



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Workshop:

Mayor Thompson called the workshop session 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, and Councilmembers Alvarez, Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Lukson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Items:

1. Follow-up Information from the Public Safety Facilities Workshop

Fire Chief Huntington described the Comprehensive Plan triggers related to public safety services, and provided Council with the following metrics: 1) response and out-of-service times in Badger South, Rancho Reata, north Richland and Horn Rapids areas; 2) the percentage of the population outside of ideal response times; and 3) local and national response time standards.

2. SR-240 / Aaron Drive Improvements BUILD Grant

Public Works Director Rogalsky briefly discussed staff's relief strategy for traffic congestion, and a proposal to submit for a BUILD Grant for the SR-240 and Aaron Drive project.

3. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

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

Regular Meeting:

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.

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Business Services Manager Edgemon, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

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 MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations:

There were no scheduled presentations.

Public Hearing:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the public hearing and public comments procedures.

4. Proposed Amendment to the City's Industrial Development Fund, Ordinance No. 29-19

Development Services Director Jensen explained that the proposed budget amendment in the Industrial Development Fund is to increase appropriations to cover additional expenses for four (4) projects not initially anticipated in the 2019 Budget.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Ginger Wireman, 2435 Michael Avenue, Richland, commented on the state of the wetlands in Horn Rapids and asked if the Horn Rapids wetlands mitigation project includes adequate funding to ensure successful establishment of new wetlands.

Mr. Jensen stated to Council that the wetlands will be adequately monitored.

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Public Works Director Rogalsky presented to Council regarding Resolution Nos. 64-19 and 65-19, which sought public testimony related to relinquishment of certain utility easements acquired for utility purposes. Mr. Rogalsky informed Council that the utility easements were no longer necessary, and were therefore surplus to the City's needs, since the infrastructure supported by the easements has been abandoned in place. Council asked no questions of Mr. Rogalsky.

5. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within 2110 Lee Boulevard, Resolution No. 64-19

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

6. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within 97 Waldron Street, Resolution No. 65-19

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments:

Ginger Wireman, 2435 Michael Avenue, Richland, shared her support of adding High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes to SR-240, and wants to see employers on the Hanford Site encourage their workers to stop single-occupancy vehicle use in favor of carpooling. Per Ms. Wireman, the City of Richland should not carry the full burden of shifting the transportation culture.

Danielle Belliston, 1417 Westwood Court, Richland, representing the Tri-Cities Girls Fastpitch Softball Association (TCGFSA), provided an update regarding the negotiations of a Facility Use Agreement (FUA) and expressed frustration that the negotiations are still ongoing. Ms. Belliston also thanked the City's grounds crew assigned to Columbia Playfields for their professionalism. She stated that staff's responsiveness to questions or concerns raised by TCGFSA is appreciated, and complimented them for keeping the fields in great shape.

Consent Calendar:

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the consent items.

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7. Approval of the May 7, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading:

8. Ordinance No. 29-19, Amending the 2019 Budget to Increase Appropriations in the Industrial Development Fund

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

9. Ordinance No. 25-19, Amending Chapter 12.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters

10. Ordinance No. 26-19, Approving Amendments to the 2019 Budget to include the 2018 Budget Carryovers
11. Ordinance No. 28-19, Approving a Zone Change on 314 Acres from Agriculture to General Business, Multiple Family Residential District, Medium Density Residential District, Single Family Residential District, and Parks and Public Facilities

Resolutions – Adoption:

12. Resolution No. 61-19, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Benton County and the Cities of Benton City, Kennewick, Prosser and West Richland regarding Solid Waste Planning and Services in Benton County
13. Resolution No. 62-19, Setting a Public Hearing Date regarding the Vacation of a Portion of Center Boulevard
14. Resolution No. 63-19, Authorizing a First Amendment to the Sewer Latecomer Agreement with Pahlisch Homes at Westcliffe Heights, LLC
15. Resolution No. 64-19, Authorizing the Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within 2110 Lee Boulevard
16. Resolution No. 65-19, Authorizing the Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within 97 Waldron Street
17. Resolution No. 66-19, Establishing the 2018-2019 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zoning Code Amendments
18. Resolution No. 67-19, Issuing a Purchase Order to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for Roof Restoration to the Richland Library
19. Resolution No. 68-19, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for City Participation in Benton County District Court's Therapeutic Courts

Items for Approval:

20. Authorize Travel for Councilmember Lemley

Expenditures - Approval:

21. Expenditures from April 29, 2019 - May 8, 2019, for \$6,556,360.00 including Check Nos. 267739-268095, Wire Nos. 7514-7529, Payroll Check Nos. 150037-150573, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10956-10977

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Items of Business:

No business items were scheduled.

Reports and Comments:

City Manager

Ms. Reents announced that the grand opening of the new City Hall is scheduled for June 10, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Ms. Reents also introduced and welcomed new Chief of Police John Bruce, who will officially start with the City in June. Finally, Ms. Reents thanked Ms. Belliston for her positive comments regarding the field crews at Columbia Playfields.

Council

Councilmember Anderson reflected briefly on discontinuing the use of the current Council Chambers and stated that he is looking forward to the new City Hall.

Councilmember Kent thanked Ms. Reents for her email explaining the intended distribution of items still located at the old City Hall campus.

Councilmember Alvarez welcomed new Chief of Police John Bruce and shared some comments about the significance of Memorial Day.

Councilmember Lemley commented on the recent news article about the new armory that will come to north Richland and his contribution to making this facility a reality.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen welcomed new Chief of Police John Bruce. Mr. Christensen also encouraged public attendance at the Memorial Day event at Sunset Gardens, and commented on the old and new Council Chambers.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson reflected briefly on the numerous items Council has worked on through the years, and how that work is reflected in the progress the City has made. Mr. Thompson also commented on the passing of former City of Kennewick Mayor Steve Young, who was a mentor and a true champion for the Tri-Cities.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: June 4, 2019

DATE PUBLISHED: June 5, 2019