



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen 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 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 (20 minutes)
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR SECONDED A MOTION TO DISCUSS PER RCW 42.30.110 (1) (ii): CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. FOR 20 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mr. Amundson and Ms. Hopkins joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

2. Discussion of Council Meeting Agenda Items
Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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 and City Clerk Hopkins.

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR THOMPSON AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations:

1. New Hire/Retirements (5 minutes)
- Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

Ms. Jubb said Traffic Engineer Mark Noga retired with 35 years of service to the City. New hires included:

David Montelongo, Journeyman Lineman; Aurora Oberg, Library Assistant I; Brianna Harty, Executive Assistant; Matthew Blackmarr, BCEM Emergency Planner; Nikki Perez, Assistant Buyer; and Shannon Baker, Emergency Communication Dispatcher.

Public Hearing:

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

1. Amending the 2017 Budget for the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Plan to Provide Additional Appropriations for the Swift Corridor, City Hall Project - Ordinance No. 12-17
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Mr. Schiessl said state law requires that a public hearing be held prior to consideration of an ordinance to increase the appropriation of an existing fund balance. Ordinance No. 12-17 will appropriate unbudgeted Industrial Development, General Fund Reserve, and Broadband Utility (as a transfer from General Fund Reserve) as revenue to the Swift Corridor: City Hall project. Mr. Schiessl gave a review of the projects and the next steps for the projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:45:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

2. Proposed Amendments to the 2017 Budget to Include the 2016 Budget Carryovers
 - Ordinance No. 13-17
 - Brandon Allen, Finance Director

Mr. Allen said a public hearing is necessary for Ordinance No. 13-17, amending the 2017 budget to include the 2016 budget carryovers and gave details regarding the budget carryovers.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:47:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

Public Comments:

City Clerk Hopkins read the public comments procedure.

Amy Boaro, 5410 W. 20th Ave, Richland, WA, said the Tri-City Herald published an article about incidents of racial threats made in Richland and she cited other incidents in the national news of racial incidents. She believes these threats are potentially violent and believes it is time for the Richland Council to act on this issue.

Robert Field, 1804 Symons Street, Richland, WA, said between Symons and Thayer streets, there are no speed limits signs or stop signs to slow down traffic and asked if the City could correct that problem.

Mik Anand, 1820 Hunt Point, Richland, WA, said he chose to take a job as an engineer in Richland and enjoys living here. After the incidences of racial threats in the community, he and his East Indian coworkers have concerns for their safety. He supports the resolution of inclusiveness that states all persons will be valued and have safety and security in the community.

Jessica Monterey, 785 Canyon Street, Richland, WA, said she supports the inclusiveness resolution and believes it is naïve to think that hate issues are not present in Richland.

Sarah Kennedy, 1003 N. Union, Kennewick, WA, supports the resolution of inclusiveness and noted the history of a 1950s "sunset" clause in the Tri-Cities. She said this is an opportunity to state the inclusiveness of all people living in our community.

Bill Peters, 1031 Wright Street, Richland, WA, said he supports the inclusiveness resolution. He said as a disabled member of the community, it is important to know Richland is an open community.

Patricia Escanella, 3560 Hainstead, Richland, WA, said she supports the inclusiveness resolution. She said her children were in the Richland School District and experienced discrimination from students and administration and now attend school in Pasco to feel more included.

Rick Jones, 1834 Marshall, Richland, WA, said that everything in the inclusiveness resolution is already protected and believes it would be a dangerous for the City to enact this type of document.

Ann Fraser, 570 Holly Street, Richland, WA, said she has read the resolution of inclusiveness and said it does not have any conflicts with local or federal law nor does it have anything about immigration or immigrant status. She supports the inclusiveness resolution and said it adds to the current vision statement of Richland.

Susannah Burrows, 2895 Pauling Avenue, Richland, WA, said she supports the inclusiveness resolution. She said her friends and coworkers are telling her they no longer feel safe in the community and that the Council needs to state their community support. She asked why the Council would not support the resolution stating value for all people, regardless of color.

Speaker did not state her name. She said that in reference to the previous speaker comments regarding the "sunset" sign on the blue bridge, she lived in the Tri-Cities during the time it was posted.

Travis Williams, 4746 Road I.8, Moses Lake, WA, said he is a disabled veteran and that he is thinking of moving here. He wants to be assured that Richland is an inclusive city.

Laura Newberry, 618, Muriel Street, Richland, WA, said she is one of the authors of the inclusiveness resolution and that she has been coming to the Council meetings asking for the Council to take action on the resolution. She said as a person of color, she has had to adjust her lifestyle to avoid being accosted and wants the City to state its values as an inclusive community.

Consent Calendar:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent Calendar.

Minutes:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings Held March 21 and 28, 2017
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

2. Ordinance No. 10-17, Acceptance of Citizen Donation and Amendment to the 2017 Budget to Provide Additional Appropriations in the City's General Fund
- Tom Huntington, Fire and Emergency Services Director
3. Ordinance No. 11-17, Amending RMC Title 23: Zoning, Official Zoning Map of the City
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
4. Ordinance No. 12-17, Amending the 2017 Budget for the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Plan to Provide Additional Appropriations for the Swift Corridor, City Hall Project

- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
- 5. Ordinance No. 13-17, Increasing 2017 Budget Appropriations to Include the 2016 Budget Carryovers
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

- 6. Ordinance No. 05-17, Amending RMC Title 17: Sewers
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- 7. Ordinance No. 52-16, Authorizing Eminent Domain for Duportail Bridge
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

- 8. Resolution No. 34-17, Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with The Crown Group, Inc. for 4,950 Square Feet of Property
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
- 9. Resolution No. 47-17, Membership Appointment to the Richland Planning Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
- 10. Resolution No. 59-17 Expressing Appreciation to Kit McBurney for Service on the Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
- 11. Resolution No. 60-17, Expressing Appreciation to Viknesh Kasthuri for Service on the Richland Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
- 12. Resolution No. 61-17, Expressing Appreciation to Naveena Bontha for Service on the Richland Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
- 13. Resolution No. 62-17, Awarding Bid to Blackline, Inc. for the 2017 Slurry Seal Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- 14. Resolution No. 63-17, Approval of Sale of Surplus Equipment
 - Tom Huntington, Fire and Emergency Services Director
- 15. Resolution No. 64-17, Authorizing the Circulation of a Petition Proposing Annexation Along the East End of Jericho Road
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
- 16. Resolution No. 69-17, Authoring an Application for the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant
 - Chris Skinner, Police Services Director

17. Resolution No. 66-17, Authorizing Submittal of Transportation Grant Applications
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Items for Approval:

18. Authorize Travel for Councilmember Lemley
- Cindy Reents, City Manager

Expenditures - Approval:

19. Expenditures from March 13, 2017 - March 24, 2017 for \$4,171,757.44 including Check Nos. 243243-243606, Wire Nos. 6394-6406, Payroll Check Nos. 117308-117820, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9850-9863
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents said Heritage Trail in Howard Amon Park will be closed April 10 and 11, 2017 to add sand to the shoreline.
2. Council:

Councilmember Kent expressed her personal appreciation to Mr. McBurney, Ms. Bontha and Mr. Kasthuri for their service on the Richland Parks and Recreation Commission. She thanked the public for their comments on the inclusiveness resolution.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour said she appreciated the public comments regarding the inclusiveness resolution and encouraged the community to keep talking about that topic. She also made comments about the due diligence the City has made on the funding options for the Duportail Bridge.

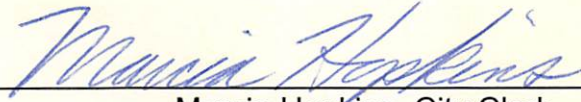
Councilmember Lemley said he attended the annual employee breakfast on March 30 and noted it was a great event. He also attended a ribbon cutting for Kadlec Medical Center's new orthopedic wing. Lastly, he said the Parks Department's Mr. Bunny event will be held at the HAPO Community Stage on April 8, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen said in response to a public comment that Richland did not have a "sunset" policy in the 1950's, however the blue bridge did have that type of sign posted on it at that time.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

4/18/17

DATE PUBLISHED:

4/20/17