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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, March 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 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 Chief Huntington, Economic Development Manager Jacobs, Marketing Specialist Wallner and City Clerk Rogers.

Prior to beginning the workshop meeting, Interim City Manager Amundson added to the agenda: Development Proposal for 505 Swift Boulevard.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion Regarding Operational and Budgetary Impacts of Body Worn and Vehicle Cameras

Chief of Police Bruce provided a high-level overview of the benefits and cautions of implementing body-worn cameras (BWC) and vehicle cameras. Chief of Police Bruce and Council engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation, which included topics such as: recommended best practices, records management obligations, public records requests, disclosure limits, union implications, costs associated with the camera systems, additional staff and storage, training opportunities, policy/procedure content, implementation timeline, automatic functionalities of the cameras, funding sources, and future budgetary impacts. At the conclusion of the discussion, Council reached consensus to further explore the option of implementing BWC and vehicle cameras.

2. Update on the Proposed Development Agreement on Tracts D & E, 22 Acres of City-Owned Property located on Bradley Boulevard

After a brief recap of concerns identified by Council from a previous workshop meeting, Community Development Director Jensen presented on the proposed development submitted by Pacific Partners Residential for Tracts D, E and Q located on Bradley Boulevard. Council and staff engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation. Interim City Manager Amundson announced that the City will develop and build the master plan for the park.

Council engaged in further additional discussion regarding the cost and maintenance associated with construction of the park, the value of phase 1 development, purchase and sale agreement details, retail development performance schedule, performance bonds and earnest money. Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl provided a brief overview of the ownership and construction of the proposed dock at Columbia Point.

At the conclusion of Council discussion, Council provided suggestions and amendments for staff to discuss and negotiate with the developer.

COUNCIL RECESSED FROM 7:53 P.M. TO 8:01 P.M.

3. Horn Rapids Water Rights Status, West Richland Wholesale Service Expansion Request, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Irrigation Service Request

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of the City of Richland water rights status and the number of water rights held by the City. Public Works Director Rogalsky presented in detail the irrigation service requests submitted by Battelle/PNNL and the water service expansion request from the City of West Richland. Public Works Director Rogalsky provided a staff analysis for both requests and solicited Council input for proposed recommendations.

Council and staff engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation. Following the discussion, Council asked for more information from staff on the projected return on investment (ROI) for the service requests, and for staff to determine if the accommodations will benefit the residents of Richland.

4. 2021 Legislative Transportation Advocacy Update - Additional Project Suggestion

Public Work Director Rogalsky spoke with Council about the 2021 Legislative Transportation Advocacy Update and solicited Council input on staff recommendations. Council and staff engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation. The presentation included staff's proposal to advance five (5) projects for funding.

Public Works Director Rogalsky also stated that the City submitted ten (10) projects to Senator Murray to be earmarked for funding. Interim City Manager Amundson will provide Council with a list of the projects submitted.

5. Development Proposal for 505 Swift Boulevard (added at start of the meeting)

Marketing Specialist Wallner provided Council with an overview of the development proposal submitted by Mr. Greg Markel for the old City Hall site at 505 Swift Boulevard. The architectural site plan included details for a mixed-use development to construct a restaurant, retail ground floor spaces (minimum of 11) and second floor apartments (minimum of 11). Staff solicited feedback from Council for this particular proposal as well as guidance to identify potential development projects of interest. A majority of councilmembers were not in favor of the proposed development.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED:

DATE PUBLISHED: