



MINUTES
RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Public Telephone Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID No. 979 0686 1224
Tuesday, October 6, 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 meeting.

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

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lukson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Resolution for Adoption

1. Resolution No. 140-20, Confirming the Appointment of Marianne Boring as Interim Councilmember to Position No. 2 on the Richland City Council

MAYOR PRO TEM KENT MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 140-20, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIANNE BORING AS INTERIM COUNCILMEMBER TO POSITION NO. 2 ON THE RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mayor Lukson announced his execution of Resolution No. 140-20.

Councilmember Christensen welcomed newly appointed councilmember Marianne Boring. Councilmember Christensen then expressed an interest in having a discussion concerning the council liaison vacancies created by former Councilmember Brad Anderson's recent resignation. Council directed City Manager Reents to place the topic on the next regular meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Kent suggested that the discussion be expanded to encompass a review of current assignments as well.

Presentations

2. Swearing-in of Interim Councilmember Marianne Boring to Position No. 2 on the Richland City Council

City Manager Reents administered the oath of office to newly appointed Councilmember Marianne Boring.

3. Proclamation of Appreciation and Plaque for Former Councilmember Brad Anderson

Mayor Lukson read aloud a Proclamation of Appreciation for former Councilmember Brad Anderson, thanking Mr. Anderson for his years of service to the City of Richland. A plaque was also virtually presented.

4. Proclamations of Appreciation with Plaques to David Larkin, Kim Shugart and Douglas Sako

Mayor Lukson virtually presented retiring board, commission and committee members Larkin, Shugart and Sako with Proclamations of Appreciation and plaques for their years of service to the City of Richland.

5. Tri-Cities Regional Hotel-Motel Commission Annual Budget and Marketing Plan

With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Tri-Cities Regional Hotel-Motel Commission President Michael Novakovich presented on the 2021 Annual Budget and Marketing Plan.

6. 2021 City Manager's Preliminary Budget

City Manager Reents delivered the 2021 Preliminary Budget presentation.

Public Hearing

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

7. Authorizing a Franchise Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility, Ordinance No. 32-20

City Attorney Kintzley presented on the franchise and process for small cell deployment.

Mayor Lukson opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. No testimony was offered.

8. Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Robertson Drive, Ordinance No.33-20

Public Works Director Rogalsky presented on the proposed vacation of a portion of Robertson Drive.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. No testimony was offered.

9. Relinquishment of a Portion of a Utility Easement at 1375 Kensington Way, Resolution No. 134-20

Energy Services Director Whitney presented on the proposed relinquishment at 1375 Kensington Way.

Mayor Lukson opened the public hearing for comments at 7:26 p.m.

David Eakin - 3512 Regent Street, Richland, WA: Mr. Eakin stated that he is the Vice President of the Brookshire Estates Homeowners Association. Mr. Eakin expressed concern regarding an underlying land use permit related to the property. Energy Services Director Whitney clarified that the relinquishment action pending before Council would have no impact on any land use permit associated with property.

Mayor Lukson closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

10. Relinquishment of a Portion of Utility Easements at 2705 Fermi Drive, Resolution No. 138-20

Public Works Director Rogalsky presented on the proposed relinquishment at 2705 Fermi Drive.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

City Clerk Rogers read aloud public comments submitted by the following individual:

Sarah Ovink - 32 Vista Court, Richland, WA: Ms. Ovink requested Council to move forward with renaming Lee Boulevard. Ms. Ovink referenced a Change.Org petition, initiated by Tyler Hogg, which contained nearly 4,000 signatures in support of renaming Lee Boulevard.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN AND LEMLEY. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes

11. Approval of the following Richland City Council Meeting Minutes:

- September 8, 2020 City Council Special Workshop
- September 14, 2020 City Council Special Workshop
- September 15, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
- September 22, 2020 City Council Special Workshop
- September 25, 2020 City Council Special Meeting

Ordinances - First Reading

12. Ordinance No. 32-20, Authorizing a Franchise Agreement with NewCingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility
13. Ordinance No. 33-20, Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of Robertson Drive
14. Ordinance No. 34-20, Amending Chapter 12.02 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Street Functional Classification Plan

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

15. Ordinance No. 29-20, Amending Richland Municipal Code Title 9: Crime
16. Ordinance No. 30-20, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 12.04.100 related to Driveways in the Industrial Districts
17. Ordinance No. 31-20, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 13.06.330 related to Billing for Ambulance Transport

Resolutions - Adoption

18. Resolution No. 134-20, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Portion of a Utility Easement at 1375 Kensington Way
19. Resolution No. 135-20, Approving the 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Public Participation and Work Plan
20. Resolution No. 136-20, Setting a Date for a Public Hearing to Consider the Zinsli Annexation Petition

21. Resolution No. 137-20, Renewing the Temporary Waiver Authority Granted by Resolution No. 102-20
22. Resolution No. 138-20, Authorizing Relinquishment of a Portion of Utility Easements at 2705 Fermi Drive
23. Resolution No. 141-20, Authorizing Utilization of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds to provide Utility Billing Relief

Items - Approval

24. Appointments to the Board of Adjustment: Brad Bricker and Michael Simpson

Expenditures - Approval

Items of Business

25. Ordinance No. 36-20, Amending Title 23 and the Official Zoning Map to Change Zoning on 7.4 Acres from Retail Business (C-2) to Limited Business (C-LB) (closed record)

Planning Manager Stevens presented on the site-specific rezone affecting 7.4 acres from C-2 to C-LB, and answered questions from Council.

Upon inquiry, Mayor Lukson found that no individuals signed up to provide testimony to Council during the closed record decision hearing. The hearing was summarily opened and closed.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 36-20. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN AND LEMLEY. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

26. Consulting Services for City Manager Annual Evaluation Process

Council discussed recent efforts to obtain a third-party consultant to assist Council in developing an annual performance review process for the position of city manager. Council agreed to continue the search for a consultant.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Reents announced that \$700,000 in CARES Act funding would be available as early as the week of October 6, 2020, and will be utilized consistent with Resolution

No. 141-20 on tonight's agenda. City Manager Reents further stated that eligibility criteria to receive the funds will be implemented by staff. City Manager Reents also spoke to Council's business item on the consultant search, and ensured Council that she would make sure staff resources were available to bring a recommendation for a review process back to Council.

City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Kent welcomed Councilmember Boring and advised that she was joining City Council at an exciting time. Mayor Pro Tem Kent also acknowledged staff for their excellent work on the proposed 2021 Budget.

Councilmember Lemley welcomed Councilmember Boring. Councilmember Lemley also inquired whether a COVID-19 update would be provided during tonight's meeting. City Manager Reents mentioned that her budget presentation had referenced several components of COVID-19. Mayor Lukson offered to address the issue during his Council comments.

Councilmember Christensen welcomed Councilmember Boring. Councilmember Christensen also addressed City Manager Reents' statement about making resources available to assist Council in selecting a third-party consultant. Councilmember Christensen also referenced the fact that Governor Inslee identified businesses that can open in Phase II and Phase III, but that Governor Inslee is not allowing any counties to move to those phases, which is frustrating and disappointing. Councilmember Christensen further voiced his concerns about the Richland School District's pace toward reopening, and how it should be synced to some degree with Kennewick School District's opening plans since KSD serves both Kennewick and Richland residents.

Councilmember Boring thanked Council for the warm welcome and for their faith in her ability to competently serve. Councilmember Boring also congratulated Maria Gutierrez and Theresa Richardson for their contribution to the City, and commended them for being equally qualified for the role.

Councilmember Alvarez welcomed Councilmember Boring to Council, and shared his expectation that she would be an asset. Councilmember Alvarez commented on the different personalities and backgrounds that make up the Council, and expressed his opinion that the members have learned to work together to get things done for the benefit of the community. Councilmember Alvarez also recognized the retirement of Captain Mike Cobb from the Richland Police Department after more than 30 years of service. Finally, Councilmember Alvarez spoke about having a girl scout troop perform the pledge of allegiance at the October 20, 2020 regular meeting.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson welcomed Councilmember Boring, and reflected on the competitive process she went through to be appointed. Mayor Lukson commented on the high caliber

candidates who applied for the position, and congratulated Maria Gutierrez and Theresa Richardson as well. Mayor Lukson also acknowledged Captain Cobb's retirement. Mayor Lukson then gave a brief COVID-19 update, including the fact that the numbers in Benton County are increasing slightly, and those increases appear to stem from private events instead of local business activities. Mayor Lukson reflected on the fact that the number of positive cases is increasing specifically for the age range of 21-29. In closing, Mayor Lukson shared that the Richland School District will meet the week of October 12, 2020, with representatives from the local health district and possibly the Washington State Department of Health present.

Executive Session

27. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b): Discuss Lease or Purchase of Real Estate if Disclosure Would Increase Price (15 minutes)

Council convened in executive session at 8:00 p.m. Those virtually present included Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen and Lemley, City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, and Development Services Director Jensen.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCED A 30-MINUTE EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 P.M.*

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 P.M.*

Adjournment*

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

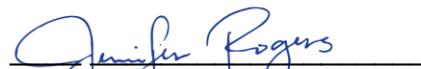
*Note: Due to technical difficulties, the extension of executive session announcement and adjournment of the regular meeting failed to record as part of the City's broadcast.

APPROVED:



Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: October 20, 2020

DATE PUBLISHED: October 21, 2020