



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

City Council Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Also present were Energy Services Director Hammond, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Development Services Manager Simon, Economic Development Manager Ratkai, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Items:

1. 505 Swift Boulevard and Columbia Point Tracts D & E Marketing (20 Minutes)
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Economic Development Manager Ratkai provided an overview and information relative to the plans on the marketing of two central Richland sites: Tracts D and E within the Columbia Point area; and 505 Swift Boulevard (current City Hall site). Both sites have recently received a marked increase in interest from both local and national developers.

Council and staff briefly discussed the two sites.

Mr. Ratkai also advised Council on the status related to the Northwest Seaport Alliance's proposed Inland Port project.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Ratkai on the topic.

2. Final Plat Process Discussion (10 Minutes)
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Development Services Manager Simon explained that historically, both preliminary plat and final plat applications are reviewed and approved by City Council. A recent change in state law now provides cities with the option of having final plats approved administratively, without having to come before Council.

The administrative review provision would provide for some minor streamlining of the process and potentially could save an applicant time in the review process.

If the City opts to utilize this provision of state law, a draft ordinance would be brought to the Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and then to Council for final review and adoption. Staff is looking for direction as to whether this code change should be pursued.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Simon on the topic.

Mayor Thompson ended the discussion by stating his opinion that the City Council should bear responsibility for plat decisions and the full Council needs to be present to make this decision. He recommended that this question be discussed after the new Council is seated next year.

Other Business:

Mayor Thompson discussed a meeting, scheduled for October 25, 2017, with Department of Energy contractors to discuss the contractors' community responsibilities related to economic development, education, transportation, etc. He asked Council to provide him with their comments prior to the afternoon meeting.

Adjournment:

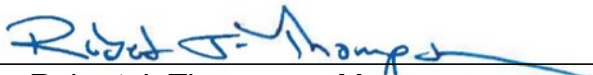
Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

November 7, 2017