



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Pre-Meeting Workshop:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen called the pre-meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Lukson, Lemley, Anderson, Kent and Alvarez were present.

1. Interviews for the Richland Public Facilities District Board

Council interviewed one candidate for the Richland Public Facilities District Board.

2. Discussion of Council Meeting Agenda Items

Joining the meeting after the interview were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, Interim Chief of Police Taylor, and City Attorney Kintzley.

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Ms. Reents gave an update on the Chief of Police recruitment and the social media interest regarding the recruitment.

Ms. Kintzley updated Council on the letters received from Tri-City Railroad regarding its proposed condemnation action. Ms. Kintzley also gave an update on the letter received from the Port of Benton regarding closure of the Yakima River Train Bridge for 72 hours on September 12-14, 2018. As a final matter, Ms. Kintzley discussed preparation of a memorandum capturing options related to the Hearing Examiner process.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Lukson, Lemley, Anderson, Kent and Alvarez 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, Interim Police Services Director Taylor and Energy Services Director Whitney.

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR THOMPSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations:

3. New Hire/Retirements
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ms. Koch announced the retirees Lee Perez, Equipment Operator, with 25 years of service; Jim Bird, Equipment Operator, 5 years of service; and Deborah Roe, Police Officer with 24 years of service. She then introduced the new hires: Brian Pope, Civil Engineer I; Barbara Hart, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Christy Munden, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Elena Folta, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Jeni Copeland, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Kimberly Schultz, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Kraig Warr, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Mark Anthony Torrescano, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Sarah Hoskins, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Tracy Christensen, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; William "Bill" Howard, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; and Zachary Gagnon, Emergency Communications Dispatcher.

4. Back the Blue Proclamation
 - Mayor Pro Tem Christensen

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen read the Back the Blue Proclamation. The representative for the Back the Blue event was unable to attend the meeting to receive the proclamation.

5. Attendance Awareness Month/United Way Attendance Matters Proclamation
- Mayor Pro Tem Christensen

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen read the Attendance Awareness Month Proclamation. The representative for the Attendance Awareness Month event was present to receive the proclamation and addressed the audience briefly expressing appreciation.

Public Hearing:

City Attorney Kintzley read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

6. Amending the 2018 Budget in the General Fund, Park Reserve Fund and Park Project Construction Fund - Ordinance No. 48-
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Mr. Schiessl said this budget amendment proposes to appropriate additional funding from the Park Reserve Fund to meet obligations of the General Fund and Park Project Construction Fund. An overview of the projects to be funded was provided. Mr. Schiessl said Ordinance No. 48-18 is on tonight's agenda for first reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. as there were no public comments.

7. Proposed 2018-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local Union No. 280 - Resolution No. 121-18
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ms. Koch said this public hearing is held to allow for input on the 2018-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local Union No. 280. Ms. Koch advised that the proposed CBA was aligned with Council's parameters for bargaining. She said Resolution No. 121-18 is on tonight's agenda for Council consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:45:15 p.m. as there were no public comments.

Public Comments:

Lisa Thomas, 331 Westerdand Drive, Richland, WA expressed her concerns on the recruitment process for the new Richland Chief of Police.

Ed Bridges, 1845 Leslie Road, Richland, WA expressed his concerns on the Richland Chief of Police recruitment process.

Consent Calendar:

City Attorney Kintzley read the Consent Calendar.

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8. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from August 21 and 28, 2018
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

9. Ordinance No. 47-18, Amending the 2018 Budget in the General Fund for Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax Funding
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
10. Ordinance No. 48-18, Amending the 2018 Budget in the Park Reserve Fund, General Fund and Park Project Construction Fund
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

11. Ordinance No. 46-18, Authorizing a Bond Issuance and Participant Agreement with Energy Northwest for the Horn Rapids Solar Storage and Training Project
- Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

12. Resolution No. 71-18, Approving the Final Plat of Sundance Estates North
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
13. Resolution No. 121-18, Approving the 2018-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 280
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
14. Resolution No. 122-18, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Franklin Conservation District for Public Education Program Services
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
15. Resolution No. 123-18, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Benton County for Equipment and Services
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
16. Resolution No. 124-18, Authorizing a Request to Reallocate Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds to the Columbia Park Trail Improvements - East Project
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

17. Resolution No. 125-18, Authorizing a Facility Use Agreement with the Richland Lacrosse Club for use of Badger Mountain Park
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Items for Approval:

18. Appointments to the Economic Development Committee: Joey Chacon and Rae Moss
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
19. Authorize Travel for Mayor Thompson
- Cindy Reents, City Manager

Expenditures - Approval:

20. Expenditures from August 13, 2018 - August 24, 2018 for \$13,129,359.26 including Check Nos. 260499- 260988, Wire Nos. 7051-7082, Payroll Check Nos. 137575-138157, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10586-10601
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents said a dedication is scheduled for September 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. for the Columbia Playfield basketball court.

Mr. Whitney said the RiverFest event is scheduled September 10, 2018, in Columbia Park beginning at 11:00 a.m.

2. City Council

Councilmember Anderson said that public comments are considered by the Council and gave assurances that many City issues are discussed thoroughly in other meetings besides a Council meeting.

Councilmembers Kent and Lukson and Mayor Pro Tem Christensen agreed with Councilmember Anderson's comments.

Councilmember Alvarez said he supports the Richland Police Department and the excellent services they provide the community.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

September 18, 2018

DATE PUBLISHED

September 19, 2018