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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, October 23, 2018

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the Council workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

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

Agenda Items

1. Horn Rapids Real Estate (20 Minutes)

Mr. Jensen gave an overview of the recently completed market study for City owned properties in the Horn Rapids Industrial, Horn Rapids Business Park and Horn Rapids Commercial areas. It included the different types of lots available, the lot values, and infrastructure improvements. He said the Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the market study and the recommendations will be brought to Council by the end of the year.

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

2. Economic Development Update on Existing City Hall Site and Tracts D & E on Bradley Boulevard (20 minutes)

Mr. Jensen said in recent months, the City has met with a number of developers and real estate agencies interested in developing either Columbia Point Tracts D & E and/or the existing City Hall site. He presented details surrounding each of the sites and possible options.

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

3. Sign Code (30 minutes)

Ms. Kintzley said the main thrust of proposed Ordinance No. 34-18 is to bring Richland's sign code into compliance with Reed v. Town of Gilbert, which was decided in 2015. In

2017, Ken Harper presented at a Council workshop the types of changes necessary to gain compliance. Such changes are reflected in proposed Ordinance No. 34-18, along with a few other edits to make the code function better, and a little clean up. Proposed Ordinance No. 34-18 went to a public hearing before the Planning Commission on September 26, 2018. No public testimony was offered during the hearing. The Planning Commission's one item of concern (abandoned signs) is annotated in document for Council's consideration. The City has an unofficial moratorium on enforcing the sign code since Reed was decided. Code Enforcement does receive complaints from citizens looking for enforcement related to signs that are in violation of the City's existing code.

Council had a question and answer question period with Ms. Kintzley.

4. Classification and Compensation Study Presentation (20 minutes)

Mr. Amundson said the City contracted with Springsted Incorporated to conduct an Employee Classification and Compensation Study. He introduced TL Cox, Executive Vice President, who gave a presentation on the process and outcome of the study. Mr. Amundson said staff will incorporate recommendations from Council, into a proposed 2019 Compensation Plan for Unaffiliated Employees for consideration at the November 20th City Council Meeting.

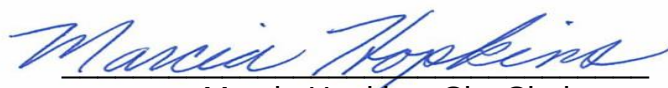
The Council had a question and answer period with Mr. Amundson.

Mr. Reents said she will be attending a TRIDEC meeting regarding the Columbia shoreline reconveyance and she asked Council if a date has been set to discuss her 2018 goals. Mayor Thompson said it will be done within the next three weeks.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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November 6, 2018

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