



MINUTES
RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift
Boulevard Tuesday, August 20, 2019

City Council Workshop - 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the Council workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Bruce, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Development Services Director Jensen, Energy Services Director Whitney and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Item

1. Horn Rapids Industrial Park Update

Mr. Jensen introduced Roger Wright, a consultant for the City and the Port of Benton for engineering and economic development at the Horn Rapids area; he also introduced Diahann Howard, Port of Benton Interim Executive Director who was in attendance at the workshop meeting. Mr. Jensen provided a brief history of the Horn Rapids Industrial Park and then reported the status of the Industrial Park and proposed plan to develop additional infrastructure including water, sewer, stormwater and electricity within the area.

Council and staff discussed various points of the proposed development plan.

2. Termination of Ground Lease and Sale of Property at 1100 and 1200 Jadwin Avenue

Mr. Jensen commented on the current ground lease for the properties located at 1100 and 1200 Jadwin Avenue and the request to terminate the ground lease and sell the land to Boost Builds. The City would retain an approximately 2.81-acre parcel to the south of 1100 and 1200 Jadwin Avenue.

Council and staff discussion ensued regarding the proposed actions for 1100 and 1200 Jadwin Avenue.

3. George Washington Way Street Project Update

Mr. Rogalsky reported on a Department of Energy project that closed a portion of George Washington Way (GWW) located on federal property north of the City limits which coincided with the City's GWW street project. He also updated Council on the status of a recent failed asphalt rubber chip seal street project on south George Washington Way between Jadwin Avenue and Columbia Point Drive. Lastly, Mr. Rogalsky reported on the George Washington Way Street project currently underway between Guyer Avenue and the north boundary of City limits.

4. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

Mayor Thompson apologized for a few recent Council assignments that he made without review from the Council Assignments Committee. Council discussed the Council assignments process.

Ms. Reents announced an upcoming TRIDEC congressional reception and asked if any Councilmembers were planning to attend. Ms. Reents shared her recent opportunity to be featured in the Association of Washington Cities magazine. Lastly, Ms. Reents announced that her presidency on the Washington Cities Managers Association has concluded.

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

Mayor Thompson called the Council meeting to order at 7:34 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, 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, Chief of Police Bruce, 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 AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

5. Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary See3Slam Update by Terry Fleischman

Mr. Schiessl introduced See3Slam Event Director Terry Fleischman. Ms. Fleischman provided a recap of the See3Slam and Jam@Dam events, the proceeds of which go to help the blind in third world countries. Ms. Fleischman also discussed plans for next year's events.

6. Fire & Emergency Services Mid-Year Cardiac Care Program Update

Fire Chief Huntington announced that City Hall is now a designated Heart Safe campus, and provided some statistics on the Cardiac Care program and how the Fire & Emergency Services Department is saving lives in Richland. Firefighter James Stovall described and demonstrated some key cardiac and ventilation equipment that is used to help save lives.

Council thanked staff for the important work they are doing in saving lives.

7. Development Services Mid-Year Update

Mr. Jensen provided a semi-annual update of the Development Services activities in planning, building and economic development.

Public Hearing

No public hearings were scheduled.

Public Comments

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Public Comments procedure.

Kristi McKennon, 502 Agier Drive, Richland, WA, conveyed concern that she and many Crested Hills residents share related to a popular view point at the east end of Meadow Hills Drive. Ms. McKennon stated that vehicles congregate at the cul-de-sac nightly, and residents believe criminal activities are taking place. Ms. McKennon distributed several photos of the area and a draft ordinance that would stop this activity from occurring by deeming that portion of Meadow Hills Drive a no parking zone.

John Crook, Boost Builds partner, 1100 Jadwin, Richland, WA, expressed support for the termination of the ground lease and the sale of land at the 1100 and 1200 Jadwin.

Danielle Belliston, 1417 Westwood Court, Richland, WA, provided an update regarding the Tri-Cities Girls Fastpitch Softball Association and their pending facility use agreement with the City of Richland.

Consent Calendar

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent Calendar.

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

Minutes for Approval

8. August 6, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Resolutions for Adoption

9. Resolution No. 92-19, Authorizing an Agreement with DNV GL USA, Inc. for Synergi Electric Model Design
10. Resolution No. 108-19, Authorizing a Grant Application to the Department of Ecology for Shoreline Master Program Grant Funding
11. Resolution No. 109-19, Approving Termination of a Ground Lease and Sale of Property at 1100 and 1200 Jadwin Avenue

Items for Approval

12. Authorize Travel for Mayor Thompson and Councilmember Lukson

Expenditures for Approval

13. Expenditures from July 29, 2019 - August 9, 2019 for \$6,043,885.11 including Check Nos. 270731-271134, Wire Nos. 7671-7697, Payroll Direct Deposit 153943-154512, Payroll Check Nos. 154513-154519, Pension Direct Deposit 5157-5190 and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 11087-11109

Items of Business

14. Resolution No. 106-19, Adopting the Benton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Police Chief Bruce introduced Deanna Davis, BCES Emergency Management Manager. Ms. Davis explained that the Benton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is a county-wide plan that will give the jurisdictions the ability to seek Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funding for various emergency issues as they arise. Ms. Davis advised that BCES has been working on the plan for two years. Ms.

Davis answered questions posed by Council.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 106-19 ADOPTING THE BENTON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Ms. Reents commented on how, based on tonight's presentations, it is apparent that Richland is growing and becoming a better place to live, work and play. She thanked Council and staff for their efforts in realizing the City's vision. Ms. Reents announced the resignation of Deputy City Clerk Barham, and shared that Ms. Barham is moving on to the City of Pasco as Pasco's City Clerk. Ms. Reents thanked Ms. Barham for her service to the City.

City Attorney Kintzley also thanked Ms. Barham for her contributions during her time with the City.

City Council

Councilmember Anderson commented on the growth in Richland, including both the positive and negative aspects that growth brings with it. Mr. Anderson expressed excitement about the growth and successful events held in Richland. Mr. Anderson also thanked Ms. McKennon for bringing the Crested Hills residents' concerns to Council.

Councilmember Kent agreed with Mr. Anderson's comments regarding growth in Richland and expressed concern about the idea of slowing traffic along a portion of George Washington Way. Ms. Kent thanked Ms. Reents and staff for bringing other staff forward to participate in Council presentations. Lastly, Ms. Kent expressed excitement for the upcoming Atomic Frontier Day event.

Councilmember Alvarez thanked Ms. McKennon for bringing her concerns to Council. Also, Mr. Alvarez announced favorable support for the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo.

Councilmember Lemley congratulated everyone for making Richland a thriving community.

Councilmember Lukson echoed agreement of the other Councilmembers' comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen stated that he is a proponent of economic development and is proud of all Richland has accomplished and has yet to achieve.

Mayor

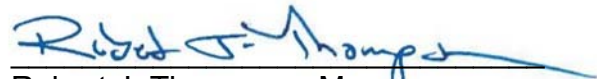
Mayor Thompson commented that Richland is a great place to live, due in large part to the forethought and good planning of previous councils over the past several years.

Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Barham for her years of service with the City.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Toni Fulton, Acting Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: September 3, 2019

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