



## MINUTES

### RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

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#### **City Council Workshop - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Mayor Lukson called the remote Council Workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Agenda Item**

1. Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i): Discuss Evaluation of Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment

Attendance: Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, and Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson were present, along with retained attorney Ann Marie Soto.

#### **COUNCIL EXITED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:56 P.M.**

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

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

#### **Welcome and Roll Call**

Mayor Lukson welcomed those attending the remote 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, Development Services Director Jensen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Finance Director Allen, 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 THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. DURING DISCUSSION, COUNCILMEMBER BORING PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 8, RESOLUTION NO. 10-21, AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH JOHN WATSON FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3077 KINGSGATE WAY.**

**ITEM NO. 8 WAS MOVED TO ITEM NO. 4 UNDER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.**

**BASED ON COUNCILMEMBER BORING'S ACTIONS, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MODIFIED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**Presentations**

None.

**Public Hearing**

None.

**Public Comments**

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Comments procedures.

The following individual submitted comments to be read aloud:

Jeri Rosenthal - 570 Holly Street, Richland, WA: Mr. Rosenthal requested that Council consider changing the recycling pick-up schedule back to the previous schedule as the new schedule has caused confusion for many residents.

The following individuals provided public comments via telephone:

Eric Denley - 222 Pearl Street, New Albany, IN: Mr. Denley, a corporate officer and in-house counsel for the American Queen Steamboat Company, stated his disappointment with the recent approval of Resolution No. 169-20, authorizing a fifteen (15) year facility use agreement with American Cruise Lines for priority docking rights. Mr. Denley added that American Queen Steamboat Company has used the docking facility in Richland since 2014. He then gave an opinion that the facility use agreement with American Cruise Lines will create difficulties for AQSC and other similar cruise lines.

Mayor Lukson directed staff to prepare information for Council review in response to Mr. Denley's comments.

Trish Clements - 11400 SE 8th Street Ste. 450, Bellevue, WA: Ms. Clements, a representative of Goldsmith Associates of Bellevue, WA, voiced her support for Ordinance Nos. 51-20 and 52-20.

Keith Goldsmith - 11400 SE 8th Street Ste. 450, Bellevue, WA: Mr. Goldsmith of Goldsmith Associates voiced his support for Ordinance Nos. 51-20 and 52-20.

## Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

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

## Minutes

2. Approval of the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

## Ordinances - First Reading

None.

## Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

None.

## Resolutions – Adoption

3. Resolution No. 02-21, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with H. W. Lochner, Inc. for the South George Washington Way Intersection Improvements Project
4. Resolution No. 06-21, Authorizing a First Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement No. 52-18 with AK's Investments, LLC for Property located at the Northeast Corner of Clubhouse Lane and Kingsgate Way
5. Resolution No. 07-21, Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Hains Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project
6. Resolution No. 08-21, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Energy Northwest for Technical Services
7. Resolution No. 09-21, Authorizing a Grant Application to the Washington State Department of Transportation for Pavement Preservation of Stevens Drive
8. Resolution No. 10-21, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with John Watson for property located at 3077 Kingsgate Way. **(PULLED AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 4)**
9. Resolution No. 11-21, Approving the Final Plat of West Village - Phase 5

## **Items – Approval**

None.

## **Expenditures – Approval**

10. Expenditures from December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 for \$39,427,358.45 including Travel Check Nos. 19957-19959, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 285011-286236, Accounts Payable Wires Nos. 8372-8415, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 11835-11877, Payroll Direct Deposits & Check Nos. 172850-173916, Pension Check Nos. 5684-5713, WA DOR Wire No. 1220.

## **Items of Business**

1. Ordinance No. 51-20, Approving the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Second Reading

Planning Manager Stevens refreshed Council's recollection on proposed Ordinance Nos. 51-20 and 52-20, and offered his response to the citizen comments made during the public hearing on the two actions. Councilmember Boring expressed her appreciation for the staff memorandum, and voiced her support for the two ordinances.

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 51-20. 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.**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 52-20. 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.**

3. Resolution No. 12-21, Appointing Jon Amundson as Interim City Manager

Mayor Lukson read the press release announcing the appointment of Assistant City Manager Jon Amundson as Interim City Manager effective January 23, 2021.

**MAYOR LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 12-21. THE MOTION CARRIED 7- 0.**

4. Resolution No. 10-21, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with John Watson for property located at 3077 Kingsgate Way.

Councilmember Boring identified naming inconsistencies between the purchase and sale agreement and the proposed resolution, and asked that the inconsistencies be remedied before execution of the documents. Councilmember Boring also requested information on the process and timeliness regarding property appraisals, to which Assistant City Manager Amundson replied.

**COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 10-21, SUBJECT TO UPDATING THE DOCUMENTS TO REFLECT THE CORRECT LEGAL ENTITY. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

## **Reports and Comments**

### ***City Manager***

City Manager Reents had no comments. Mayor Lukson invited Assistant City Manager Amundson to address the public comment regarding the recycling schedule. Assistant City Manager Amundson stated that the change was communicated to the public in a variety of ways, and provided an overview of the challenges with collecting cans for garbage, green waste and recycling on the same day.

### ***City Council***

Councilmember Lemley expressed interest in reviewing the dock issue raised during public comments. Councilmember Lemley also read a prepared statement in which he praised City Manager Reents for her service to the City.

Councilmember Thompson shared his observations regarding recent published medical studies in which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) identified a drug called Ivermectin as a possible treatment for COVID-19. Councilmember Thompson also acknowledged City Manager Reents' many accomplishments, and opined that she will certainly continue to accomplish great things.

Councilmember Christensen expressed an interest in receiving additional information regarding the dock issue.

Councilmember Boring expressed well-wishes for City Manager Reents.

Councilmember Alvarez made a personal announcement regarding COVID-19 and encouraged everyone to stay healthy and safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent thanked Councilmember Alvarez for sharing his personal announcement regarding COVID-19. She encouraged community members to get tested for COVID-19 at any of the testing site locations. Mayor Pro Tem Kent added that she is also interested in receiving information regarding the dock issue. Mayor Pro Tem Kent praised various community partners, city departments and staff members who have

hosted a variety of curbside and virtual activities and programs for community members. Finally, Mayor Pro Tem Kent announced that representatives from the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees and the Parks & Recreation Commission will present their annual accomplishments and goals for the year at an upcoming City Council meeting.

### ***Mayor***

Mayor Lukson provided an overview of a conversation he had with Governor Inslee's staff regarding the *Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery* metrics which dictate how and when the county reopens. Mayor Lukson also announced that a mass vaccination site will open at the Benton-Franklin County Fairgrounds. He expressed optimism that Benton County will receive an over-allocation of the vaccine. Additional details will be released by the Washington State Department of Health in the next few days regarding the vaccine distribution plan. Benton County remains one of the highest in the state for transmission rates.

Mayor Lukson shared that he was elected to the Richland City Council in 2018, and has enjoyed his working relationship with City Manager Reents. He added that her passion for the City is self-evident. Mayor Lukson wished City Manager Reents the best, and thanked her for her contributions to the City of Richland.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: February 2, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: February 3, 2021