



## MINUTES

### RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, July 2, 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 Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were Acting City Manager Koch, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Transportation & Development Manager West and Chief of Police Bruce.

#### **Agenda Item**

1. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(ii): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation With Legal Counsel (20 minutes)

**MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED A MOTION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CURRENT LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30110(1)(I)(ii) BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. FOR 20 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**COUNCIL MOVED FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS INTO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM. CITY ATTORNEY KINTZLEY AND ACTING CITY MANAGER KOCH JOINED COUNCIL IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM.**

**COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**COUNCIL RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE WORKSHOP.**

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.

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

Also present were Acting City Manager Koch, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Transportation & Development Manager West and Chief of Police Bruce.

**COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**Presentations****4. New Hire/Retirements**

Ms. Koch announced newly hired staff, to include Joe Jacobs, Economic Development Manager; Toni Clark, Customer Service Assistant; Lilly Savchuk, Customer Service Representative; Mitchell Crawford, Lineman Apprentice; Clay Gonzalez, Emergency Communications Dispatcher; Bryan Field, Police Officer; Dianne McCants, Police Records Specialist; and Derick Weixel, Utility Craftswoman. City retirements include longstanding employees Phil Pinard, Parks & Public Facilities Capital Projects Manager; and Dan Penwell, City Surveyor.

**5. 4th of July Message**

Fire Chief Huntington, Police Chief Bruce and Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl gave a brief message related to anticipated 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday response, to include cautious optimism that it will be a low key holiday based on lower than typical

temperatures and higher humidity. Chief Bruce asked citizens and visitors to follow the rules related to fireworks. Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl advised that “mop-up” services would be brought in on Friday to clean the parks, restoring them to normal conditions by noon.

## **Public Hearing**

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

6. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within Phase 1 of the Reserve at Summerview Terrace, Resolution No. 88-19

Transportation & Development Manager West explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive testimony on a proposed relinquishment of a utility easement lying within Phase 1 of the Reserve at Summerview Terrace, which is no longer needed because the utilities have been relocated and a new easement has been recorded.

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. as no testimony was offered.

7. Proposed Amendments to the 2019 Budget regarding Streets Capital Construction Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, General Fund, Public Works Admin & Engineering Fund, City Streets Fund, and General Government Construction Fund, Ordinance No. 34-19

Acting City Manager Koch explained the several budget adjustments accomplished by Ordinance No. 34-19.

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

## **Public Comments**

Jim Stoffels, 1002 Rio Senda Court, Richland WA, encouraged City Council to change the name of Lee Boulevard based on Robert E. Lee’s involvement in the Civil War.

Nick Gladwell, 1426 McPherson, Richland WA, implored the City to respond to the large pothole located on Torbitt Street.

Nancy Doran, 1516 Johnston Avenue, Richland WA, asked the City to reconsider remodeling the Water Treatment Plant since it is one of the last buildings with a mid-century curtain wall.

Dan Evans, 3505 Clearlake Court, Richland WA, spoke in support of the proposed Greater Richland Little League (GRLL) Facility Use Agreement on tonight’s agenda.

Andrew Ott, 110 Davenport Street, Richland WA, spoke in support of renaming Lee Boulevard based on Robert E. Lee's involvement in the Civil War. Mr. Ott also pointed out that the American flag displayed outside Jefferson Elementary does not appear to be displayed in compliance with established rules.

### **Consent Calendar**

City Attorney Kintzley read the Consent Calendar.

**MAYOR THOMPSON PULLED ITEM NO. 12 REGARDING AUTHORIZATION OF A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH GREATER RICHLAND LITTLE LEAGUE. ITEM NO. 12 WAS MOVED TO ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 1 ON THIS AGENDA.**

**ONCE READING OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS CONCLUDED, COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND MAYOR THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

### **Minutes**

- 8. June 18, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes; June 19, 2019 Special Council Workshop Minutes

### **Ordinances - First Reading**

- 9. Ordinance No. 33-19, Accepting a Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant and Amending the 2019 Budget
- 10. Ordinance No. 34-19, Amending the 2019 Budget in the Streets Capital Construction Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, General Fund, Public Works Admin & Engineering Fund, City Streets Fund, and General Government Construction Fund
- 11. Ordinance No. 31-19, Amending Chapter 11.40 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Restrictions to On-Street Parking

### **Resolutions – Adoption**

- 12. Resolution No. 82-19, Authorizing a Facility Use Agreement with Greater Richland Little League - **PULLED BY MAYOR THOMPSON; ADDRESSED AS ITEM OF BUSINESS NO. 1.**
- 13. Resolution No. 84-19, Supporting the Federal Columbia River Power System and Opposing Removal of the Lower Snake River Dams
- 14. Resolution No. 85-19, Authorizing a Loan Application to the Public Works Trust Fund on Behalf of the Solid Waste Utility

15. Resolution No. 86-19, Authorizing a United States Department of Transportation BUILD Funding Application for the State Route 240/Aaron Drive Project
16. Resolution No. 87-19, Awarding a Bid to Glacier Environmental Services, Inc. for the Landfill Disposal Capacity Improvements - Phase 1B Project
17. Resolution No. 88-19, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Utility Easement lying within Phase 1 of the Reserve at Summerview Terrace
18. Adopt Resolution No. 89-19, Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with The Travelers Indemnity Company

#### **Items for Approval**

19. Expenditures from June 10, 2019 - June 21, 2019 for \$6,715,341.21 including Check Nos. 268885-269406, Wire Nos. 7582-7603, Payroll Check Nos. 151667-152214, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 11010-11031

#### **Items of Business**

1. Resolution No. 82-19, Authorizing a Facility Use Agreement with Greater Richland Little League

Parks & Facilities Director Schiessl answered questions from Council related to the proposed facility use agreement.

**COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 82-19, AUTHORIZING A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH GREATER RICHLAND LITTLE LEAGUE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

#### **Reports and Comments**

##### ***City Manager***

Acting City Manager Koch had no comments.

##### ***City Council***

Councilmember Anderson encouraged everyone to follow the rules regarding fireworks in Richland. Mr. Anderson also replied to the citizen who reported concerns with the display of the American flag at Jefferson Elementary, advising that he notified the Richland School District so that the matter could be further evaluated.

Councilmember Kent thanked the citizen for raising the American flag issue, and encouraged citizens to have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Ms. Kent also commented favorably about the Richland Farmers Market.

Councilmember Alvarez promoted the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Pasco and encouraged individuals to attend. Mr. Alvarez wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Councilmember Lemley encouraged everyone to have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and to remember that pets are often negatively affected by fireworks.

Councilmember Lukson encouraged everyone to have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**Mayor**

Mayor Thompson commented on the need for citizens to remember why American is special. Mr. Thompson promoted the unity fostered by celebration of America's independence, and encouraged citizens to cherish the values upon which the County was built. Mr. Thompson wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** July 16, 2019

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