



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Development Services Manager Simon and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Complete Streets (10 minutes)
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the goal of the workshop session was to provide Council with a first touch for an anticipated ordinance being prepared by staff. Complete Streets is a transportation planning concept with an increasing following. Richland's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and 2005 Transportation Plan include the features sought through a Complete Streets program. These features generally make streets accessible and usable for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is the most prominent granting agency providing street improvement funds to cities across Washington. The TIB promotes Complete Streets programs and recently has begun awarding funds to incentivize Complete Streets programs among recipient cities. The TIB requires adoption of a Complete Streets ordinance into a local code. Since Richland's adopted plans and street improvement standards include Complete Streets features already, staff sees no risk in adopting a Complete Streets ordinance and seeking TIB grant funds to advance our street system goals. Staff will share a sample ordinance and discuss possible uses of the grant funds with Council.

Councilmembers had a brief question and answer period with Mr. Rogalsky.

2. Duportail Bridge Architectural Features (10 minutes)
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of the workshop was to present the visual design elements developed by the Arts Commission for the Duportail Bridge. The Duportail

Bridge engineering design is approaching ninety percent complete. For the past several months, Public Works Engineering staff, its engineering consultant, and the Arts Commission have been working together to enhance the engineering form of various project elements. Following the Council review of these concepts, staff and the Arts Commission intend on sharing their work in a public open house.

Jeff Kissel, Arts Commission Chair, presented the design concepts and discussed how they were developed.

Councilmembers had a question and answer period with Mr. Rogalsky.

3. Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion (30 minutes)
- Rick Simon, Development Services Manager

Mr. Simon introduced the consultants from Oneza and Associates who presented information related to the draft of the comprehensive plan update. They reviewed the City's Comprehensive Plan including: various goals and policies; requirements from the state's Growth Management Act; several maps and illustrations relative to current and future land use; supporting analysis containing numerous maps, charts, and illustrations that help support the findings contained in the comprehensive plan. They also reviewed the written comments received to date from the public via workshops and online comments. Lastly, they discussed the next steps in the project.

Councilmembers had a question and answer with the Oneza staff and Mr. Simon.

Other Business:

Ms. Reents said she sent Councilmembers an email regarding the National Public Radio (NPR) article that aired earlier in the day. KONA Radio contacted the City and asked if we wanted to give a rebuttal. Mayor Thompson accepted the offer and recorded a statement, which she emailed as well.

Adjournment:

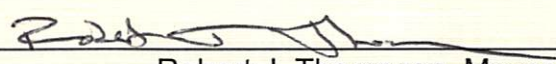
Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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