



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

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

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, Lemley, and Lukson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Communications and Marketing Manager Logan and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Item

1. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)

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

Ms. Reents said the special workshop on cannabis is schedule for January 29, 2019, and that she will be attending an upcoming REACH strategic planning meeting.

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.

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

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS ANDERSON AND KENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City

Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire Battalion Chief Hempstead, Community Development Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Interim Police Services Director Taylor, Communications and Marketing Manager Logan and City Clerk Hopkins.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson 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 CARRIED MOTION 5-0.

Presentations

2. New Hire/Retirements (5 minutes)

Ms. Koch said Firefighter Lance Greenwood retired with 25 years of service. She next introduced Christian Jabri, Police Officer; Jonathan Holen, Police Officer; Brian Romer, Police Officer; and Matthew Simmons, Maintenance Craftworker I.

Public Hearing

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

3. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at Birch Avenue - Resolution No. 12-19

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed relinquishment of an easement lying within 912 / 914 Birch Avenue. The property owner requested the utility easement be relinquished, as the water pipeline at that location no longer exists. Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:37:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

Public Comments

Jason Verduzco, 1313 Atlantic Street, Spokane, WA, said he works for Verizon and is the wireless customer service contact for our area and he wanted to introduce himself to the Richland Council.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON

SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED BY MOVING ITEM NO. 11, RESOLUTION NO. 05-19 TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS. THE CARRIED MOTION 5-0.

Minutes

4. Approve the December 18, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

5. Ordinance No. 03-19, Amending the 2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Program to include the Lorayne J Water System Consolidation Project
6. Ordinance No. 04-19, Establishing and Dedicating the Right-of-Way for Henderson Loop and Sullivan Street
7. Ordinance No. 05-19, Amending Chapter 2.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Utility Advisory Committee

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

8. Ordinance No. 01-19, Amending Chapter 15.20 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Solid Waste Rates
9. Ordinance No. 02-19, Approving a Zone Change on 6.15 Acres from Agriculture (AG) to Retail Business (C-2)

Resolutions – Adoption

10. Resolution No. 04-19, Authorizing a Purchase Order Contract with Boyd's Tree Service, LLC for Tree Pruning and Vegetation Management
11. **PULLED AND TRANSFERRED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
Resolution No. 05-19, Providing Notice of City Council's Intent to Determine Lodging Tax Funding Awards and Establishing a 45-Day Comment Period
12. Resolution No. 06-19, Authorizing a Solid Waste Collection Transition Agreement with Ed's Disposal, Inc. related to the Annexed Lorayne J Properties

13. Resolution No. 07-19, Authorizing a Pre-Construction Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology for Stormwater Projects in Meadow Springs, North Richland and the Uptown Shopping Center
14. Resolution No. 08-19, Authorizing a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Columbia Park Trail - Leslie Treatment Retrofit Project
15. Resolution No. 09-19, Authorizing a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Columbia Park Trail Stormwater Retrofit Project
16. Resolution No. 12-19, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Portion of a Utility Easement at 912 / 914 Birch Avenue
17. Resolution No. 13-19, Authorizing a First Amendment to the Consulting Agreement with Efficiency Solutions, LLC

Expenditures - Approval

18. Expenditures from December 10, 2018 - December 20, 2018 for \$7,735,645.01 including Check Nos. 263406-264005, Wire Nos. 7256-7263, Payroll Check Nos. 141975-142560, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10764-10785

Items of Business

1. Resolution No. 05-19, Providing Notice of City Council's Intent to Determine Lodging Tax Funding Awards and Establishing a 45-Day Comment Period

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN THE LODGING TAX FUNDING AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RE-EVALUATION.

Councilmember Lukson was concerned that the time sensitive projects that Council and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) agree on, may be impacted if the recommendation go back to the LTAC for reconsideration.

Ms. Kintzley said the 45-day comment period is only for the items that Council deviates from the LTAC recommendations. If the LTAC brings back an item and Council is in agreement, the Council can approve that item without waiting the reminder of the 45 days. If the LTAC brings back a new recommendation that

Council does not agree with, then the 45-day comment period begins again.

Ms. Logan cautioned that many of the proposed projects planners need to know if they are approved to begin preparations for their events later in the year.

Councilmember Lukson suggested amending the motion to approve everything that the Council and LTAC are in agreement about and sending only the disputed projects back to the LTAC for reconsideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen and Councilmember Alvarez agreed to amend their motions.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN AMENDED HIS MOTION AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AMENDED HIS SECONDED TO RETURN THE SEVEN ITEMS THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT AGREE WITH TO THE LTAC FOR RE-EVALUATION AND APPROVE THE ITEMS THE LTAC AND COUNCIL DO AGREE ON. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mayor Thompson explained that his schedule no longer accommodates afternoon meeting and requested that the Mayor Pro Tem takes his place on the LTAC.

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO HAVE THE MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE MAYOR ON THE LTAC. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 05-19. MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Ms. Reents said she looks forward to great things happening for the City in 2019

City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen said he would like to see development of new sports fields at Heritage Park. He said there is a master plan in place for this park for some time, but no progress has been made on development. He continued by stating sports groups have approached the City stressing the need for more sport fields and that youth athletics are a great tourist draw and that Richland is behind in development of sports facilities compared to the other local cities.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

January 15, 2019

DATE PUBLISHED

January 29, 2019