



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Also present were Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Finance Director Allen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Regional Wayfinding and Signage Program (40 minutes)
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Mr. Schiessl introduced Kim Shugart from the Rivershore Enhancement Council and Glen Swantac with MERJE, a signage consultant, who are working on a Regional Wayfinding Signage Program for the Tri-Cities. Ms. Shugart said the Cities of Richland, West Richland, Kennewick and Pasco; Benton and Franklin Counties; the Ports of Kennewick and Benton; and Visit-Tri Cities are invested in the program. Ms. Shugart reviewed the background and gave updates on the Regional Wayfinding Program.

Mr. Swantac said the plan is intended to provide directions to various points of interest throughout the area in a coordinated visual presentation. He reviewed the development of the signage plan for the Tri-Cities and gave a presentation showing the location, design, and function type of the proposed signage for the Tri-Cities. He explained the next steps of the program.

Council had a question and answer period.

2. TRIDEC Update on the Status of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land Conveyance Initiative (15 minutes)
- Brad Fisher, Gary Peterson

Mr. Schiessl introduced David Reeploeg, Brad Fisher and Gary Peterson who are working with TRIDEC on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land Conveyance Initiative. Mr. Fisher said Doc Hastings and Carl Adrian, who were not able to attend the meeting, have also been at the forefront of this initiative. Mr. Peterson presented a video that

explained the riverfront land conveyance plan, discussed the response by the U.S. Corps of Engineers to Congress on this topic and explained the next steps of the initiative.

Council had a question and answer period.

3. Transportation Grant Opportunities (30 minutes)
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the five priority projects identified and approved in the Capital Improvement Plan are eligible for grant funding from the Rural County Capital Fund and the STP Funds. He presented a staff recommendation on how to best utilize the funding opportunities for the high priority projects and asked for Council their direction.

Council had a question and answer period including whether to use the funds for the Duportail Bridge project and defer the other projects.

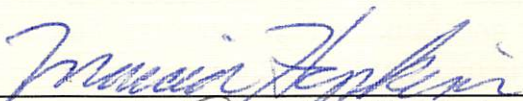
Other Business:

Mr. Amundson said the American Empress Cruise ship will dock in Richland on April 7, at 4:30 p.m. The company asked if a Councilmember could be present to welcome the ship as April 7 will be its first arrival in Richland for the tourist season. Councilmembers Kent and Luzzo Gilmour said they will attend the ceremony.

Adjournment:

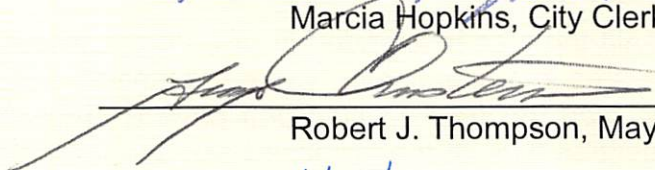
Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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