



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

City Council Workshop - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Police Captain Taylor, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Item

1. Initiative 976, Potential Impacts to the Transportation Benefit District (TBD)

Ms. Reents provided a status of Washington State Initiative 976, also known as the \$30 Car Tab Initiative, and its potential impacts to Richland's Transportation Benefit District. At the conclusion of the presentation, Council and staff engaged in question and answers.

Public Works Director Rogalsky updated Council on the Build Grant application that was recently submitted for the SR-240/Aaron Drive Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen asked for an update regarding the maintenance concerns raised about the railroad tracks crossing located at SR-240 and Van Giesen Street. City Manager Reents advised that the Port of Benton owns the railroad tracks, and that she would look into the railroad crossing matter.

2. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

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

3. Transition

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 Richland 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, and Councilmembers Alvarez, Lemley and Lukson were present. Councilmembers Anderson and Kent were absent.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS ANDERSON AND KENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Police Captain Taylor, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney 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 COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations

4. 4th of July Follow-up

Fire Chief Huntington, Police Captain Taylor and Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl provided a brief recap of the activities and incidents that occurred in Richland on July 4, 2019.

5. Overview of Proposed 2019-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Resolution No. 94-19

Mr. Schiessl provided a brief overview of the proposed 2019-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Public Hearing

No public hearings were scheduled.

Public Comments

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Public Comments procedure.

Jeramiah Coughlan, 214 S. Vancouver Street, Kennewick, WA, expressed concern regarding the renaming of Lee Boulevard and stated that he believed the street was named after General Henry “Light-Horse Harry” Lee III. Mr. Coughlan recommended that the sign be amended to reflect this naming.

Larry Lowry, 1300 Westgate Way, Richland, WA, expressed concern about the fireworks and requested that all fireworks be banned in the city of Richland.

Ginger Wireman, 2435 Michael Avenue, Richland, WA, expressed appreciation for the street improvements along on Swift Boulevard. Ms. Wireman also stated that she and others support mixed-use on the old City Hall property and requested that residents be involved with the process. She also recommended that a completion bond be included when a developer has been awarded the project to ensure it is completed. Lastly, Ms. Wiremen asked that all fireworks be banned within the City of Richland.

Nancy Doran, 1516 Johnston Avenue, Richland, WA, stated her position that the evidence reflects that Lee Boulevard was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

Chris Muller, 2753 Rue Court, Richland, WA, stated that he was a recent graduate from Benton County Mental Health Court and expressed a desire to complete community service at Lawless Park.

David Harvey, 1931 Harris Avenue, Richland, WA, supported the City for rejecting the bid for the Water Treatment Plant façade replacement and encouraged the City to find alternative ways to increase the energy efficiency at that facility, retain the mid-century modern architecture and include public involvement in the process.

Andrew Ott, 110 Davenport Street, Richland, WA, commented on the U.S. flags not being lit at night, specifically at Lewis and Clark Elementary School.

Boyce Burdick, 414 Snyder Street, Richland, WA, stated that he is a board president of the Mid-Columbia Sympathy and encouraged performing arts center at the location of the old City Hall.

VJ Meadows, 102 Bremmer, Street, Richland, WA, announced that she is running for a position on the Port of Kennewick Board of Commissioners and looked forward to working with the Richland City Council if provided the opportunity.

Ms. Alisha Victorine, 1103 Roberdeau Street, Richland, WA, commented on a mixed-use development located in Spokane, WA.

Consent Calendar

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent Calendar.

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

Minutes

6. June 25, 2019 Council Workshop Minutes; July 2, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

7. Ordinance No. 33-19, Accepting a Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant and Amending the 2019 Budget
8. Ordinance No. 34-19, Amending the 2019 Budget in the Streets Capital Construction Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, General Fund, Public Works Administration & Engineering Fund, City Streets Fund, and General Government Construction Fund

Resolutions – Adoption

9. Resolution No. 90-19, Approving the Final Plat of Clearwater Creek - Phase 7
10. Resolution No. 91-19, Authorizing an Agreement with EES Consulting, Inc. for Integrated Resource Plan and Conservation Potential Assessment Consulting Services
11. Resolution No. 93-19, Authorizing an Agreement with Cable Huston, LLP for Specialized Legal Consulting Services
12. Resolution No. 94-19, Approving the 2019-2025 City of Richland Parks and Recreation Master Plan
13. Resolution No. 95-19, Rejecting all Bids for the Water Treatment Plant Facade Replacement Project

14. Resolution No. 96-19, Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with J-U-B Engineers, Inc. for the North-South Travel Capacity Study

Items for Approval

15. Authorize Travel for Mayor Thompson
16. Appointment to the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees: Lindsay Lightner

Expenditures - Approval

17. Expenditures from June 24, 2019 - July 5, 2019 for \$8,186,626.25, including Check Nos. 269407-269811, Wire Nos. 7604-7631, Payroll Check Nos. 152215-152793, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 11032-11049

Items of Business

No items of business were scheduled.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Ms. Reents encouraged Mr. Ott to contact the Richland School District directly regarding the lighting of their U.S. flags. She also read a letter of appreciation from Jr. Achievement, and gave public recognition to city staff members who recently volunteered with Jr. Achievement.

City Council

Councilmember Alvarez commented about the importance of properly lighting and respecting the U.S. flags. Councilmember Alvarez also commented favorably about Howard Amon Park and the 3See Basketball Tournament.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen commented about a ribbon-cutting event he recently attended for the grand opening of Horn Rapids RV Service and Sales.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson commented about the ongoing effort to build a performing arts center in the Tri-Cities area, and stated that, regardless of the name of the project, it has been consistently voted down by the citizens. Mayor Thompson shared Richland's experience with the Reach, and indicated that for a project such as a performing arts center to be viable, it requires a significant private partner.

Adjournment

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

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

DATE APPROVED: August 6, 2019

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