



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Via Zoom – Public Telephonic Access: (346) 248-7799

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Tuesday, April 7, 2020

City Council Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lukson called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Lukson welcomed those attending the virtual council meeting, which was held remotely to comply with Governor Inslee's directive that no municipal meetings be held in person.

Attendance: Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, and Councilmembers Alvarez, Anderson, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson were present (by remote attendance).

Also (remotely) 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 City Clerk Rogers.

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEM KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Mayor Lukson referenced the streamlined agenda that was designed to comply with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 28-20.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

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

Minutes

1. Approval of the March 17, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

None.

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

2. Ordinance No. 05-20, Amending the 2020 Budget in the General Fund, Park Project Construction Fund and Park Reserve Fund
3. Ordinance No. 06-20, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 2.16.010 related to Planning Commission Membership
4. Ordinance No. 08-20, Amending Chapters 23.06 and 23.30 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Definitions and Public Use District Permitted Land Uses

Resolutions - Adoption

5. Resolution No. 44-20, Authorizing an Agreement with Itron, Inc. for Deployment of an Electric and Water Advanced Metering Infrastructure System
6. Resolution No. 52-20, Authorizing 2020 Park Partnership Program Grant Agreements
7. Resolution No. 53-20, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kennewick related to the 2020 Microsurfacing Project
8. Resolution No. 54-20, Authorizing an Award of Bid to Big D's Construction of Tri-Cities, Inc. for the Lorayne J Water System Project
9. Resolution No. 55-20, Authorizing Water and Sewer Services to a Kennewick School District Property outside Richland City Limits
10. Resolution No. 56-20, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kennewick related to the Steptoe/Gage Intersection Improvements Project
11. Resolution No. 58-20, Approving the Final Plat of Clearwater Creek Phase 12

Items - Approval

None.

Expenditures - Approval

12. Expenditures from March 9, 2020 - March 27, 2020 for \$21,711,638.12 including Check Nos. 277496-278159, Travel Check Nos. 19922-19923, Wire Nos. 8052-8078, Payroll Check Nos. 162778-163317, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 11425-11441.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lukson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. *Note:* This action was inadvertently overlooked at the outset of the meeting and subsequently taken out of sequence.

Items of Business

None.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Reents delivered an update on city operations affected by the COVID-19 mandates from the Governor's Office and the guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Ms. Reents shared that a COVID-19 Incident Command (IC) Team had been created and was working with local, state and federal agencies to navigate the pandemic. Actions taken by the City include following CDC guidelines for disinfecting work areas, self-checks prior to the beginning of work shifts to look for COVID-19 symptoms, telecommuting and staggered shifts for approximately 100 employees, flexibility in use of PTO and other designated leaves for those who miss work for COVID-19 related reasons, installation of Plexiglas sneeze guards where needed, posting of COVID-19 information on the City's website, postponement of seasonal hiring, recruitment of only critical positions, and delivery of guidance for face coverings as recommended by the CDC and the Benton-Franklin Health District.

City Manager Reents shared that the City's first responders have a low supply of N95 masks, but donations have been received by the community. Ms. Reents also reiterated that library and community center remain closed, and that efforts are being made to locate alternative work assignments for affected employees.

City Manager Reents also stated that weekly meetings continue with the other city managers and the Benton-Franklin Health District.

City Council

Councilmember Anderson thanked City Manager Reents and city staff for doing what is necessary to protect the City. He then announced that the Richland School District will continue to provide meals to children under eighteen years old, and thanked those who are involved in that service. Councilmember Anderson also thanked the citizens for their patience through this time. Lastly, he encouraged residents to support local businesses where possible.

Councilmember Alvarez thanked healthcare workers, first responders and city employees for their service. He encouraged the community to keep members of the military in their thoughts. He urged local business owners to complete a Paycheck Protection Program application through the U.S. Small Business Administration for financial assistance. Lastly, Councilmember Alvarez shared that leader, humanitarian and personal friend Don Pratt passed away earlier in the day. Councilmember Alvarez expressed his condolences to the family.

Councilmember Christensen wished everyone well. To those who are fearful, he encouraged them to stay home and comfortable to reduce their exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Councilmember Thompson encouraged citizens to stay positive during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Lemley asked citizens to keep first responders and healthcare workers in their thoughts during this difficult time. He also urged those who are in need of food to visit one of the region's food banks.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent encouraged everyone to support local businesses. She stated that City Manager Reents and city staff are doing a great job communicating information regarding COVID-19 to residents. She advised residents to follow the instructions given by the health district.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson urged citizens to extend grace to each other during this difficult time. He complimented staff's response during this challenging time. Mayor Lukson encouraged citizens to find opportunities to appreciate the actions that are well executed, rather than to focus only on what needs improvement. Mayor Lukson reiterated Governor Inslee's extension of the *Stay Home - Stay Healthy* emergency order through May 4, 2020, and that school is cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:



Ryan Lukson, Mayor



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 5, 2020

DATE PUBLISHED: May 6, 2020