



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, October 17, 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 Rose, Lemley, Anderson, Kent and Luzzo Gilmour were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, and City Attorney Kintzley.

Agenda Items:

1. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (ii) Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel for 15 minutes
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS PER RCW 42.30.110 (1) (II): CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL 15 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Administrative Services Director Koch, Finance Director Allen and City Clerk Hopkins joined the meeting at 7:15 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 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 Rose, Lemley, Anderson, 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 Captain Taylor, Energy Services Director Hammond and City Clerk Hopkins.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Thompson invited Boy Scout Troop No. 249 to lead the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations:

1. Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce Update on Cool Desert Nights
- Lori Mattson, President and CEO

Ms. Mattson gave a presentation on the process the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce used to reach the decision to discontinue sponsorship of the Cool Desert Nights annual event.

Council had a question and answer period with Ms. Mattson on the topic.

2. Special Olympics Update by The Arc of Tri-Cities
- Benton County Commissioner Jerome Delvin

Mr. Delvin spoke about the Special Olympics events in the Tri-Cities and why the program needs support. They are asking the cities and counties to help fund an event coordinator position.

Paul Whitemarsh gave the background on the Special Olympics in the Tri-Cities area.

Terry Larson said he was a 49-year participant in Tri-Cities Special Olympics and said the younger special needs population want to have a chance to participate in the Special Olympics.

Councilmember Kent said The Arch of Tri-Cities is supported by United Way.

3. Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission 2018 Budget and Marketing Plan
- Kris Watkins, President and CEO

Ms. Watkins and Ms. Shurgart gave a presentation regarding the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission 2018 Budget and Marketing Plan which included the programs, marketing plan, tourism, return on investment, funding, and proposed budget.

Councilmembers had a question and answer period with Mr. Watson and Ms. Shurgart.

4. 2016 Contributions to the Arts Awards (5 Minutes)
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Richland Arts Commission (RAC) Chair Jeff Kissel gave details on the Contributions to the Arts Awards program sponsored by the RAC. He announced the 2016 winner of the individual award was Nancy Doran and the organization award winner was the Fox Vance Family Foundation. He described the contributions to the arts by Ms. Doran and the Fox Vance Family Foundation.

Public Hearing:

Ms. Kintzley discussed the public comment procedures and protocols. She explained the consequences if the public does not adhere to the expected protocols.

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

1. Proposed Revenue Sources Including Property Tax - Ordinance Nos. 45-17 and 46-17
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Mr. Allen said the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed 2018 revenue sources supporting the General Fund activities. He said state statutes require that the public hearing be held prior to consideration of an Ad Valorem Tax ordinance. Mr. Allen gave details on the estimated revenues and the expenses for 2018.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. and closed the hearing at 8:25:15 p.m. as there were no public comments.

2. Proposed Increase in 2017 Budget Appropriation in General Fund, City Streets Fund, Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Industrial Development Fund - Ordinance No. 47-17
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said Washington State law requires that a public hearing be held prior to consideration of an ordinance to increase the appropriation of existing fund balance. Ordinance No. 47-17 proposes to appropriate existing fund balances in the General, Wastewater and Solid Waste restricted reserve funds and to make changes to the 2017 City Streets Fund, Wastewater Fund and Solid Waste Fund.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 8:27 p.m. and closed the hearing at 8:27:15 p.m. as there were no public comments.

Public Comments:

City Clerk Hopkins read the public comments procedure.

Public Comments

Aaron White, 1202 Thayer Drive, Richland, WA, said he does not support the Columbia Point South proposed Urban Recreation zoning. He submitted a petition to support that position to the City Clerk.

Chuck Eaton, 2309 Davison Avenue, Richland, WA, said he does not support the Columbia Point South proposed Urban Recreation zoning.

David Harvey, 1931 Harris, Richland, WA, spoke on behalf of the Tapteal Greenway and does not support the Columbia Point South proposed Urban Recreation zoning.

Randy Slovic, 74 Newcomer, Richland, WA, said she does not support the Columbia Point South proposed rezoning.

Nancy Doran, 1516 Johnston, Richland, WA, said she does not support the Columbia Point South proposed rezoning.

Dave Sisk, 1410 Roberdeau, Richland, WA, said he does not support Columbia Point South does not support rezoning the Columbia Point South area.

Cheryl Smith, 1926 Hetrick, Richland, WA, Columbia Chapter of the Native Plant Society said she does not support the Columbia Point South rezoning.

Ginger Wireman, 2435 Michael Avenue, Richland, WA, believed there are errors in the Comprehensive Plan and believed the errors need to be corrected before its adoption.

Ann Fraser, 570 Holly Street, Richland, WA, said she does not support Columbia Point South rezoning. She inquired when the inclusiveness statement would be on the Council agenda.

Jeff Kissel, 2395 Coffertree Court, Richland, WA, remarked on the activities at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory this year and invited Councilmembers to tour the facilities.

Debbie Burkowitz, 544 Franklin, Richland, WA, said she does not support Columbia Point South rezoning.

Shir Regev, 114, Patton Street, Richland, WA, said she does not support the rezoning of Columbia Point South.

Consent Calendar:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent Calendar.

Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on October 3, 2017
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading

2. Ordinance No. 24-17, Establishing and Dedicating Village Parkway Right-of-Way
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
3. Ordinance No. 33-17, Amending RMC Title 12 to Include a Complete Streets Policy
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- PULLED:** 4. Ordinance No. 44-17, Rezoning 89 Acres of Developed Open Space to Urban Recreation and Natural Open Space
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
5. Ordinance No. 45-17, Approving 2018 Ad Valorem Tax and Property Tax Levies
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
6. Ordinance No. 46-17, Approving the 2018 Ad Valorem Tax to Preserve Un-Levied Capacity
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
7. Ordinance No. 47-17, Increasing the 2017 Budget Appropriation in the General Fund, City Streets Fund, Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Industrial Development Fund and Streets Capital Fund
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

- PULLED:** 8. Ordinance No. 37-17, Creating a New Urban Recreation Zoning District
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
9. Ordinance No. 40-17, Amending the Critical Areas Ordinance
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Resolutions – Adoption

10. Resolution No. 163-17, Expressing Appreciation to Autumn Clark for Service on the Parks and Recreation Commission
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
11. Resolution No. 164-17, Expressing Appreciation to Sonali Matta for Service on the Arts Commission
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
12. Resolution No. 186-17, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Benton PUD for Construction of Fiber Optic Telecommunications Cable and Infrastructure
- Jon Amundson, Assistant City Manager
13. Resolution No. 188-17, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Rieve Properties for Purchase of a One-Acre Lot in the Horn Rapids Business Center
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

14. Resolution No. 189-17, Authorizing Awards for Contributions to the Arts within Richland
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
15. Resolution No. 190-17, Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application for Stormwater Funds
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
16. Resolution No. 191-17, Authorizing the Submittal of a Funding Application to the Washington State Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water for the Lorayne J Water System Consolidation Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
17. Resolution No. 193-17, Expressing Appreciation to Michael Heimbigner for Service on the Personnel Committee
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
18. Resolution No. 194-17, Approving the 2018 Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission Budget and Marketing Plan
 - Cindy Reents, City Manager
19. Resolution No. 195-17, Naming a New Private Street Roslyn Court
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
20. Resolution No. 196-17, Authorizing a Funding Agreement with Benton County for the Queensgate-Columbia Park Trail Improvements Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
21. Resolution No. 197-17, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Randall E. Crosby for the Queensgate-Columbia Park Trail Improvements Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
22. Resolution No. 198-17, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with David S. and Kristi L. Harman for the Queensgate-Columbia Park Trail Improvements Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
23. Resolution No. 199-17, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Alan W. Joseph, Jr. and Tracy Veronte for the Queensgate-Columbia Park Trail Improvements Project
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- PULLED:** 24. Resolution No. 200-17, Affirming Completion of the Periodic Review And Update of Richland's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Items for Approval

25. Authorize Travel for Mayor Thompson and Mayor Pro Tem Christensen
- Cindy Reents, City Manager
26. Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission: Aaron White
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
27. Youth Appointment to the Richland Arts Commission: Rachel Bauman
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Expenditures - Approval

28. Expenditures from September 25, 2017 - October 6, 2017 for \$8,084,917.22
including Check Nos. 250383-250837, Wire Nos. 6579-6594, Payroll Check
Nos. 125207-125751, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10111-10132
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR LESS ORDINANCE NO. 44-17, ORDINANCE NO. 37-17 AND RESOLUTION NO. 200-17. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Items of Business:

1. Ordinance No. 44-17, Rezoning 89 Acres of Developed Open Space to Urban Recreation and Natural Open Space – First Reading

Mr. Jensen addressed the differences between the staff recommendations and the Planning Commission recommendations and the significance of the recommendations.

Councilmembers had a question and answer period with Mr. Jensen on the topic.

COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO HAVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 44-17.

Councilmembers Kent and Luzzo Gilmour said they do not support the rezoning of Columbia Point South.

Mayor Thompson said the rezoning of the Columbia Point South area is just a planning tool for the future.

Ms. Kintzley said Council already approved the Comprehensive Plan and the action tonight is to finalize the rezoning piece between the staff recommendations or Planning Commission recommendations. She said if Council rejects it, it will go back to staff to be reworked.

THE MOTION FAILED 0-7.

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUZZO GILMOUR SECONDED TO TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 44-17, ORDINANCE NO. 37-17 AND

RESOLUTION NO. 200-17 TO THE NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOP. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents had no comments.

2. Council

Councilmember Anderson thanked the parents and volunteers that support the Special Olympics.

Councilmember Kent said she attended the annual joint Tri-Cities Parks Department dinner which was hosted by the City of West Richland this year. She also attended the Association of Washington Cities regional meeting.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour thanked Boy Scout Troop No. 249 for participating in the meeting tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen said to keep the conversation open regarding uses for the Columbia Point South area.

3. Mayor Thompson also supports an ongoing dialog regarding different ideas on the Columbia Point South zoning.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

November 7, 2017