



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, March 19, 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 Anderson, Alvarez, Lemley and Lukson were present.

Also present were Acting City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Community Development Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Fire and Emergency Services Battalion Chief Wroolie, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Item

1. SAFER Grant (10 minutes)

Mr. Amundson and Mr. Wroolie explained that the SAFER grant application is a request for staffing. The grant opportunity presented itself within the past month and the request is for funding 12 firefighters.

Council and staff had a brief question and answer period that included questions about the budget impacts for the additional staff as the grant funding concludes at the end of the three-year period.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)

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

Additions to Pre-Meeting Workshop

- Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): To Discuss with Legal Counsel Matters Relating to Potential Litigation

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:08 P.M. TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION FOR 15 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

- Proposed Video/Audio Recording Schedule May – June 2019

Mr. Amundson advised Council of the tentative video/audio recording schedule for the Council meetings and for those boards, commissions, and committees meetings that are regularly video recorded in the Council Chamber from May 8 through June 4, until the new City Hall and Council Chamber are open for use.

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 Anderson, Alvarez, Lemley and Lukson were present.

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

Also present were Acting City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire and Emergency Services Battalion Chief Wroolie, Development Services Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Interim Police Services Director Taylor and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson stated that March 12, 2019, marked the 107th anniversary of Girls Scouts of USA and he invited the girl scouts representing Service Unit 472 to join him in leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The girl scouts presented the Mayor with some boxes of their famous cookies.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations

3. Visit TRI-CITIES 2018 Annual Report, 2019 Work Plan and Request for Funds from the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission Reserve (10 minutes)

Mr. Novakovich first introduced Cody Opstedal, Homewood Suites General Manager and Michelle Chunn, Visit Tri-Cities Community Relations Director, who were in attendance.

Next, he presented the Visit Tri-Cities 2018 Annual Report using a PowerPoint presentation, which also included an overview of the 2019 Work Plan. Lastly, he explained the request for funding from the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission reserve funds. Paper copies of the 2018 Annual Report and a printout of the 2019 Work Plan were also distributed to Council.

4. 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Goals (7 minutes)

Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Chair Gutierrez gave a report on the 2019 PRC goals using a PowerPoint presentation. Paper copies of the goals were also distributed to Council and included:

Goal 1 – Work with staff in their effort to provide programs and recreation activities for Richland;

Goal 2 – Support staff in identifying and prioritizing unique natural habitat, ecologically sensitive areas, significant land forms, and appropriate native vegetation areas to protect as natural open;

Goal 3 – Promote user friendliness and safety in Richland Parks and Recreation facilities by reviewing safety data and use of facilities; and

Goal 4 – Implement administrative measures to enhance the function and knowledge of the Commission.

Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

Public Comments

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Public Comments procedure.

Danielle Belliston, 1417 Westwood Ct., Richland, WA, stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Tri-Cities Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association and expressed concern with the proposed Facility Use Agreement (FUA). She distributed paper copies of a printout she had prepared of the estimated increases to the FUA and also submitted her written comments.

Christopher LaPlante, 139 Orchard Way, Richland, WA, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Tri-Cities Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association and expressed concern about the fee increases in the proposed Facility Use Agreement.

Dan Evans, 3505 Clearlake Ct., West Richland, WA, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Greater Richland Little League Association and expressed concern about the proposed Facility Use Agreement (FUA) and offered other options to be included within the agreement. He distributed paper copies of his counter proposal to the FUA.

Becky Stocker, 2308 Pullen St., Richland, WA, expressed concern about the proposed increases to electric retail rates.

Allison Vinci, 1602 McPherson Ave., Richland, WA, expressed concern about the

proposed increases to electric retail rates along with the \$20 car tab fees.

Breaunna Gray, 1617 Perkins St., Richland, WA, expressed concern about the proposed increased to electric retail rates.

Consent Calendar

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent Calendar.

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

Minutes

5. Approve the March 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

6. Ordinance No. 21-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 19.30.010 related to Pre-Application Conferences

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

7. Ordinance No. 11-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 2.04.110 related to Boards, Commissions and Committees
8. Ordinance No. 19-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 14.24.060 related to Electric Retail Rates
9. Ordinance No. 20-19, Amending Chapter 2.28 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Personnel Plan

Resolutions – Adoption

10. Resolution No. 32-19, Approving an Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with Benton County for District Court Services
11. Resolution No. 33-19, Approving a First Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Dule and Alma Mehic
12. Resolution No. 34-19, Approving a First Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Amil and Mejrema Cordic
13. Resolution No. 35-19, Approving the use of \$395,500 from the Tourism Promotion Area Reserve Account for Supplemental Tourism-related Projects in 2019

14. Resolution No. 36-19, Approving an Agreement with Kennewick Irrigation District and Richland 132, LLC regarding Irrigation Service to the Clearwater Creek Subdivision
15. Resolution No. 37-19, Awarding a Construction Contract to Cliff Thorn Construction, LLC for the Fire Station 72 Roof and Exterior Wall Project
16. Resolution No. 38-19, Approving a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Application for Fire & Emergency Services staffing

Items for Approval

17. Appointments to the Arts Commission: LeAnn Dawson, Mikaela Nickolds-Bourque and Libbie Robinson
18. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Carl Van Hoff
19. Appointments to the Code Enforcement Board: Joe Guyette and Toni Ball
20. Appointment to the Planning Commission: Phillip Townsend
21. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission: Eric Andrews, Craig Sloughter, Collin Berry and Jaydin Greer
22. Proclamation of Appreciation: Tom Nirider

Expenditures - Approval

23. Expenditures from February 25, 2019 - March 8, 2019 for \$5,291,185.37 including Check Nos. 266029-266461, Wire Nos. 7393-7411, Payroll Check Nos. 147903-148430, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10879-10901

Items of Business

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Acting City Manager Amundson announced that the discussion about the facility use agreement policy is scheduled for the March 26, 2019, Council Workshop agenda.

City Council

Councilmember Alvarez thanked the individuals who came to the meeting and shared their concerns regarding increases with the electric retail rates and has asked staff to share a chart explaining the electrical rate increases with the public.

Councilmember Lukson, echoed Councilmember Alvarez's comments regarding the rate

increases. He also thanked Mr. Rogalsky and Councilmember Lemley for “showing him the ropes” during their recent travels to Olympia, WA to meet with key legislators about some upcoming road projects. Lastly, he stated that he is excited about what the next five years will bring within the Central District of Richland.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked the audience for attending and sharing their concerns and he stated that it does make a difference.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson stated that he was in Seattle, WA for the past seven weeks and expressed gratitude for returning to and living within this community. He reminded Council to analyze the long-term consequences before approving any social or economic policies.

Adjournment

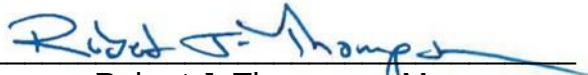
Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

April 2, 2019

DATE PUBLISHED

April 3, 2019