



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, February 5, 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, and Kent 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, Finance Director Allen, Communications and Marketing Manager Logan and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Item

1. Animal Licensing (5 minutes)

Mr. Allen reviewed the City's animal licensing practice and said that with only 11% compliance, the cost of continuing the practice will soon equal or surpass the revenue. Staff recommends to discontinue the practice. Council agreed to move this idea forward.

2. Compressed Natural Gas Fueling for Solid Waste (20 minutes)

Mr. Rogalsky said the compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling feasibility study was completed in 2018. Based on the results of the study, staff recommends seeking grant funds to implement a conversion of the solid waste collection fleet to CNG fueling. Mr. Rogalsky gave a detailed presentation on the advantages of using CNG.

Ms. Reents noted that Richland's legislative priorities are ready to be submitted to the City's lobbyist, unless a Councilmember had any additions.

3. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (5 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.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

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

Presentations

4. New Hire/Retirements (5 minutes)

Ms. Koch announced the retirees: Wayne DuBois, Police Sergeant, with 14 years of service; Thomas Croskrey, Police Lieutenant, with 14 years of service; and Lance Greenwood, Firefighter/EMT, with 25 years of service. Ms. Koch continued by announcing the new hires, Shairr Rahseparian, Library Assistant II; Douglas Ricard, Engineering Technician II; Megan Phillips, Fire Data Analyst; David DesChane, Utility Craftsworker; and Terra Flores, Electrical Distribution Engineer II.

5. Retirement Recognition for Lance Greenwood (5 minutes)

Mayor Thompson read the retirement plaque and letter and presented them to Mr. Greenwood.

6. Annual Arts Commission Report (7 minutes)

Arts Commission Chair Jeff Kissel gave a detailed presentation recapping the Arts Commission's 2018 major achievements. He said the 2019 Arts Commission Work Plan includes goals to explore, enhance, facilitate and promote the City of Richland's arts-related activities. These activities will provide an economic benefit, beautification and enhancement of the City's image and community. All goals will be achieved within the availability of current City resources, in alignment with the City's current Strategic Leadership Plan, and in accordance with Richland Municipal Code.

Councilmembers praised the work of the Arts Commission.

Public Hearing

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

7. Proposed Amendment to Richland Municipal Code Title 14 Related to Net Metering, Ordinance No. 13-19

Mr. Whitney said the City of Richland's Energy Services Department (RES) provides net metering for renewable energy generators, i.e., solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. To prevent one customer group from subsidizing another, staff recommends net metering systems installed after November 1, 2018 be charged a fee on the received energy and a one-time meter installation fee. The fees will be published in the City's Fee Schedule. Systems installed prior to November 1, 2018 will not experience program changes. Ordinance No. 13-19 also amends the RMC regarding investment cost recovery incentive to align with recent changes in state law.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:56:15 p.m.

Public Comments

David Brager, 517 Newcomer Street, Richland, WA, thanked the Council for discussing cannabis at their recent workshop and shared his view on the topic.

Danielle Belliston, 1417 Westwood Court, Richland, WA, represented the Tri Citites Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association and gave details on the program.

Andrue Ott, 110 Davenport Street, Richland, WA, thanked Council for discussing cannabis at their recent workshop. He suggested that the City consider districting the City so that all citizens can be represented on Council.

Councilmember Alvarez said he works hard to communicate with all citizens and represent them on Council.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent Calendar.

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

Minutes

8. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings Held January 15, 22 & 29, 2019, and December 4, 2018 Amended Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

9. Ordinance No. 09-19, Amending Chapter 2.15 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
10. Ordinance No. 10-19, Amending Chapter 2.14 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Economic Development Committee
11. Ordinance No. 12-19, Amending Chapter 22.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Critical Areas
12. Ordinance No. 13-19, Amending Title 14 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Net Metering

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

13. Ordinance No. 04-19, Establishing and Dedicating the Right-of-Way for Henderson Loop and Manufacturing Lane
14. 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
15. Ordinance No. 07-19, Amending Chapter 23.62 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Wireless Communications Facilities
16. Ordinance No. 08-19, Amending Title 27 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Signs

Resolutions – Adoption

17. Resolution No. 03-19, Authorizing After-Tax Contributions on 401(a) Plan No. 107162, Governmental Money Purchase Plan & Trust
18. Resolution No. 10-19, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Kennewick Irrigation District for Conversion of the Lorayne J Water System
19. Resolution No. 11-19, Authorizing a Loan Agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for the Lorayne J Water System Consolidation Project
20. Resolution No. 14-19, Authorizing a Consulting Agreement with RGW Enterprises, PC for Engineering Services
21. Resolution No. 15-19, Authorizing a Funding Agreement with Benton County for the Swift Boulevard Improvements Project
22. Resolution No. 16-19, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling Improvements Project
23. Resolution No. 18-19, Providing Notice of City Council's Intent to Determine Lodging Tax Funding Awards and Establishing a 45-Day Comment Period
24. Resolution No. 19-19, Approving 2019 Business License Reserve Fund Awards

Items for Approval

Expenditures - Approval

25. Expenditures from January 7, 2019 - January 25, 2019 for \$12,928,197.16 including Check Nos. 264491-265170, Wire Nos. 7302-7341, Payroll Check Nos. 143091-146839, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10804-10840

Items of Business

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Ms. Reents said the recent editorial in the Tri-City Herald was not factual and asked Council if they wanted her to correct the facts for the record. She said only three

Councilmembers responded to her question and she would like further input from Council.

City Council

Ms. Kent agreed with Councilmember Alvarez stating she represents all citizens as well.

Councilmember Alvarez said he doesn't want the Mayor's comments after the public comments period to appear as if he is speaking for all Councilmembers. He continued by thanking the Arts Commission for their hard work.

Councilmember Lukson encouraged citizens to contact the City to discuss the recent editorial. He is not in favor of districting the City and said there is diversity on Council now.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked the citizens for their comments and the Arts Commission for their hard work. He said he doesn't object if Ms. Reents wants to respond to the editorial in the Tri City Herald.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson suggested the City Attorney research meeting protocols for Council's review.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

February 19, 2019

DATE PUBLISHED

February 20, 2019