



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

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

Mayor Thompson called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, and Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl.

Agenda Item

1. Richland Fire & Emergency Services Department Ladder Truck Show & Tell

Captain Joe DeRousie, Lt. Scott Brines, Firefighter Chris Roney and Battalion Chief Brenda Rodgers provided Council with an opportunity to explore the Richland Fire Department's new ladder truck.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

Council and staff briefly reviewed the items scheduled for the meeting.

3. Transition

Council and staff relocated from the workshop setting to seats on the dais for the meeting.

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

Mayor Thompson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Thompson welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Police Services Director Bruce, and Energy Services Director Whitney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations

4. Oath of Office for Richland Police Chief John Bruce

City Manager Reents administered the oath of office to John Bruce, who has been hired to fill the Police Services Director/Chief of Police position vacated by Chief Skinner.

5. 2018 Arts Recognition Award for Contributions in Support of the Arts

Arts Commission Chair Kissel awarded to the Emerald of Siam the "Outstanding Organization" award for its contribution in support of the arts in Richland in 2019. Chair Kissel then awarded the "Outstanding Individual" award to Adrienne Shields for her contribution in support of the arts in Richland in 2019.

6. Kennewick Irrigation District Drought Preparations and Long Range Planning

General Manager Chuck Freeman reported Kennewick Irrigation District's challenges related to water rights and federal involvement.

Public Hearing

City Attorney Kintzley read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedure.

7. Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Center Boulevard, Ordinance No. 32-19

Mr. Rogalsky explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive testimony

on a proposed vacation of Center Boulevard, which does not need to be constructed based on the build-out of the subdivision in which it is located.

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. No testimony was offered.

8. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within 106 Goethals Drive, Resolution No. 77-19

Mr. Rogalsky explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive testimony on a proposed vacation of a utility easement lying in 106 Goethals, which is no longer necessary because the utilities have been relocated.

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. No testimony was offered.

9. Proposed Relinquishment of Tract I lying within the Final Plat of Clearwater Creek – Phase 1, Resolution No. 78-19

Mr. Rogalsky explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive testimony on a proposed reconveyance of a tract of land dedicated to the City by the developer of Clearwater Creek for the purpose of providing irrigation services to the subdivision. The City transferred its irrigation obligations to the Kennewick Irrigation District, so the land is now surplus to the City's needs.

Councilmember Lukson inquired whether reconveyance would be supported by consideration. Public Works Director Rogalsky advised that the parcel was dedicated without cost to the City, and would be reconveyed without cost to the developer.

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

Randy Slovic, 74 Newcomer, Richland WA, spoke about proposed Ordinance No. 31-19 regarding restrictions on on-street parking to accommodate bicycle lanes. Ms. Slovic expressed disfavor at what she considered to be a confusing document based on its inclusion of redline/strikeout editing and a significant list of locations where restrictions will apply.

Consent Calendar

City Attorney Kintzley read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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10. Approve the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

11. Ordinance No. 31-19, Amending Chapter 11.40 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Restrictions to On-Street Parking
12. Ordinance No. 32-19, Vacating a Portion of Center Boulevard Right-of-Way

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

13. Ordinance No. 24-19, Amending Chapter 7.03 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Animal Licensing
14. Ordinance No. 30-19, Adding a New Section 5.04.244 regarding Commercial Kennel Licensing Fees to Chapter 5.04 of the Richland Municipal Code

Resolutions – Adoption

15. Resolution No. 77-19, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Portion of a Utility Easement lying within 106 Goethals Drive
16. Resolution No. 78-19, Authorizing Reconveyance of Tract I of the Final Plat of Clearwater Creek – Phase I
17. Resolution No. 79-19, Awarding a Construction Contract to Contractors Equipment Maintenance Co. for the Battelle Boulevard Extension Project
18. Resolution No. 80-19, Naming a Portion of WE Johnson Park
19. Resolution No. 81-19, Awarding Commercial Improvement Program Funds
20. Resolution No. 83-19, Establishing Council Assignments for the 2019 Calendar year and Repealing Resolution Nos. 14-18 and 17-19

Items for Approval

21. Appointment to the Richland Public Facilities District Board: Veronica Kenney

Expenditures - Approval

22. Expenditures from May 27, 2019 - June 7, 2019 for \$10,022,061.02 including Check Nos. 268546-268884, Wire Nos. 7554-7581, Payroll Check Nos. 151113-151666, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10994-11009

Items of Business

No business items were scheduled.

Reports and Comments***City Manager***

Ms. Reents welcomed Police Chief Bruce and his family to the City of Richland.

City Council

Councilmembers Alvarez, Lemley and Lukson welcomed Chief Bruce to the City of Richland.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson welcomed Chief Bruce to the City of Richland, and also spoke briefly about upcoming action related to Hanford funding issues. Mayor Thompson encouraged citizens to watch for updates, and mentioned activity occurring between the State of Washington, the Washington State Governor's Office, the Washington Attorney General's Office, the Department of Ecology and the Department of Energy.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED:
Robert J. Thompson, Mayor**ATTESTED:**
Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: July 3, 2019

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