



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Pre-Meeting Workshop:

Mayor Thompson called the pre-meeting workshop 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, Administrative Services Director Koch, Human Resources Director Jubb, Finance Director Allen and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Discussion of Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Tourism Funding (15 minutes)

Mr. Amundson briefed Council on the current status of the tourism funding and how the funds are collected and disbursed. He noted that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recently reviewed the applications and listened to the applicants' presentations for the 2019 distribution of funds. Lastly, he stated that recommendations for funding eligible programs and projects will be forthcoming for Council's review and approval.

Other items discussed during the Pre-Meeting Workshop included an update from City Attorney Kintzley regarding the recent petition received to legalize the retail sales of marijuana within the City of Richland; and City Manager Reents discussed a draft letter from TRIDEC in support of partial public access to Rattlesnake Mountain.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)

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

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 Alvarez, Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Lukson 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, Human Resources Director Jubb, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Interim Police Services Director Taylor, Energy Services Director Whitney, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON 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:

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations:

3. Proclamations of Appreciation to David "Duke" Mitchell and Sriram Somasundaram for Service on the Library Board (8 minutes)

Councilmember Lukson read and presented each proclamation of appreciation to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Somasundaram separately. Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Somasundaram accepted their proclamations and expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve on the Library Board of Trustees.

4. CityView Video: Winter Wonderland and HAPO Festival of Lights Preview

Mr. Schiessl introduced the video noting that each year the Festival of Lights is bigger and better than the preceding year and this year's festival will kick off on Friday, November 30, 2018.

Public Hearing:

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

5. Proposed Amendments to the 2018 Budget, Ordinance No. 66-18

Finance Director Allen explained proposed amendments to the 2018 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:49:30 p.m. as there were no comments.

6. Proposed Relinquishment of a Portion of a 27' Access and Utility Easement at Falconcrest Loop, Resolution No. 160-18

Mr. Rogalsky explained that both this public hearing item and the next item, the proposed relinquishment of a portion of a 10' utility easement at Falconcrest, are required by state law to allow public testimony on the proposed actions. He stated that the access and utility easements are no longer necessary as a new right-of-way location will serve the City's needs for the placement and access of its utilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:52:30 p.m. as there were no comments.

7. Proposed Relinquishment of a Portion of a 10' Utility Easement at Falconcrest Loop, Resolution No. 161-18

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:53:30 p.m. as there were no comments.

8. Proposed 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Rank and File, Resolution No. 162-18

Ms. Jubb explained the public hearing for this and the next item, the proposed 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Battalion Chiefs, provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed agreements. She then provided an overview to Council of the two proposed collective bargaining agreements for the IAFFU Rank and File and Battalion Chiefs.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:56:30 p.m. as there were no comments.

9. Proposed 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Battalion Chiefs, Resolution No. 163-18

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:57:30 p.m. as there were no comments.

Public Comments:

Alice Orrell, 2527 Albemarle Court, Richland, WA, expressed concern about the recent pedestrian accidents at crosswalks and asked that Council take action on updating all of the City's crosswalks to include safety improvements, especially the highly trafficked crosswalks.

Phyllis Baxter, 123 Sherman Street, Richland, WA, also expressed concern regarding the City's crosswalks. She concurred with Ms. Orrell's comments and asked that the Council take action on crosswalks, especially near schools.

Randy Slovic, 74 Newcomer Street, Richland, WA, stated that she previously came before Council, in May 2017, expressing concern about crosswalks within Richland. She distributed two photos (of crosswalks) and urged Council to fix the crosswalks.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen ask Public Works Directory Rogalsky if he had any comments to share about the City of Richland crosswalks.

Mr. Rogalsky stated that the Public Works Department has a funded plan to address the crosswalks. He noted between eight (8) to twelve (12) high-use and high-traffic crosswalks have been identified as top priority to implement enhanced safety features.

Consent Calendar:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent items.

Minutes:

10. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2018
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

11. Ordinance No. 64-18, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 3.24.900 related to Criminal Justice Sales Tax
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
12. Ordinance No. 65-18, Ordering Dedication of the Falconcrest Loop Right-of-Way
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
13. Ordinance No. 66-18, Approving Amendments to the 2018 Budget
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

14. Ordinance No. 54-18, Amending Chapter 2.16 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Planning Commission
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
15. Ordinance No. 56-18, Approving a Zone Change on 0.3 Acres from Medium Density Residential (R-2) to General Business (C-3)
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
16. Ordinance No. 59-18, Amending Chapter 23.70 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Board of Adjustment
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
17. Ordinance No. 60-18, Approving the 2019 Budget and the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan

- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
- 18. Ordinance No. 61-18, Amending the 2018 Budget to Increase Appropriations in the Streets Capital Construction Fund
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- 19. Ordinance No. 62-18, Repealing Richland Municipal Code Chapter 2.54 related to the Environmental Review Committee
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Resolutions – Adoption:

- 20. Resolution No. 154-18, Authorizing a Cost Share Agreement between Visit TRI-CITIES and the Cities of Kennewick and Pasco for a Regional Sports Facility Feasibility Study
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
- 21. Resolution No. 165-18, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Harris & Sons, Inc.
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
- 22. Resolution No. 157-18, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Matt and Debbie Driscoll
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
- 23. Resolution No. 158-18, Setting Land Prices for City-Owned Horn Rapids Properties
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
- 24. Resolution No. 159-18, Amending Exhibit A of the Compensation Plan for Unaffiliated Employees – 2015 and Continuing.
 - Jon Amundson, Assistant City Manager
- 25. Resolution No. 160-18, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Portion of an Access and Utility Easement at Falconcrest Loop
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- 26. Resolution No. 161-18, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Portion of a 10-foot Utility Easement at Falconcrest Loop
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
- 27. Resolution No. 162-18, Authorizing the 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Rank and File
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

28. Resolution No. 163-18, Authorizing the 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Battalion Chiefs
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Items for Approval:

29. Appointments to the Library Board: Phoenix Danz and Emily Booth
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Expenditures - Approval:

30. Expenditures from October 29, 2018 - November 9, 2018 for \$9,506,867.62 including Check Nos. 262093- 262427, Wire Nos. 7184-7207, Payroll Check Nos. 140374-140907, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10710-10732
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

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

Items of Business:

No Items of Business.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents thanked Mr. Rogalsky for explaining the intersection improvements that the City has planned. Secondly, she announced The Crown Group is very close to completing the purchase of the 650 George Washington Way property. It is scheduled to be purchased in early December 2018. Lastly, she provided an update on the petition the City received regarding the retail sales of marijuana within Richland's city limits.

2. Council:

Councilmember Anderson expressed appreciation to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Somasundaram for their service on the Library Board and to all the other board, commission and committee members for their service. He also thanked the individuals that participated in the meeting for presenting their issues in a professional and respectfully manner. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Kent also thanked the public for sharing their comments and feelings on what the City should be focusing on and she encouraged them to keep showing up to the Council meetings. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Somasundaram, stating that they will be missed on the Library Board. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged inclusiveness during the holiday celebrations.

Councilmember Alvarez expressed thanks to those who spoke about the crosswalks issues. He offered the City of Richland pins to the Washington State University (WSU) students located in the audience. Lastly he expressed thanks to the retiring Library Board members for their service.

Councilmember Lukson commented on the importance of those individuals, who serve on the City boards, commissions and committees and how they help shape the City. He encouraged individuals with a variety of perspectives to apply when board, commission or committee vacancies occur.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also reiterated Councilmember Lukson's thoughts regarding the boards, commissions and committees. Next, he commented about the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) intergovernmental meeting with the Department of Energy he recently attended in New Orleans, LA. Lastly, he wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Terry Christensen, Mayor Pro Tem

DATE APPROVED:

December 4, 2018

DATE PUBLISHED:

December 5, 2018