



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Richland Public Facilities District Board Member Interviews – 5:15 p.m.

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the Council workshop to order at 6:17 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Attendance: Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Kent, Lukson, Lemley and Alvarez were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire and Emergency Services Battalion Chief Wroolie, Community Development Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Engineering and Operations Manager Whitney and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items

1. TRIDEC Initiative to Transfer Corps of Engineers Columbia River Shoreline Property to Local Government (20 minutes)

Mr. Schiessl discussed TRIDEC's initiative to introduce federal legislation to transfer certain federally owned Corps of Engineer properties to local governments in the Tri-Cities. He reviewed the pros and cons of acquiring Columbia River shoreline property in detail.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Schiessl.

2. W.E. Johnson Park (15 minutes)

Mr. Schiessl discussed private land use proposals to property adjacent to W.E. Johnson Park. He discussed the details of the RV Park proposal and some public access issues.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Schiessl.

3. Badger Mountain Trail System (15 minutes)

Mr. Schiessl discussed the Badger Mountain trail system near a new plat on Little Badger Mountain and a related, existing CIP project to connect two existing trail segments.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Schiessl.

4. Swift Blvd. and Jadwin Avenue Striping Changes (15 minutes)

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of the workshop item was to provide Council with a review of street improvements planned for later in 2018 for Swift Boulevard and Jadwin Avenue. He discussed the planned changes that are consistent with the City's 2005 Transportation System Plan which is the latest plan completed and adopted.

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

5. Public Works Infrastructure Permitting Process Changes (15 minutes)

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of the workshop agenda item was to review with Council a proposal to the infrastructure permitting and acceptance process codified in Section 12.08 of the Richland Municipal Code. The infrastructure that is the subject of this code section are street, water, sewer, and stormwater system components.

The proposed process and code changes are intended to be revenue neutral and result in a more timely permitting process while preserving the quality of infrastructure delivered to the City. The proposal was given to the landowners and their engineers. After the process of gathering feedback is concluded, staff will bring a proposed code amendment to Council.

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

6. Economic Development Regarding Columbia Point Tracts D and E (30 minutes)

Mr. Ratkai said in September 2013, the City developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals on city-owned property commonly referred to as Columbia Point Tracts D and E. The two parcels, located on Bradley Boulevard, near Comstock Avenue, received no responses to the RFP for development and the tracts remain advertised for sale. The RFP described a preference for a "mixed-use site including an entertainment-oriented commercial area that ties into existing pedestrian walkways and engages the park-like area between the site and the Columbia River."

Since that time, Economic Development staff has received four serious inquiries about the property for development of multi-family housing, with one inquiry being for an extended medical rehabilitation use. Staff now seeks the direction of Council regarding the interest in the properties.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Ratkai and stated they wanted to stay with the preference outlined in the RFP.

Mayor Thompson said if Councilmembers receive inquiries about acquiring public access to Rattlesnake mountain, they should advise people to state their interest publically to gather support.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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