



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

City Council Workshop - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen and Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton.

Agenda Item

1. 2019 Financial Report

Administrative Services Director Koch and Finance Director Allen provided a brief overview of the City's current financial picture, including the City's recent favorable audit from the State Auditor's Office.

2. Ambulance Utility

Chief Huntington discussed the proposed Ambulance Utility rate study, to include timing and involvement of the Utility Advisory Committee. Questions from Council were asked and answered.

3. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

Councilmembers were given the opportunity to highlight any concerns on the agenda before adjourning the workshop. No concerns were expressed.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen called the Council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen 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, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Chief of Police Bruce, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Development Services Director Jensen and Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton.

COUNCILMEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED A MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR THOMPSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

4. New Hire/Retirements

Administrative Services Director Koch introduced new hires for the City of Richland. Ms. Koch also highlighted the recent internal promotion of Lacey Paulsen to HR Manager. No recent retirements were reported.

5. Atomic Frontier Day 2019

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl introduced Recreation Manager Julie Jackson, who gave a brief overview of the upcoming City-sponsored special event *Atomic Frontier Day 2019*.

6. Attendance Awareness Month/United Way Attendance Matters Proclamation

LoAnn Ayers, President and CEO of the United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties, received a proclamation delivered by Mayor Pro Tem Christensen related to the United Way's "Attendance Matters" campaign.

Public Hearing

No public hearings were scheduled to be heard.

Public Comments

City Attorney Kintzley read the public comment procedures.

Mr. Guy Steen, 126 Cimarron, Richland WA, requested that Council review the lack of current regulations for Air B&Bs operating in the City of Richland. Mr. Steen believes that business licenses and taxes should be required.

Consent Calendar

City Attorney Kintzley read the consent calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes - Approval

7. August 20, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes; August 27, 2019 Council Workshop Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

8. Ordinance No. 35-19, Amending Chapter 5.14 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Sidewalk Use Licenses
9. Ordinance No. 36-19, Establishing and Dedicating Right-of-Way for Battelle Boulevard, Logan Street, Hagen Road, Robertson Road and Snyder Street

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

None.

Resolutions – Adoption

10. Resolution No. 107-19, Authorizing Award of Bid to Granite Construction, Inc. for the Saint Street and Hagen Road Overlay Project
11. Resolution No 110-19, Approving the Final Plat of West Village Phase 3

Items for Approval

12. Appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Gus Sako and Sara Davis

Expenditures - Approval

13. Expenditures from August 12, 2019 - August 23, 2019 for \$11,276,462.49 including Check Nos. 271135-271717, Wire Nos. 7698-7722, Payroll Direct Deposit 154520-155093, Payroll Check Nos. 155094-155101 and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 11110-11124

Items of Business

None.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Reents complimented Parks & Recreation staff on the *Atomic Frontier Day 2019* presentation, and reminded Council and the audience about the upcoming weekend event known as Riverfest in Columbia Park, which provides an opportunity for the local community to celebrate the rivers and the hydropower they generate.

City Council

Councilmember Alvarez thanked the audience at home for tuning in to learn about City government, and thanked City staff (department heads, managers and supervisors) for the time and effort they contribute to the betterment of the City of Richland.

Councilmember Lemley expressed enthusiasm about *Atomic Frontier Day 2019*.

Councilmember Lukson complimented Parks & Recreation staff on the presentation, which serves as a reminder of the exciting events happening in the community.

Councilmember Anderson encouraged the community to attend Riverfest. Councilmember Anderson also thanked Mr. Steen for bringing the Air B&B issue forward for Council consideration.

Councilmember Kent echoed Councilmember Anderson's comments regarding Air B&Bs and expressed her interest in learning more about the topic from City staff. Councilmember Kent also favorably commented on the Richland Farmers' Market.

Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen expressed interest in learning more about the Air B&B issue as it relates to the City of Richland.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Toni Fulton, Acting Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: September 17, 2019

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