public comments procedure.

Ann Fraser, 570 Holly St., Richland. Ms. Fraser briefly commented on the proposed \$20 car tab fee. She then appealed to Council regarding the City's Values statement and encouraged the City to embrace diversity and provide a safe place for all individuals.

Cigdem Capan, 7704 Gray St., Richland. Ms. Capan stated she has been a resident for the past seven years, is green card holder, holds a PhD, and teaches physics at WSU, a job of her dreams. As of November 2016, she has felt unsafe and anxious. She encouraged Council to make a welcoming statement from the City.

Mayor Thompson expressed appreciation for the comments, concerns and fears of the speakers. He stated that the law applies to everyone and expressed his observations that the local communities are doing the best they can without infringing on the rights of others.

Nancy Washton, 405 Sierra St., Richland. Ms. Washton, also commented on diversity and inclusiveness. She encouraged the City to prepare a welcoming statement for all.

Jim Hanson, 2111 Howell Ave., Richland. Mr. Hanson distributed paper copies of his PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding the "Richland Transportation Benefit District – Is There a Need." He then started his presentation regarding the proposed Transportation Benefit District expressing concern about how the funding will be spent over the 20-year period.

Brandon Hoefft, 484 Satus St., Richland. Mr. Hoefft expressed concern about the increased congestion within the Queensgate and Duportail area and he asked if there is a master plan for that entire area.

Mayor Thompson referred Mr. Hoefft to Public Works Director Rogalsky regarding the master plan for the Queensgate and Duportail area.

Consent Calendar:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent Calendar.

Minutes:

6. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held March 7, 2017
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

7. Ordinance No. 05-17, Amending RMC Title 17, Sewers
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
8. Ordinance No. 07-17, Approving the North Stone Richland, LLC Zone Change
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

9. Ordinance No. 02-17, Approving Formation of a Transportation Benefit District
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
10. Ordinance No. 04-17, Approving a Change in Zoning on 1.5 Acres Located at 1752 Buckskin Lane (Musser) (Closed Record)
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

11. Ordinance No. 06-17, Amending RMC Chapter 2.23, Related to Salaries to Establish City-Paid Premium Percentages for Councilmember Health Benefits
 - Cindy Reents, City Manager

Resolutions – Adoption:

12. Resolution No. 39-17, Awarding Bid to Big D's Construction of Tri-Cities, Inc. for Schaeffer Street Construction Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
13. Resolution No. 43-17, Appointing Membership to the Richland Arts Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
14. Resolution No. 44-17, Appointing Membership to the Richland Board of Adjustment
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
15. Resolution No. 45-17, Appointing Membership to the Richland Code Enforcement Board
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
16. Resolution No. 46-17, Appointing Membership to the Richland Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
17. Resolution No. 49-17, Expressing Appreciation to Justin Raffa for Service on the City of Richland Arts Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
18. Resolution No. 50-17, Awarding Distribution of Commercial Improvement Funds (CIP)
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
19. Resolution No. 52-17, Authorizing an Agreement with Huminsky's Heating and Cooling for Weatherwise Program Participation
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
20. Resolution No. 53-17, Award of Bid and Execution of a Construction Contract to Sierra Electric, Inc. for \$533,839.75 for the Construction of a Fiber Optic Extension in the Horn Rapids Business and Industrial Parks
 - Jon Amundson, Assistant City Manager

21. Resolution No. 54-17, Accepting a Request for Annexation of 17.2 Acres Located South of Keene Road and East of Brantingham Road
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
22. Resolution No. 55-17, Authorizing a Consulting Agreement with RGW Enterprises, P.C. for Engineering Services
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
23. Resolution No. 56-17, Authorizing Execution of a Crossing Agreement with Port of Benton for the Duportail Bridge Project
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
24. Resolution No. 57-17, Authorizing an Application to the Community Revitalization Board for a Planning Grant
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Expenditures - Approval:

25. Expenditures from February 27, 2017 - March 10, 2017 for \$4,336,964.08 including Check Nos. 242823-243242, Wire Nos. 6380-6393, Payroll Check Nos. 116805-117307, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9829-9849
- 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 7-0

Items of Business:

1. Resolution No. 58-17, for Amendment No. 1 to the Short-Term Agreement for Jail Services with Benton County

City Manager Reents thanked Council for amending the agenda to include Resolution No. 58-17 for consideration. She explained that additional time is needed to continue negotiations with Benton County for a long-term agreement for jail services.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 58-17, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES WITH BENTON COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Council, Ms. Reents and Police Services Director Skinner briefly discussed the bed days Richland's inmates utilize in the Benton County's jail.

Lastly, Ms. Reents stated the Cities of Kennewick, Prosser, and West Richland are also involved in the jail services negotiations along with the City of Richland.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents had no comments.
2. Councilmember Kent commented on a recent ribbon cutting event she attended for UpAngle Drone Services.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour also commented on a recent ribbon cutting event she attended for Colonial Lawn and Garden. She also commented about participating in "Coffee with a Cop." She attended the Comprehensive Plan Open House on Monday evening, March 20. Lastly, she encouraged the public to attend the workshops where the plan for the newly passed Transportation Benefit District will be discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also commented about the Comprehensive Plan Open House.

3. Mayor Thompson commented about the diversity of the City Council and that the key to the discussion of any issue is to have open and honest dialogue and not label individuals or groups.

Adjournment:

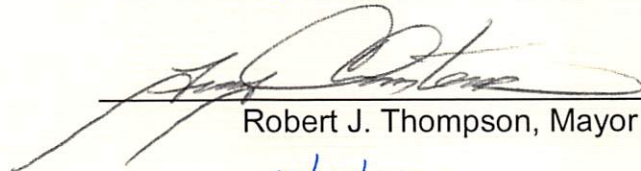
Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra C. Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

4/4/17

DATE PUBLISHED:

4/7/17