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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 6, 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 6:13 p.m.

**Note: Technical difficulties delayed the start of the meeting.*

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Lukson welcomed those attending the remote meeting.

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

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE MAYOR PRO TEM KENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Also remotely present were Interim City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Bruce, Fire Chief Huntington, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Administrative Services Director Koch, Development Services Director Jensen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl 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 BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

1. Proclamation Celebrating the Achievement of Ms. Celeste Blair, the First Female Youth in the Tri-Cities to Earn the Rank of Eagle Scout

Mayor Lukson read aloud a proclamation of appreciation for Ms. Celeste Blair's achievement. Ms. Blair thanked Council for the recognition.

Public Hearings

2. Proposed Budget Amendment in the General Fund, Public Works Administration &

Engineering Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, and Solid Waste Fund, Ordinance No. 09-21

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl provided an overview of the six (6) proposed budget amendments. Council then engaged in a question and answer session with Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing for comments at 6:45 p.m. No comments were received.

Public Comments

The following individual submitted comments to be read aloud by the City Clerk.

Laila Krowiak - 523 Hains Ave. Richland, WA: Ms. Hains shared concerns regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety and recommended including safety improvements in the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mark Laun - 31 Galaxy Lane, Richland, WA: Mr. Laun stated that he sent correspondence via email to all councilmembers on March 24, 2021 and to date had only received a response from Councilmember Thompson. Mr. Laun requested that the remaining councilmembers respond to his email.

Francesca Maier - 2146 Hudson Ave. Richland, WA: Ms. Maier shared concerns regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety in the City of Richland and the manner in which the incidents are reported by the Richland Police Department.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

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3. Approval of the March 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and April 23, 2021 City Council City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

4. Ordinance No. 07-21, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 9.04.085 related to Cyberstalking

5. Ordinance No. 09-21, Amending the 2021 Budget in the General Fund, Public Works Administration & Engineering Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, and Solid Waste Fund

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

None.

Resolutions – Adoption

6. Resolution No. 31-21, Authorizing a Third Amendment to the Agreement with WRH Associates, LLC related to the Horn Rapids Landfill's Gas Purchase and Site License Agreement
7. Resolution No. 38-21, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with City of West Richland for Traffic Signal Technical Services
8. Resolution No. 39-21, Authorizing Addendum No. 2 to the 2010 Metro Interlocal Agreement
9. Resolution No. 40-21, Amending the Consultant Agreement with RLR Cultural Resources LLC for Cultural Monitoring on the Columbia Park Trail - East Improvements Project
10. Resolution No. 41-21, Authorizing Award of Bid to Doolittle Construction, LLC for the 2021 Slurry Seal Project
11. Resolution No. 42-21, Authorizing Award of Bid to Culbert Construction Inc. for the Construction of 1st Street west of Kingsgate Way
12. Resolution No. 43-21, Approving the Final Plat of Goose Ridge Estates - Phase 2
13. Resolution No. 44-21, Authorizing Award of 2021 Park Partnership Program Grants
14. Resolution No. 45-21, Authorizing Award of Bid to Vincent Brothers, LLP for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Facility Improvements Project
15. Resolution No. 46-21, Authorizing Award of Bid to Prater Electric, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Stand-By Generator Replacement Project

Items - Approval

None.

Expenditures – Approval

None.

Items of Business

1. Ordinance No. 08-21, Amending Richland Municipal Code Sections 9.10.020, 9.10.025, 9.11.020, and 9.24.070 to add a knowledge element consistent with *State of Washington v. Blake*

City Attorney Kintzley provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and engaged in a question and answer session with Council throughout the overview. City Attorney Kintzley recommended approval of Ordinance No. 08-21 for first reading.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 08-21 FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

2. Discussion Regarding the Utility Advisory Committee Recommended Solid Waste Rate Proposal

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of the solid waste service rates adopted by the Utility Advisory Committee in September 2020. Based on a recommendation from the Utility Advisory Committee, Public Works Director Rogalsky solicited input from Council regarding proposed service rate adjustments and implementation timeline. An ordinance amending Title 15 RMC will be presented for Council review and consideration at a future meeting. Public Works Director Rogalsky engaged in a question and answer session with Council throughout the presentation.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager Amundson apologized for the technical difficulties experienced at the onset of the meeting. Interim City Manager Amundson announced that it is National Library Workers Day and thanked the library staff for their work and service to the community.

City Council

Councilmember Christensen requested Mayor Lukson to provide an update on the details of Phase 4 of the *Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery* plan and when Benton County can expect to advance to that phase.

Councilmember Boring expressed an interest in having a future discussion regarding the possibility of allocating funds generated from the sale of tracts D & E for the purchase and implementation of body-worn and dashboard cameras in the Richland Police Department.

Councilmember Thompson shared personal observations regarding the political divide between the east and west side of the State of Washington and how western leadership affects the eastern communities.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson stated that there is no new information to share regarding Benton County's future move to Phase 4 of the *Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery* plan. Mayor Lukson added that California plans to fully reopen in June 2021, and speculated that Washington might resume activities shortly thereafter.

Mayor Lukson announced that a facilitator has been selected to assist with the Interim City Manager's performance review process. Mayor Lukson then inquired whether the full Council preferred to be engaged in the evaluation process moving forward, or if Council would prefer the three subcommittee members to continue to engage and report back. There was consensus among the full Council to participate in the evaluation process.

COUNCIL TOOK A 5-MINUTE RECESS AT 7:42 P.M.

Executive Session

AT 7:47 P.M., RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTES TO DISCUSS CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i).

Individuals virtually present included Mayor Lukson, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson, City Attorney Kintzley, and Interim City Manager Amundson.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:32 P.M.

Immediately following the executive session, a brief closed session was held from 8:32 to 8:45 to discuss labor negotiations as allowed by RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). Those present included Mayor Lukson, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson, Administrative Services Director Koch, Energy Services Director Whitney, and Interim City Manager Amundson.

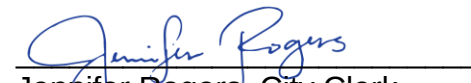
Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: April 20, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: April 21, 2021