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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 – 625 Swift Boulevard

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.

Councilmember Christensen called the City Council workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting accommodated both virtual and in-person participation and was held in Council Chambers at Richland City Hall.

Attendance: Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen and Lemley were present. Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, and Councilmember Thompson were absent. Councilmember Christensen chaired the meeting.

Also attending were Interim City Manager Amundson, Fire Chief Huntington, City Attorney Kintzley, Energy Services Director Whitney, and Public Works Director Rogalsky.

Agenda Items

1. North Horn Rapids Transmission Planning & Scheduling

Using PowerPoint, Energy Services Director Clint Whitney gave a presentation discussing transmission planning and scheduling to bring electric utility infrastructure to the north Horn Rapids area. Energy Services Director Whitney discussed anticipated areas of residential and commercial electrical services demand growth (Queensgate, Badger Mountain South, future development of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land), and identified additional “spot load” locations in Horn Rapids and the recently transferred 1641 acre site from the federal government. Energy Services Director Whitney identified challenges associated with the provision of power, including timing challenges with developers, transmission capacity constraints, and generation capacity constraints. Council engaged in a question and answer session with Energy Services Director Whitney.

2. South Thayer Drive Property Surplus

Using PowerPoint, Public Works Director Pete Rogalsky presented on a proposed surplus action affecting property at the south end of Thayer Drive. The proposed surplus action has already been presented to the Richland Planning Commission and the Economic Development Committee, where it received favorable recommendations. Public Works Director Rogalsky shared that there is public interest in purchase of the parcel, and that any proceeds from sale of the land is required, by deed restriction, to go to benefit city streets. The purpose of the presentation was to give Council a general overview of the surplus action that was to appear before them at a future council meeting. The consensus was for staff to move forward with formal surplus of the property.

3. Transportation Grant Opportunities

Using PowerPoint, Public Works Director Pete Rogalsky provided an overview of transportation grant opportunities available to the City of Richland. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) provides various grant opportunities designed to address different transportation issues. Public Works Director Rogalsky identified the City's high priority projects as:

- SR-240/Aaron Drive
- Downtown Connectivity Improvements
- South George Washington Way Intersection Improvements
- Vantage Highway Pathway – Phase 2
- Center Parkway North Extension
- Center Parkway South Extension
- Island View to Vista Field Trail System

Staff is prepared to recommend projects well-suited for currently available grant opportunities, namely the Downtown Connectivity Improvements project and the Marcus Whitman Sidewalk Improvements project, at the August 2, 2021 city council meeting. Council engaged in a question and answer session with Public Works Director Rogalsky.

Adjournment

Councilmember Christensen adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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