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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

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

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

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

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 Interim 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, Communications & Marketing Manager Logan 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

MAYOR LUKSON ADDED A SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE END OF THE AGENDA: PER RCW 42.30.110(i) TO DISCUSS CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES.

MAYOR LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

1 LIGO Month Proclamation

Mayor Lukson read aloud the LIGO Month proclamation.

2 Annual Development Services Update

Development Services Director Jensen presented and provided detailed commentary on the 2020 Annual Development Services accomplishments. Following the presentation, Councilmember Christensen requested clarification on whether the small business loans issued are loans or de facto grants. Development Services Director Jensen replied that

pending completion of documents by the business owner and compliance with the required standards, the expectation is that they will be grants.

Public Hearings

None.

Public Comments

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Comments procedures.

The following individual submitted comments to be read aloud:

Ms. Dori Luzzo Gilmour - 2051 Howell Ave. Richland, WA: Ms. Luzzo Gilmour requested that Council create a Multi-Modal Commission to review matters such as access to transportation, walkability, bike access and accommodations for people with disabilities. The Commission would also be called upon for design expertise if a new dock is to be built near Columbia Point.

Ms. Randy Slovic - 74 Newcomer St. Richland, WA: Ms. Slovic provided comments advocating for the purchase and use of dashboard and body cameras for the Richland Police Department (RPD).

Mr. Mike Maughan - 22591 M Rd. Mattawa, WA: Mr. Maughan provided information relating to purported severed property deeds, property rights and proposed options to remedy Saddle Mountain Mineral's title disputes of property with the City of Richland.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER BORING PULLED ITEM NO. 9, RESOLUTION NO. 17-21, AUTHORIZING A STREET LATECOMER AGREEMENT WITH VIKING BUILDERS, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SEGMENT OF GAGE BOULEVARD. ITEM NO. 9 WAS MOVED TO ITEM NO. 1 UNDER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

COUNCILMEMBER BORING PULLED ITEM NO. 10, RESOLUTION NO. 18-21, AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INTERMOUNTAIN MATERIALS TESTING & GEOTECHNICAL FOR MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES. ITEM NO. 10 WAS MOVED TO ITEM NO. 2 UNDER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. 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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3. Approval of the January 19, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes and January 26, 2021 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

4. Ordinance No. 01-21, Amending Richland Municipal Code Title 2: Administration and Personnel to add Chapter 2.36 RMC related to Relocation Assistance

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

None.

Resolutions – Adoption

5. Resolution No. 13-21, Approving 2021 Business License Reserve Fund Awards
6. Resolution No. 14-21, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Benton related to the 2021 Pavement Preservation Program
7. Resolution No. 15-21, Authorizing an Agreement with TRIDEC for 2021 Marketing and Representation Services
8. Resolution No. 16-21, Replacing Exhibit A of Resolution No. 159-20 to Correct the Compensation Plan for Unaffiliated Employees - 2015 and Continuing
9. Resolution No. 17-21, Authorizing a Street Latecomer Agreement with Viking Builders, LLC for Construction of a Segment of Gage Boulevard **(PULLED AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 1)**
10. Resolution No. 18-21, Authorizing a Service Agreement with Intermountain Materials Testing & Geotechnical for Materials Testing Services **(PULLED AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 2)**
11. Resolution No. 19-21, Authorizing a Release and Settlement Agreement with Michael and Jolene Grimes, and Extending Water and Sewer Services to 1063 Allenwhite Drive

Items – Approval

None.

Expenditures – Approval

None.

Items of Business

1. Resolution No. 17-21, Authorizing a Street Latecomer Agreement with Viking Builders, LLC for Construction of a Segment of Gage Boulevard

Councilmember Boring asked Public Works Director Rogalsky to provide clarification on the reimbursement funding source. Public Works Director Rogalsky confirmed that the reimbursements will be collected quarterly from the South Richland Collector Street Financing Plan, not from the City's General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-21. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

2. Resolution No. 18-21, Authorizing a Service Agreement with Intermountain Materials Testing & Geotechnical for Materials Testing Services

Councilmember Boring disclosed that she was the previous owner of this company. She added that she has had no association or interest in the company for over a decade. However, as a matter of public's trust, Councilmember Boring recused herself from voting on this item.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM KENT SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-21. ALL IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. COUNCILMEMBER BORING ABSTAINED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0 WITH ONE ABSTENSION.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager Amundson invited Richland Chief of Police Bruce to speak to the recent officer-involved shooting. Chief Bruce said that per Washington State Administrative Code (WAC) 139-12-030, there are limitations on what can be said about the incident. Chief Bruce stated that the regional Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was activated and dispatched to the scene to investigate the incident. Chief Bruce affirmed that the SIU, comprised of representatives from three jurisdictions, will conduct the investigation and handle any associated press releases moving forward.

Councilmember Christensen commented on the SIU process and expressed disappointment over the lack of information released to the public. Councilmember Thompson replied that WAC 139-12-030 protects the investigative process.

Councilmember Thompson then provided comments supporting Chief Bruce's actions and the SIU process.

Interim City Manager Amundson stated that he was contacted by Mission Support Alliance on behalf of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and informed that there is an immediate need to fill the primary member vacancy on the Hanford Advisory Board. The deadline to submit a candidate is February 17, 2021.

Interim City Manager Amundson provided an overview of the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) membership nomination and appointment process, and offered two proposals for Council consideration. Mayor Lukson directed Interim City Manager Amundson to inquire if the deadline to submit an appointee can be extended.

Lastly, Interim City Manager Amundson reported that the Library Board of Trustees met the day before to discuss the recent updated guidelines of the *Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery*, which allows libraries to operate at 25% capacity in Phase 1. The Library Board of Trustees unanimously supported the City's decision to re-open the Richland Public Library in a hybrid model of in-person and curbside hours beginning February 4, 2021.

City Council

Councilmember Christensen voiced full support for resuming regularly scheduled workshops, and recommended scheduling an immediate workshop to further discuss filling the vacant seat on the Hanford Advisory Board. Mayor Lukson agreed with Councilmember Christensen's statements.

Councilmember Boring expressed appreciation to Community Development Director Jensen for the informative Annual Services Development update. Councilmember Boring thanked staff for their availability in responding to questions. She then encouraged everyone to remain positive.

Councilmember Alvarez voiced his support for resuming monthly workshop meetings. Councilmember Alvarez shared that he is scheduled to speak remotely to a group of Webelo Cub Scouts.

Councilmember Thompson encouraged Councilmember Alvarez to include civics as part of his curriculum when speaking to the Webelo Cub Scouts. Councilmember Thompson then stated that he supports the use of body cameras and dashboard cameras for RPD. Councilmember Thompson also provided sentiments relating to the DOE's contract procurement and award process and its effects on local businesses.

Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Kent encouraged citizens to visit Hanford.gov to conduct their own research of the DOE's procurement and award process, and to visit each contractor's website to learn about their scope of work. Mayor Pro Tem Kent also agreed that additional discussion is needed before appointing a representative to serve on the

Hanford Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent further agreed that a conversation should be initiated with parties regarding the potential use of dashboard and body cameras for RPD. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Kent thanked the Library Board of Trustees, library staff and Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl for creatively combining in-person and curbside library services for the community.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson expressed an interest in holding a workshop meeting to discuss the pros and cons of the use of dashboard and body cameras. Mayor Lukson provided comments relating to the updated guidelines to re-opening and intensive care unit (ICU) occupancy data. Mayor Lukson reported that the mass vaccination site is running efficiently, and an additional 200 million COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be delivered by May.

Executive Session

1. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee

COUNCIL CONVENED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:09 P.M.

Individuals virtually present for the executive session included Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson, and Interim City Manager Amundson.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 P.M.

2. Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(i): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel

COUNCIL CONVENED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 P.M.

Individuals virtually present for the executive session included Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson, and retained legal counsel Ann Marie Soto.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:19 P.M.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: February 16, 2021

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