



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, October 1, 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 City Hall.

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 Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton.

Agenda Item

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

MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TWENTY (20) MINUTES TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii). AT 7:20 P.M., MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXTEND EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) MINUTES. MAYOR THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M.

Individuals present during executive session included: Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Alvarez, Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Lukson, City Manager Reents and City Attorney Kintzley.

2. 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Administrative Services Director Cathleen Koch gave a brief overview of the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and process used for its development.

3. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen inquired whether proposed Ordinance No. 46-19

includes amendments to reflect a residential rate and a commercial rate for the ambulance utility. City Manager Reents advised that those edits are coming forward in a future ordinance.

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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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 LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

4. New Hire/Retirements

Administrative Services Director Cathleen Koch introduced new hires for the month of September. Lisa Becker, Parks & Public Facilities Recreation Aid, was present in the audience and welcomed by Council. Other new employees mentioned but not present included Electrical Distribution Engineer I Steven Goulet, Meter Reader Lee Brown, and Plant Operator-In-Training Devon Weixel.

5. Proclamation and Plaque Expressing Appreciation to Jeff Dagle for Service on the Utility Advisory Committee

Mayor Thompson presented a proclamation of appreciation and plaque to Mr. Jeff Dagle to thank him on behalf of the City for his years of service on the Utility Advisory Committee. Councilmember Lemley also personally thanked Mr. Dagle for his service,

citing him as a subject matter expert on the Utility Advisory Committee whose contributions will be missed.

6. Presentation of the 2020 City Manager's Proposed Budget

City Manager Cindy Reents delivered the 2020 Proposed Budget presentation.

Public Hearing

Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

7. Proposed Amendment to the 2019 Budget to Increase Legal Fees - Ordinance No. 45-19

City Attorney Kintzley briefly described the need to increase legal fees to fund the complex federal litigation Council was briefed on in executive session. While the details surrounding the City's litigation strategy are confidential, the City has need to increase the City's legal fees budget by \$500,000 to defend the case.

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Randy Slovic, 74 Newcomer, Richland WA, inquired how much money would remain in the City's reserve fund after \$500,000 is removed to fund legal expenses. City Manager Reents offered to provide the value once she has an opportunity to calculate it. City Manager Reents also shared that the City's reserve fund is calculated based on 25% of the City's total budget.

No other public testimony was offered. Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

Public Comments

Randy Slovic, 74 Newcomer, Richland WA, commented favorably about the fact that a woman is being appointed to the Utility Advisory Committee.

No other public comment was offered.

Consent Calendar

Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THOSE IN FAVOR: THOMPSON, CHRISTENSEN, ALVAREZ, ANDERSON, KENT, LEMLEY, AND LUKSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Minutes - Approval

8. Approve the September 17, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and the September 24, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

9. Ordinance No. 40-19, Amending Title 23 of the Richland Municipal Code to Prohibit Storage Containers in Residential Zones
10. Ordinance No. 41-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 15.24.050 related to Violations and Penalties applicable to RMC Title 15: Solid Waste
11. Ordinance No. 42-19, Amending Chapter 16.10 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Violations and Penalties applicable to RMC Title 16: Stormwater
12. Ordinance No. 43-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 21.01.050 related to Violations and Penalties applicable to RMC Title 21: Building Code
13. Ordinance No. 44-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 23.70.270 related to Violations and Penalties applicable to RMC Title 23: Zoning Regulations
14. Ordinance No. 45-19, Amending the 2019 Budget to Increase Legal Fees
15. Ordinance No. 46-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 13.06.400 regarding Monthly Ambulance Utility Service Fees

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

16. Ordinance No. 32-19, Vacating a Portion of Center Boulevard Right-of-Way
17. Ordinance No. 37-19, Amending the 2019 Budget in the General Fund and General Government Construction Fund related to Atomic Frontier Day 2019 and Rural County Capital Funds
18. Ordinance No. 38-19, Adopting the 2018-2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments into the existing 2017 Comprehensive Plan
19. Ordinance No. 39-19, Amending RMC Title 23: Zoning Regulations and the City's Official Zoning Map to Conform to the Updated 2017 Comprehensive Plan

Resolutions – Adoption

20. Resolution No. 117-19, Authorizing a New Lease Agreement with Almond Asphalt, LLC

21. Resolution No. 120-19, Authorizing an Award of Bid to Magnum Power, LLC for the Leslie Road Substation Feeders Extension
22. Resolution No. 121-19, Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Aaron and Emily Sullivan for Two Acres in the Horn Rapids Business Center
23. Resolution No. 122-19, Accepting an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency
24. Resolution No. 123-19, Accepting a SAFER Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
25. Resolution No. 124-19, Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the Columbia River Intake Screen Upgrade Project
26. Resolution No. 125-19, Authorizing a Construction Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC for the 2019 Trenchless Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Items for Approval

27. Proclamations of Appreciation: Phoenix Danz, LeAnn Dawson, Kalen Finn, Mark Kerber, Vicki Place and Harry Staven
28. Appointment to the Arts Commission: Mark Palazzo
29. Appointment to the Personnel Committee: Michael Simpson
30. Appointments to the Utility Advisory Committee: Don Gregoire, Amy Anderson, James Sanders and Daniel Porter
31. Authorize Travel for Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers Lemley and Lukson
32. Authorize Travel for Mayor Thompson

Expenditures - Approval

33. Expenditures from September 9, 2019 - September 20, 2019 for \$8,772,446.27 including Check Nos. 272169-272572, Wire Nos. 7746-7769, Payroll Check Nos. 155655, 15620-156208, Payroll Direct Deposit Nos. 155656-156199 and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 11157-11181

Items of Business

None.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Reents shared AWC's published deck of cards representing cities in Washington. Richland's Festival of Lights is represented in the deck.

City Council

Councilmember Alvarez thanked staff and City Manager Reents for their hard work and dedication in preparing a balanced budget for 2020.

Councilmember Lemley shared about his recent visit to Sea-Tac to participate in a meeting of the Council on Aging focused on dementia, and a meeting with the Washington State Pipeline Safety Commission. Councilmember Lemley also attended a veterans breakfast at Sterling's, and encouraged any veteran who wishes to attend to join the group. Finally, Councilmember Lemley shared his attendance and representation of the City at the Western Restaurant Supply and Design ribbon-cutting.

Councilmember Lukson thanked staff and the City Manager for producing a balanced budget for 2020, and for bringing forth solutions and ideas in addition to identifying funding challenges. Councilmember Lukson also complimented the fact that the budgeting process is tied back to the City's Strategic Leadership Plan. Councilmember Lukson spoke favorably about the City's kickball fundraiser for United Way, and also complimented P&PF Director Joe Schiessl for his design of the lighted fountain in front of City Hall.

Councilmember Anderson thanked staff for their efforts in preparing the 2020 Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Councilmember Anderson spoke favorably about staff's level of detail and professionalism.

Councilmember Kent thanked staff for their efforts in preparing the 2020 Budget. Councilmember Kent also complimented the Richland Parks & Recreation Commission for the valuable feedback provided to staff to feed into the budgeting process.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked staff for their efforts in preparing the 2020 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also spoke favorably about continuing to utilize an annual zero-based budget because it holds staff accountable.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson shared that he was present at the Day of Remembrance and read a proclamation on behalf of the City of Richland. Mayor Thompson spoke favorably about General James Mattis, who was also in attendance at the Day of Remembrance and gave the keynote address. Mayor Thompson also spent time with the US Secretary of Energy as they celebrated the K-Basin Sledge Removal Project delivered under budget and under time. Later in the week, Mayor Thompson will meet with the Washington State Attorney General, Governor Inslee's staff, and the head of the Washington State Department of Ecology to address Hanford clean-up issues.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Toni Fulton, Acting Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: October 15, 2019

DATE PUBLISHED: October 16, 2019