



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

City Council Pre-Meeting Workshop – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the pre-meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Finance Director Allen, Community Development Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Interim Police Services Director Taylor, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Item:

1. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)

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

Council and staff discussed the School Resource Officers (SRO) between Richland School District and the City of Richland's Polices Services Department.

Ms. Reents and Mr. Schiessl announced that the third community meeting, hosted by TRIDEC, for the proposed Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. It was also confirmed that U.S. Representative Dan Newhouse will attend this meeting. The same meetings also were previously conducted in the Cities of Pasco and Kennewick.

City Council Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

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

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Thompson welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Finance Director Allen, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Interim Police Services Director Taylor, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations:

2. New Hire/Retirements (5 minutes)
 - Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

Ms. Jubb first announced the recent retirement of Energy Services Department MPP Foreman Brian Thompson. She then introduced the following new employees: Planning Manager Michael "Mike" Stevens; Police Services Department Support Specialist Adriana Orozco; Solid Waste Collection Truck Driver Jonathan Torie; and Community and Development Services Marketing Specialist-Economic Development Amanda Wallner.

3. Presentation of the 2019 City Manager's Proposed Budget (20 minutes)
 - Cindy Reents, City Manager

Ms. Reents provided a summary of the proposed 2019 Budget. She highlighted 2019 priorities throughout the City of Richland and discussed how they connect to the City's Strategic Leadership Plan. She also provided information on the upcoming Town Hall meeting and details outlining resources for citizens seeking additional information.

Public Hearings: (Please Limit Public Hearing Comments to 3 Minutes) Note: Records intended for Council consideration must be given to the City Clerk.

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the public hearing and public comments procedures.

4. Proposed Increase in 2018 Budget Appropriation in the Streets Capital Construction Fund - Ordinance No. 50-18
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky stated that, per Washington State law, a public hearing is required prior to consideration of an ordinance to increase the appropriation of an existing fund balance. Ordinance No. 50-18 proposes to increase the 2018 Budget appropriations in the Streets Capital Construction Fund and Industrial Development Fund to support the Swift Boulevard improvements project.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. as there were no public comments.

5. Proposed Annexation and Zoning of Approximately 67 Acres Known as the Lorayne J Subdivision, Ordinance No. 51-18
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Mr. Jensen provided a short presentation regarding the proposed annexation and zoning of a 67-acre area located south of Lorayne J Boulevard and west of Leslie Road.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. as there were no public comments.

6. Proposed Relinquishment of an Access Easement at 2884 Logston Boulevard, Resolution No. 136-18
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky stated that the City of Richland no longer needs the utility and access easement, established in 2014, lying within 2884 Logston Boulevard and it may be relinquished at this time.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. as there were no public comments.

7. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 2175 Kingston Road, Resolution No. 137-18
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky explained that the property owners of 2175 Kingston Road have requested relinquishment of a portion of the public utility easement lying within their property. Staff reviewed the proposal and confirmed that the portion of easement identified to be relinquished is no longer necessary for public use.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 8:02 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. as there were no public comments.

Public Comments:

No comments were received.

Consent Calendar:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent items.

Minutes:

8. Council Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2018 and September 20, 2018
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

9. Ordinance No. 50-18, Increasing 2018 Budget Appropriations in the Streets Capital Construction Fund and the Industrial Development Fund to Support Swift Boulevard Improvements
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
10. Ordinance No. 51-18, Approving the Annexation and Zoning of 67 Acres known as the Lorayne J Subdivision
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

11. Ordinance No. 32-18, Amending Richland Municipal Code Title 23 and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Richland to Change Zoning on 0.44 Acres Located Along Keene Road from PPF to C-3
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
12. Ordinance No. 49-18, Amending Chapter 5.04 of the Richland Municipal Code Related to Business, Professions, and Occupations
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

13. Resolution No. 136-18, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Utility and Access Easement at 2884 Logston Boulevard
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
14. Resolution No. 137-18, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 2175 Kingston Road
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
15. Resolution No. 138-18, Authorizing an Agreement with Total Quality Air, LLC for Weatherwise Program Participation
 - Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director
16. Resolution No. 139-18, Approving the Final Plat of Clearwater Creek Phase 5
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
17. Resolution No. 141-18, Authorizing a First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Kennewick for the Columbia Park Trail Improvements
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

18. Resolution No. 142-18, Awarding a Construction Contract to Culbert Construction, Inc. for the Swift Boulevard Corridor Improvements Re-bid
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Items for Approval:

19. Appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Kim Shugart and Andrew Lucero-Montano
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
20. Appointment to the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission: Wendy Higgins
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
21. Proclamations of Appreciation: MillieAnne VanDevender and Jerry Beach
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Expenditures - Approval:

22. Expenditures from September 10, 2018 - September 21, 2018 for \$7,924,186.25 including Check Nos. 261404- 261938, Wire Nos. 7098-7119, Payroll Check Nos. 138714-139277, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10632-10656
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Items of Business:

There were no business items.

Reports and Comments:

City Manager

Ms. Reents provided a special thank you to Administrative Assistant Brianna Harty and Communications and Marketing Manager Hollie Logan for their contributions in preparing the City Manager's 2019 proposed budget presentation. Next, she announced that the TRIDEC Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and will be located at the Shilo Inn Hotel, Richland, WA. This will be the third community meeting regarding the Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance.

Council

Councilmember Kent commented on the recent joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Commissions within the greater Tri-Cities area.

Councilmember Alvarez thanked staff and City Manager Reents, as well as Mayor Pro Tem Christensen and Councilmember Lemley for their time and effort in preparing the 2019 Budget. He also commented on a volunteer organization called Just Serve and encouraged individuals who are interested in volunteering locally to do so by signing up through www.justserve.org.

Councilmember Lemley also thanked the City Manager and senior staff for their efforts in preparing the 2019 Budget. He also recently attended a ribbon-cutting event for the grand opening of Pahlisch Homes' first exclusive community located in south Richland.

Councilmember Lukson encouraged the community to attend the TRIDEC Community Meeting scheduled for October 3, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also thanked the City Manager and senior staff for the budget preparation and the meetings he attended. Second, he commented on the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for Gale Rew Construction Inc.'s new facility located within the City of Richland.

Mayor:

Mayor Thompson commented on the upcoming TRIDEC Community Meeting and expressed his frustration regarding the lack of critical information provided during the other meetings that have already taken place. Information he would like to see provided includes an outline of the advantages the reconveyance of the shoreline would offer to citizens, as well as the costs associated with the reconveyance. He stated that he hopes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be able to provide that information and answer other key questions at the upcoming meeting. Lastly, he stated that this is the time for individuals to discuss the one-percent property tax option before the budget is set for 2019.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

October 16, 2018

DATE PUBLISHED

October 17, 2018