



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 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 Pro Tem Kent called the remote Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Kent welcomed those attending the remote meeting.

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

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, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Kent led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER BORING MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

None.

Public Hearings

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

1. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 1351 Haught Avenue, Resolution No. 53-21

Mayor Pro Tem Kent opened and closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals submitted comments to be read aloud by the City Clerk:

Ms. Christine Bond - 35 Vista Ct. Richland, WA: Ms. Bond requested the City of Richland install a pass-through in the sound barrier wall at the intersection of SR-240 and Airport Way. Ms. Bond provided reasoning for the request.

Ms. Randy Slovic - 74 Newcomer St. Richland, WA: Ms. Slovic expressed anticipation for the conclusion of remote meetings and attending public meetings in-person.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER BORING PULLED ITEM NO. 11, RESOLUTION NO. 57-21, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EXCELERON SOFTWARE, LLC FOR MYUSAGE PREPAY SOFTWARE ACCESS AND SUPPORT. ITEM NO. 11 WAS MOVED TO ITEM NO. 1 UNDER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

MAYOR PRO TEM KENT PULLED ITEM NO. 12, RESOLUTION NO. 58-21, AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION. ITEM NO. 12 WAS MOVED TO ITEM NO. 2 UNDER ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

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

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2. Approval of the May 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

None.

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

3. Ordinance No. 10-21, Amending Title 23 RMC: Zoning Regulations to add Section 23.54.055 Compact Car Spaces
4. Ordinance No. 11-21, Annexing Approximately 3.63 Acres Located Along Allenwhite Drive into the City of Richland

5. Ordinance No. 12-21, Annexing Approximately 76.54 Acres of Land located at 1106 N. Jurupa Road into the City of Richland

Resolutions – Adoption

6. Resolution No. 52-21, Authorizing Award of Bid to Pro-Pipe, Inc. for the 2021 Large Diameter Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Project
7. Resolution No. 53-21, Authorizing the Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 1351 Haupt Avenue
8. Resolution No. 54-21, Approving the Final Plat of Quail Ridge Phases 3-6
9. Resolution No. 55-21, Authorizing Commercial Façade Improvement Program Agreements with Dovetail Joint and Leinback Properties, LLC for 1022 Lee Boulevard
10. Resolution No. 56-21, Authorizing a Grant Application to the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission related to the Replacement of School Beacon Controllers
11. Resolution No. 57-21, Authorizing an Agreement with Exceleron Software, LLC for MyUsage PrePay Software Access and Support **(PULLED AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 1)**
12. Resolution No. 58-21, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Land Management for Wildland Fire Suppression **(PULLED AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 2)**
13. Resolution No. 59-21, Authorizing a Master License Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T for Wireless Small Cell Facilities

Items - Approval

14. Appointment to the Personnel Committee: Anh-Thu Mai-Windle

Expenditures – Approval

Expenditures from April 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021 for \$29,402,913.07, including Travel Check Nos. 19984-19992, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 288754-289640, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 8523-8558, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12028-12095, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 177089-178711 and Pension Check Nos. 5804-5832.

Items of Business

1. Resolution No. 57-21, Authorizing an Agreement with Exceleron Software, LLC for MyUsage PrePay Access and Support

Energy Services Director Whitney answered several questions raised by Councilmember

Boring regarding termination language of the agreement, the number of customers eligible for the service, the disconnection process for non-payment, and who would be responsible to enforce when utilities and water services are disconnected. Councilmember Boring indicated that her concerns with the agreement were adequately addressed by the information provided.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 57-21, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EXCELERON SOFTWARE, LLC FOR MYUSAGE PREPAY SOFTWARE ACCESS AND SUPPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

2. Resolution No. 58-21, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Land Management for Wildland Fire Suppression.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent stated there has been previous public comment advocating for strong interlocal agreements for fire suppression. Mayor Pro Tem Kent called on Fire Chief Huntington to provide an overview of the interagency agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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Reports and Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager Amundson announced that National Public Works Week and National Emergency Medical Services Week are recognized the week of May 16-22, 2021. Interim City Manager Amundson thanked staff from both departments for their services.

Interim City Manager Amundson then presented Council with an updated approach to National Night Out, which typically falls on the same night as the first regularly scheduled council meeting in August. The updated approach to National Night Out has certain City staff appearing at multiple locations across the city. Interim City Manager Amundson sought Council's viewpoint and direction on the proposed event. Council concurred with the proposed approach and agreed to reschedule the August 3, 2021 City Council meeting to allow for participation in National Night Out.

Lastly, Interim City Manager Amundson reminded Council of the closed session following immediately after the meeting, and provided a preview of the upcoming workshop agenda items scheduled for May 25, 2021.

City Council

Councilmember Boring announced that the Benton County Solid Waste Department will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Benton County Road Maintenance Shop.

Councilmember Lemley thanked Public Works and Emergency Medical Service staff for their work.

Councilmember Thompson shared personal observations regarding liberty and encroaching limitations on freedom. He then stated that the City of Richland provides exceptional services to the community, and encouraged citizens to be prudent regarding who they support and elect into office.

Councilmember Alvarez expressed an interest in incorporating the Touch-A-Truck event along with the proposed National Night Out event highlighted by Interim City Manager Amundson. Councilmember Alvarez also inquired about the level of outreach the revised event will have compared to the annual event hosted at John Dam Plaza.

Mayor (Mayor Pro Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem Kent stated that she looks forward to being able to attend in-person meetings in the near future, and that the public can expect to receive press releases on the reopening of city facilities. Mayor Pro Tem Kent also encouraged everyone to be educated, be safe, and shop local.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Kent adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: June 1, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: June 2, 2021