



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Call to Order:

Mayor Rose called the Council workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attendance:

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Council Members Anderson, Christensen, Jones, and Kent present.

Also present were City Manager Johnson, Deputy City Manager King, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl and City Clerk Hopkins.

Workshop Items:

1. North Richland Fire Facility and Service Area
 - Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl

Mr. Schiessl said the City expects significant growth within and around the Research District in north Richland. In 2016, a new location for Station No. 73 is scheduled, but currently unfunded. The proposed new location is one-half a mile north of the current station. Staff have been approached with an opportunity to create a partnership to explore fire services options in this area that are consistent with the City's long-range plans. He discussed adjusting urban growth boundaries, future annexations, cost benefits of the partnership and the value of the land the current station.

Ms. Johnson explained the partnership is in its early stages and not much information is available at this time. She asked Council if they would be interested in staff to continue forward in this partnership opportunity. Council concurred to move forward on researching this option.

2. Stormwater Retrofit Project Development – Public Outreach
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the purpose of this workshop is to present the features of a public outreach program that staff intends to implement in preparation for seeking Council selection of stormwater system water quality improvement project alternatives. Public Works staff have spent the past few months reformulating the Leslie Groves Infiltration Basin project and developing several other stormwater system water quality

improvement projects. The entire set of projects has been developed to include multiple design alternatives that will be evaluated by staff and the public through a thorough public outreach program. These projects will be funded by existing secured Washington State grants and City Stormwater Utility funds.

Mr. Rogalsky gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the detail of the stormwater retrofit project and the community outreach plans about the project.

3. Facility Hours of Operation

- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Mr. Schiessl said the Richland Community Center, Library, swimming pool and landfill represents the City's most used facilities outside of parks. He gave usage statistics on these facilities and recommendations to align days and hours of operation with community needs and resources. He discussed various options that have been considered to realign the days and hours.

Mr. Rogalsky showed the usage statistics of the landfill and discussed the option of closing on Sundays on certain months of the year. He said more research is needed to be done before recommendations are ready for Council, however, he wanted to bring the idea forward to Council at this time.

Other Business:

Mr. Amundson asked Council if they would be willing to reach out to community leaders and citizens to solicit support of the Transportation Package and Duportail Bridge by writing letters. He has four templates of the letter for Council to consider using or Council could forward him contact information to coordinator the effort. He said the timeline for the Washington State Senate Transportation Revenue and Reform Package has been accelerated and the Senate is expected to vote on the package on Thursday, February 26, 2015. The City would like to continue to express support for the Transportation Package and communicate that message to the House Members before their vote as well.

Ms. Johnson said the Multi-Agency Three Rivers Information and Communications Service (MATRICS) draft Interlocal Agreement will be on the March 3 Council meeting for Council action. She said Kennewick and Pasco will also have it on their March 3 Council meetings for approval as well, but noted it will not go into effect until Benton and Franklin counties also approve the agreement.

Ms. Johnson said Deputy City Manager/Community and Development Director King will be retiring this year and the position is be advertised as a Community Development Director and is now on the City website and with Waldron, a recruitment company.

Ms. Johnson said the Planning Commissioner who had an issue with the delivery of the Planning Commission meeting agenda packet, mistakenly thought he had to come to

City Hall to pick it up. After speaking with Mr. King, the commission understood the process and the issue was resolved.

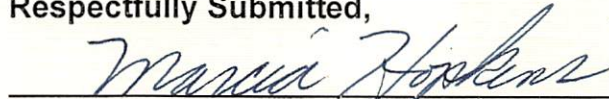
Ms. Johnson said Council received an email from the auditor's office regarding an issue and the auditor said they had not heard back from Council as yet. She said a letter is being drafted for the Mayor's signature, that explains the policy of the City Manager's Office being responsible to respond to this types of email and it was not an oversight of the Council Members.

Ms. Kintzley said the City is on hold with the cable franchise until the transfer between Comcast and Charter takes effect at the federal level expected to be complete by

Adjournment:

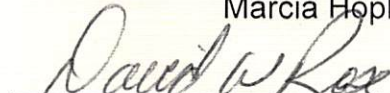
Mayor Rose adjourned the workshop at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



David W. Rose, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

MARCH 3, 2015

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