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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 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 and Lemley. Councilmember Thompson was absent.

Also attending remotely were Interim City Manager Amundson, Fire Chief Huntington, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Development Services Director Jensen, Finance Director Allen, Planning Manager Stevens, Fire Captain Van Beek and City Clerk Rogers.

Agenda Items

1. City's Next Steps in the Wake of *State of Washington v. Blake*

City Attorney Kintzley gave an in-depth presentation on Washington's Uniform Controlled Substance Act, the facts and judicial reasoning behind the Washington State Supreme Court's February 2021 decision in *State of Washington v. Blake*, the local impacts of the Court's decision, and the legislative fix offered by the Washington State Legislature with passage of ESB 5476. City Attorney Kintzley also provided insight into the regional approach to this issue and possible next steps for the City of Richland. City Attorney Kintzley entertained questions from Council throughout the presentation. Council discussed at length the local impacts ESB 5476.

2. Review Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Administrative Services Director Koch provided a general overview of the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which included revenue loss associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Administrative Services Director Koch turned the floor over to Finance Director Allen to present more details.

Finance Director Allen presented comparisons of projected revenue and expenditures versus actual outcomes on the following: sales tax activity; general fund tax sources; property taxes; 2021 property tax levy rate and assessed value; business and construction activity; general fund expenditures, utilities and golf course; water utility revenue; and wastewater utility.

Finance Director Allen further shared that the State Auditor's Office must first complete its audit of the City's financial statements and render an opinion before the 2020

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be finalized. Council and staff engaged in a question and answer session throughout the presentation.

3. 2021 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Updates

Planning Manager Stevens stated that the Planning Department received five (5) applications for amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map with associated rezones.

The following proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Amendment applications were discussed:

- Sienna Hills Development, LLC is proposing to amend the existing land use designation of Badger Mountain Subarea Commercial (BMC) to Badger Mountain Subarea Medium Density Residential (BMMDR) with a concurrent associated rezone of Commercial Limited Business (C-LB) to Medium Density Residential (R-2) for 1.82-acre portion of a 98-acre unaddressed parcel in the Badger Mountain subarea.
- City of Richland Economic Development on behalf of Pahlisch Homes is proposing to amend existing land use designation from Public Facility (PF) to High Density Residential with a concurrent associated rezone to change Parks & Public Facilities (PPF) to Multiple Family Residential (R-3) on two (2) vacant parcels on Village Parkway.
- AHBL on behalf of NC Ventures is proposing to amend the existing land use designation from Commercial (COM) & Agriculture (AG) to COM with an associated rezone to change AG & General Business (C-3) to C-3 for property located at 2517 Van Giesen Street.
- Clearwater Creek - Hayden Homes is proposing to amend the existing land use designation from Commercial to Medium Density Residential (MDR) with a concurrent rezone associated of Neighborhood Retail Business (C-1) to Medium Density Residential Small (R-25) for property located at 2725 Steptoe Street (Center Parkway intersection).
- Tim Bush on behalf of New Heights Baptist Church (owner) is proposing to amend the existing land use designation from Low Density Residential (LDR) to High Density Residential (HDR) with a concurrent associated rezone of Single-Family Residential -12,000 (R-1-12 to Multiple-Family Residential (R-3) for property located at 390 Thayer Drive.

Planning Manager Stevens provided an overview of options available for Council consideration when the applications are presented for action in a future meeting.

4. Heart Safe Richland Community AED Program Update

Fire Captain/EMS Program Officer Van Beek provided Council with an update on how Richland Fire & Emergency Services (RFD) is optimizing cardiac arrest survival, and how AEDs are essential to the overall vision of the continuum of care. Captain Van Beek shared RFD's initiative to heavily invest in cardiac arrest survivability by strategically placing AEDs in public locations throughout the City.

Captain Van Beek then provided cardiac arrest statistics from 2018-2020 and announced that Richland was the first city to become Heart Safe in the United States. Significant improvements in cardiac arrest outcomes were achieved by making targeted investments in cardiac care equipment, cardiac arrest protocols and expanded education programs.

Title 20 RMC specifies that certain new construction occupancies and large gatherings on city property are required to have an AED available for use. RFD is implementing a program to allow facility users to meet this new requirement. RFD is also exploring the possibility of equipping off-duty RFD employees with AEDs for use when cardiac arrest alerts are received via Pulse Point.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with Captain Van Beek during the presentation.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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