



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Zoom - Public Telephone Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID No. 953 1218 5024

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

Mayor Lukson called the remote Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Lukson welcomed those attending the virtual meeting.

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

Also remotely present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Bruce, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Administrative Services Director Koch, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Planning Manager Stevens 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 COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

None.

Public Hearing

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

1. Accepting the Proposed Annexation of 8.52 Acres Located at 771 Shockley Road, Ordinance No. 50-20

Planning Manager Stevens provided an overview of the proposed annexation request submitted by property owner Robert Zinsli. The Planning Commission recommends this property be zoned R-1-10, low-density residential, to maintain consistency with surrounding land use. State law requires a public hearing prior to final action on the request.

No individuals registered to provide testimony for this public hearing item. Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

2 Proposed 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Ordinance No. 51-20

Planning Manager Stevens presented on the proposed 2020 Comprehensive Plan amendments and reviewed the two (2) proposals submitted. The Planning Commission recommends approval of both applications.

Councilmember Thompson addressed the comments submitted by a citizen for Council review, and suggested that staff be granted time to review the comments and form a response before action is taken.

Councilmember Alvarez asked for clarification on whether the Planning Commission voted unanimously to submit the recommendations to City Council for approval. Planning Manager Stevens replied in the affirmative.

City Attorney Kintzley stated that Ordinance No. 51-20 and Ordinance No. 52-20 are presented for first reading, and that staff would be able to provide a response to the information submitted prior to second reading and passage of the ordinances if so desired by Council.

Mayor Lukson opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Public Hearing testimony was received from the following individuals:

Trish Clements - 11400 SE 8th St. Ste. 450, Bellevue, WA: Ms. Clements of Goldsmith Engineering stated her support of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment and associated zoning map amendment.

Keith Goldsmith - 11400 SE 8th St. Ste. 450, Bellevue, WA: Mr. Goldsmith of Goldsmith Engineering shared that he represented Mr. Greg Markel at the Richland Planning Commission hearing, and that he supports the Planning Commission's recommendations to Council.

Patrick Paulson - 2253 Davison Avenue, Richland, WA: Mr. Paulson provided a brief review of the comments he submitted for Council consideration. Mr. Paulson suggested the City update its goals and policies and present them to the public for review before approving the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Planning Manager Stevens reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a number of the comments/suggestions submitted by Mr. Paulson, and was still recommending approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to Council. Mayor Lukson directed staff to review the comments and prepare information for Council review before the items return for second reading and passage.

Mayor Lukson closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

3. Proposed Zoning Map Amendments, Ordinance No. 52-20

Planning Manager Stevens provided an overview of the two (2) proposed zoning amendments. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Official Zoning Map amendments.

No individuals registered to provide testimony for this public hearing item. Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Public Comments

None.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

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

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4. Approval of the November 17, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

5. Ordinance No. 49-20, Approving the 2024 Council Compensation Plan

6. Ordinance No. 50-20, Accepting the Annexation of 8.52 Acres Located at 771 Shockley Road (Zinsli)

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

7. Ordinance No. 48-20, Approving Amendments to the 2020 Budget

Resolutions - Adoption

8. Resolution No. 162-20, Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Seattle Police Department

9. Resolution No. 164-20, Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with D&I Investments, LLC for 10 Acres in Horn Rapids

10. Resolution No. 165-20, Authorizing an Agreement with Hill International for Public Safety Response Stations Nos. 73 & 75

Items – Approval

None.

Expenditures – Approval

None.

Items of Business

11. Ordinance No. 47-20, Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the City of Richland's Administrative Code

City Attorney Kintzley gave Council an overview of the modified language incorporated into Ordinance No. 47-20 as directed from the November 17, 2020 City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Kent and Councilmembers Thompson and Boring praised City Attorney Kintzley for the well-written amendments.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 47-20. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

12. Ordinance No. 51-20, Approving the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 51-20 FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

13. Ordinance No. 52-20, Approving Amendments to RMC Title 23 and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Richland

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 52-20 FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Reents reported that the City's Utility Assistance Program, funded by the CARES Act, ended on November 30, 2020. One-thousand one-hundred and forty-five (1,145) applications were received. The City of Richland has until the end of the year to seek full reimbursement of CARES Act funding for payroll, personal protective equipment (PPE), and supplies associated with the City's COVID-19 pandemic response. The City is currently \$150,000 - \$200,000 over the reimbursable amount, with a projected total of approximately \$300,000 - \$400,000 by the end of the year. Staff will continue to work on the reimbursement process and explore assistance available to community members.

City Manager Reents provided a recap of the COVID-19 information shared during the weekly Benton-Franklin Health District meeting, which included:

- Potential availability of a COVID-19 vaccination by the end of the year. Priority will likely be given to medical providers and first responders, then to high-risk individuals in congregate housing. The remaining population can expect to receive vaccinations beginning late spring to early summer.
- WA Notify, an anonymous COVID-19 exposure notification application for phones, was launched by the Washington State Department of Health.
- COVID-19 testing sites have administered a record number of tests.
- The National Guard's presence at the HAPO site has been extended until after the new year.
- Slight increases in hospital volumes and staff fatigue continues.
- CARES Act funding amounts received by local businesses during the COVID pandemic, from various sources, is between \$98 million - \$146 million.

Councilmember Thompson questioned if Hanford contractors were listed as recipients of the CARES Act funds. City Manager Reents replied that she believes Hanford contractors receive funding directly from the federal government and are excluded from the amounts identified above. City Manager Reents offered to follow-up to provide a definitive response.

City Council

Councilmember Alvarez urged everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Boring encouraged everyone to remain positive.

Councilmember Thompson addressed the comments he received regarding statements he made at the previous City Council meeting. Councilmember Thompson provided

additional comments relating to his views on the pandemic and the imposed mandates, and spoke to civil rights and free speech.

Councilmember Lemley made known his interest in assigning councilmembers to the City's Council Ethics and Administration Committee. Mayor Lukson requested historical information on the City's use of this committee. Councilmember Thompson offered his recollection, as the longest serving councilmember, on the City's historical use of the committee. Mayor Lukson directed staff to gather additional information in support of a Council discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent voiced her opinion that teachers should be given priority to the COVID-19 vaccination once it is made available. Mayor Pro Tem Kent reminded fellow councilmembers to practice proper decorum when replying to emails. Lastly, in relation to the pandemic, Mayor Pro Tem Kent encouraged everyone to be educated, remain safe, continue to practice social distancing, and wear masks.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson provided an overview of a conversation he had with staff from Governor Inslee's office regarding the recent statewide mandates. Mayor Lukson provided additional information regarding the confirmed positive COVID numbers and the age group most affected. Lastly, Mayor Lukson announced that he participated in a video campaign organized by Visit Tri-Cities President & CEO Mike Novakovich. The video documents the impacts of the pandemic on local business from a personal standpoint. The video will be delivered to Governor Inslee's office for his consideration.

AT 6:51 P.M., MAYOR LUKSON ANNOUNCED A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK BEFORE CONVENING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Executive Session

14. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel (30 minutes)

At 7:00 p.m., Richland City Council convened in executive session with retained legal counsel for thirty (30) minutes to discuss current or potential litigation. Individuals virtually present included Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson, and Attorney Ann Marie Soto.

AT 7:30 P.M., MAYOR LUKSON ANNOUNCED AN EXTENSION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P.M.

Adjournment

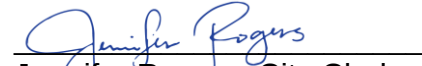
Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: December 15, 2020

DATE PUBLISHED: December 16, 2020