



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, November 2, 2017

City Council Special Workshop – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Also present were City Manager Reents and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcoming Statement
- Cindy Reents, City Manager

Ms. Reents explained the special workshop is for Council deliberation only.

Councilmember Lemley said he believes that with the diversity in the population will continue to increase with the growth of Richland, a welcoming statement would be appropriate. He was in favor of the second statement.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour said she believes that Richland has discrimination issues and she supported the third statement.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen said he believes the City's Human Rights Ordinance and the Values, Vision and Mission statements are sufficient to be a welcoming statement. He does not believe the City has discrimination problems. He favored the first statement.

Councilmember Kent said she believes in actions verses words on paper to show that Richland is an inclusive City. She favored the third statement as it is more passionate, but recommended removing the specific business statements in paragraph five.

Councilmember Anderson said he has looked at the City's data and believes that Richland does not have discrimination issues, but acknowledges that negative things do happen in the community. He favored the first statement.

Mayor Thompson believes there is no discrimination issues in Richland and that nobody would be afraid to locate in Richland. He said although he believes the City does not need a welcoming statement, he said he favored the first statement.

Ms. Reents said she would bring Council's comments back to staff and directed them to blend statements one and three and take out the language regarding specific businesses. She said the statement will be placed on the December 3, 2017, Council agenda for Council action.

Other Business:

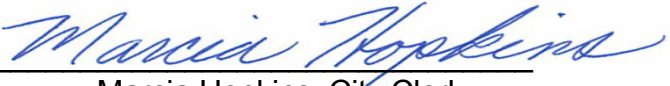
Mayor Thompson said he is attending a meeting with the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Attorney General's Office in Olympia on November 3, 2017, to discuss Hanford waste issues.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour invited Council to join her at the ribbon cutting for Wild Birds Unlimited scheduled on November 3, 2017.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

February 6, 2018