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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen called the Council workshop to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

Also present were Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Community Development Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items

1. Site Visit of the New City Hall Building (30 minutes)

Councilmembers and staff participated in a site visit of the new City Hall building. They returned to the Council Chamber at 6:55 p.m.

2. Horn Rapids Solar, Storage and Training Economic Summary (20 minutes)

Mr. Whitney said Energy Northwest is the lead agency on the Horn Rapids Solar, Storage and Training Economic project. The site will have solar panels on the property, a storage facility and a training facility. Also, the Department of Commerce has grant money that can be applied to this project. He said this is the largest proposed facility in the state and will draw national attention. He gave details on the three components of the project and the direct, indirect and induced benefits.

Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Whitney. Council would like more detailed information on costs to the City and would like to discuss the topic again with Mr. Whitney.

3. Smart Grid RFP Status (15 minutes)

Mr. Whitney said the Smart Grid request for proposals will be released in June and the results will come back for Council action by November. If the project is starts in November it would be done in June 2019.

4. Update on 650 George Washington Way Property

Mr. Jensen said the developer has submitted building permits for the project, but the HUD financing is taking more time than anticipated. The developer is asking for a 7th amendment to the contract for a time extension of 12 weeks, making the closing date of October 30, 2019. He said this request will be on the June 19, 2018, Council agenda for consideration.

Council requested that the developer provides proof that he has financing in progress with HUD.

5. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance Presentation Update

Mr. Schiessl gave a brief recap of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer Columbia River shoreline reconveyance presentation given at the joint workshop with Pasco's and Richland's City Councils. He said the path forward is to work with Representative Newhouse to draft legislation.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen adjourned 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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