



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, January 15, 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, Lukson, Kent and Anderson were present.

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

Agenda Item

1. Legislative Update (15 minutes)

Ms. Reents discussed the 2019 legislative priorities and asked Council to contact her if they had any additions. Mayor Thompson requested that high level waste topics be added to the list.

Ms. Reents said two Councilmembers will be attending the February 8, 2019 meeting with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and needs one more Councilmember to agree to attend.

Mr. Amundson discussed a potential buyer for the Columbia Point South. The buyer asked that the City hold the property for six-months while they conduct a due diligence study. The potential buyer would give the City \$10,000 to hold the property during their study.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)

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

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Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Interim Police Services Director Taylor 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 THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD TWO TOPICS TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS: 1) REINSTATE HIMSELF ON THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND 2) HAVE THE COUNCIL ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE FILL THREE OPEN POSITIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

3. TRIDEC 2019 Work Plan (10 Minutes)

Carl Adrian, TRIDEC President/CEO, reviewed TRIDEC's 2019 work plan that includes business recruitment, business retention and expansion, federal programs, community initiatives and programs, shoreline reconveyance, community initiatives and programs, and communications.

4. CityView Video: Swift Corridor Project (5 Minutes)

Mr. Rogalsky introduced the video on the Swift Corridor Project.

Public Hearing

There were not public hearings.

Public Comments

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Comments procedure.

Jim Vance, 1400 Marshall Avenue, Richland, WA, said he was concerned about the safety of students crossing Stevens Avenue between Swift and Goethals. He said he has talked to the Police about his concerns and wanted to bring it to the attention of the Council.

Laila Koviak, 1523 Haines Avenue, Richland, WA, said she has collected 258 signatures supporting the formation of a Richland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to help develop Richland as a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community.

Laurie Ness, 2253 Davison Avenue, Richland, WA, stated her reasons why she believe the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers should remain the caretakers of the Columbia River's shorelines.

Ginger Wireman, 2435 Michael Avenue, Richland, WA, believes the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers should continue to have oversight of the Columbia River shoreline.

Andrue Ott, 110 Davenport Street, Richland, WA, encouraged the Council to remain open-minded as they discuss cannabis at their Special Workshop next week and shared his views on why allowing regulated cannabis stores in Richland is a positive action.

Alison Cable, 3555 Strawberry Lane, Richland, WA, said she supports the idea of a committee to address bicycle and pedestrian issues in the City and asked Council to consider the social and environmental related to the river shore reconveyance.

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 LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE CARRIED MOTION 7-0.

Minutes

5. Approve the January 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

6. Ordinance No. 06-19, Amending the Richland Municipal Code to Create a new Chapter 28.14 entitled Small Cell Deployment - Franchise and Small Cell Permits

7. Ordinance No. 07-19, Amending Chapter 23.62 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Wireless Communications Facilities
8. Ordinance No. 08-19, Amending Title 27 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Signs

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

9. Ordinance No. 03-19, Amending the 2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Program to include the Lorayne J Water System Consolidation Project
10. Ordinance No. 05-19, Amending Chapter 2.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Utility Advisory Committee

Resolutions – Adoption

11. Resolution No. 01-19, Authorizing an Agreement with Hyas Group, LLC for Investment Consulting Services for 457 Plan No. 0036864-001-457
12. Resolution No. 02-19, Authorizing an Agreement with Hyas Group, LLC for Investment Consulting Services for 401(a) Plan Nos. 107162 and 107151, 457 Plan No. 300042, and Retirement Health Savings Plan No. 800205

Items for Approval

Expenditures - Approval

13. Expenditures from December 21, 2018 - January 4, 2019 for \$8,838,970.81 including Check Nos. 264006-264490, Wire Nos. 7264-7301, Payroll Check Nos. 142561-143090, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10786-10803

Items of Business

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO REINSTATE HIMSELF ON THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND SECONDED THE MOTION TO HAVE THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT FILL POSITIONS ON THE BENTON FRANKLIN TRANSIT BOARD, LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE TRI-CITY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Ms. Reents had no comments.

City Council

Councilmember Alvarez said he attended the Tri-City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce meeting and gained valuable information regarding the regional school districts. He said he appreciated the public comments on becoming a bicycle friendly community, however, he disagreed with a public comment stating the City would fall to peer pressure by the other local cities regarding the river shore conveyance topics.

Councilmember Lukson encouraged the public comment speakers to stay for the Council Comments section of the agenda so they can hear the Councilmember's feedback on their comments. He said the concerns the public speakers had about the river shore reconveyance issues have already been addressed and he noted the City is interested in only parts of the river shore. He also wanted to know what current City committees address bicycle and pedestrian issues, before forming a new one.

Ms. Reents said the three cities and two counties are meeting with TRIDEC and a consultant to consider all of the issues regarding the river shore reconveyance.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen said in response to Mr. Vance's comments that the City is working with the Richland School District on student crossing safety issues.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson said the City is only looking at portions of the river shore to reclaim that would potentially benefit the City and every aspect of the plan would be carefully considered and evaluated to determine what is best for the community.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

February 5, 2019

DATE PUBLISHED

February 6, 2019