



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the Council workshop to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Attendance: Mayor Thompson, Councilmembers Alvarez, Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Lukson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, City Attorney Kintzley, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Parks and Public Facilities Supervisor Harper and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Items

1. Policy Discussion Regarding Facility Use Agreements (60 minutes)

Before the presentation began, City Manager Reents read the statutes of the Revised Code of Washington and Richland Municipal Code specific to the authorities, roles and responsibilities of the Council and the City Manager.

Mr. Schiessl introduced Parks and Public Facilities Supervisor Harper who was in attendance and available to answer questions during and after the presentation. Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Schiessl explained that the City manages several different types of agreements with organizations that provide youth sports opportunities including: leases, interlocal agreements, general field use guidelines and facility use agreements (FUA). Since 2016, the Parks and Recreation Commission has been updating field use fees and revising the FUA template. In October 2019, Council approved a new FUA with Richland Lacrosse Club, and recently approved a FUA with Richland National Little League with the understanding that Council would discuss the policy considerations of FUAs in a workshop.

Council and staff discussion ensued regarding the FUA policy considerations specifically related to the City's fee schedules and the City of Richland's subsidization of community groups and organizations using the City's sports and play fields.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council asked staff to determine and report back whether or not other cities are subsidizing their community organizations and groups when using their facilities, and if, so, provide the percentage of such subsidy.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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