



## MINUTES

### RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

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#### City Council Workshop - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the 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, Lemley and Lukson were present. Councilmembers Alvarez and Kent were absent.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley and Public Works Director Rogalsky.

#### Agenda Item

1. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(ii): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel (15 minutes)

**MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CURRENT LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30110(I)(ii) BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. FOR 15 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Finance Director Allen, Administrative Services Director Koch and Deputy City Clerk Barham joined the workshop at 7:15 p.m.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items (15 minutes)

City Manager Reents advised Council that the City of Richland Fire Department was not associated with the recent news article regarding the Public Safety Sales Tax. Ms. Reents also provided an update on the status of the GSA parking lot, and briefed Council on a recent meeting with Richland's bond counsel. Ms. Reents encouraged the CIP subcommittee to attend a meeting with bond counsel scheduled for May 21, 2019. Councilmember Lukson will attend on behalf of Councilmember Lemley, and Mayor Pro Tem Christensen will also attend. Ms. Reents will invite Councilmember Alvarez to the meeting.

Council reviewed the evening's proposed agenda, during which it was noted that a business item should be added to address appointment of an interim Council representative to the Ben Franklin Transit Board.

### **City Council Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Thompson called the Council meeting to order at 7:31 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, Lemley and Lukson were present. Councilmembers Kent and Alvarez were absent.

**COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ AND KENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Finance Director Allen, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Acting Police Services Director Smith, Energy Services Director Whitney and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Thompson invited Boy Scout T.J. from Troop No. 190 forward to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED AGENDA ADDING AN ITEM OF BUSINESS TO APPOINT A COUNCILMEMBER TO THE BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

### **Presentations**

#### **3. New Hire/Retirements**

Ms. Koch announced new staff hired in April 2019, which include Betsy Gonzalez, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Ashley Gose, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; and Amber Whitney, Customer Service Representative. There were no retirees to report.

4. Proclamation Celebrating May 2019 as Building Safety Month: Development Services Director Jensen

Mayor Thompson read a proclamation declaring May 2019 as Building Safety Month and presented it to Development Services Director Jensen.

### **Public Hearing**

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

5. Proposed Amendment to the 2019 Budget to include the 2018 Budget Carryovers, Ordinance No. 26-19

Finance Director Allen provided a brief overview of the items included in the 2018 Budget carryovers.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. No public testimony was offered. Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

6. Proposed Amendment to the 2019 Budget regarding the Equipment Replacement, City Street and Public Works Admin & Engineering Funds, Ordinance No. 27-19

Mr. Rogalsky noted that the three items within the proposed amendment to the 2019 Budget comprised of a replacement of snow removal equipment and two proposed transportation studies.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. No public testimony was offered. Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:43:45 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

Robert Dunn, 2820 Riverbend Drive, Richland, WA, expressed support for the proposed zoning change on six (6) acres in the Horn Rapids residential area, specifically the Horn Rapids Golf Course, to allow for development of townhouses.

### **Consent Calendar**

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent Calendar.

**MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

### **Minutes**

7. April 16, 2019 and April 23, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

### **Ordinances - First Reading**

8. Ordinance No. 25-19, Amending Chapter 12.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters
9. Ordinance No. 26-19, Approving Amendments to the 2019 Budget to Include the 2018 Budget Carryovers
10. Ordinance No. 27-19, Amending the 2019 Budget to Add Appropriations to the Equipment Replacement Fund, Public Works Administration & Engineering Fund, City Streets Fund and General Fund
11. Ordinance No. 28-19, Approving a Zone Change on 314 Acres from Agriculture (AG) to General Business (C-3), Multiple Family Residential District (R-3), Medium Density Residential District (R-2), Single Family Residential District (R-1-10), and Parks and Public Facilities (PPF)

### **Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage**

12. Ordinance No. 22-19, Amending Section 11.33.010 of the Richland Municipal Code Related to Definitions Associated with Public Parking

### **Resolutions – Adoption**

13. Resolution 59-19, Approving a Fifth Amendment to the Horn Rapids ORV Park Operating Lease Agreement with Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex, Inc.
14. Resolution No. 60-19, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with JUB Engineers, Inc. for the Central Richland Transportation Study

### **Items for Approval**

#### **Expenditures - Approval**

15. Expenditures from April 8, 2019 - April 26, 2019 for \$11,739,558.54 including Check Nos. 267103-267738, Wire Nos. 7469-7513, Payroll Check Nos. 149492-150036, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10940-10955

### **Items of Business**

16. Council Appointment to the Ben Franklin Transit Board

**MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY AS THE INTERIM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT BOARD UNTIL A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY THE COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS COMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

## Reports and Comments

### ***City Manager***

City Manager Reents updated Council regarding the status of the move to the new City Hall, announced that the new City Hall open house is scheduled for June 10, 2019, and stated that she looks forward to the first Council meeting in the new City Hall, which is scheduled for June 4, 2019.

### ***Council***

Councilmember Anderson expressed thanks to Councilmember Lemley for agreeing to participate on the Ben Franklin Transit Board, and for always making himself available to attend meetings on Mr. Anderson's behalf when he cannot attend. Councilmember Anderson commented favorably on the recent Cinco de Mayo event at John Dam Plaza. Lastly, Councilmember Anderson commented positively on the recent Council actions related to the Central Richland Transportation Study, the first reading of an ordinance to change zoning on 314 acres of land, and other items of significance to the City, and encouraged everyone to get involved with the exciting changes in Richland.

Councilmember Lemley commented on the status of a \$28M cardboard factory coming to Richland. He also announced that his rotary club, along with other area rotary clubs, is supporting the Rebuilding Mid-Columbia initiative designed to help low income and elderly individuals. Lastly, Mr. Lemley stated that his rotary club now maintains the historical military markers located in central Richland.

Councilmember Lukson expressed excitement for the opening of Richland's new City Hall and the opportunities for economic growth that it will bring.

### ***Mayor***

Mayor Thompson commented on how the old City Hall was built during the post war era and was long overdue for replacement. He complimented City Manager Reents and City staff for their efforts in funding the new City Hall without impacting citizens through increased taxes. Lastly, Mayor Thompson commented on his belief that the City can and should exert greater influence on legislative representatives with regard to Hanford clean-up given the growth of the Tri-Cities region and its nexus to Hanford.

## Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

### **APPROVED:**

  
Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

### **ATTESTED:**

  
Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** May 21, 2019

**DATE PUBLISHED:** May 22, 2019