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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

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

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

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

Also attending remotely were Interim City Manager Amundson, Chief of Police Bruce, Public Works Director Rogalsky, City Attorney Kintzley, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington and City Clerk Rogers.

Agenda Items

1. Overview of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Investigative Process

Chief of Police Bruce provided a high-level overview of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigative process. Chief Bruce also provided details regarding the Community Liaison appointment process and their duties. RPD Captain Clary was also present to provide additional information. Council and staff engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation.

2. Use of Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles in City Limits

City Attorney Kintzley presented the legal framework that allowed a local jurisdiction to decide whether wheeled all-terrain vehicles (WATVs) should be allowed on city streets. The discussion included an identification of the two definitions of wheeled all-terrain vehicles under state law, the equipment requirements that must be met for a WATV to be street legal, and additional rules and specific requirements Council may consider if the City chooses to allow WATVs on city streets. Ms. Kintzley answered questions from Council throughout the presentation.

Council engaged in further discussion about regulations, compliance and enforcement of WATV on city streets. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Lukson asked staff to solicit public input to determine if Richland citizens would welcome WATVs on city streets.

3. Speed Limits on City Shared-Use Paths

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl presented on two topics: 1) Speed limits for e-bikes and e-scooters on shared-use pathways; and 2) commercial interest for a scooter share program in Richland.

Mr. Schiessl provided a summary of existing state regulations for e-bikes and e-scooters speed limits, then provided proposed recommendations from the Richland Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Schiessl stated that two (2) companies have expressed an interest in operating a scooter share rental program in the Tri-Cities. Council and staff engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation regarding the statistics provided, storage issues and regulations.

Following the discussion, Council reached consensus in support of a pilot of the scooter share program with provisions. Mayor Lukson asked staff to gather additional information to present at a future workshop meeting.

Interim City Manager Amundson stated that he and Council received an email from Senator Murray's Office to solicit input for infrastructure projects to include in President Biden's *Building Back Better* proposal. Mr. Amundson added that he is actively working on developing the list. Councilmember Christensen thanked Interim City Manager Amundson for being proactive in compiling the list of projects for submission.

Interim City Manager Amundson provided Council with a sample of upcoming City Council Workshop agenda topics, and welcomed input from Council on additional topics they would like to discuss.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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