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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL RETREAT MEETING

Friday, September 17, 2021

Zoom - Public Telephone Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

City Council Annual Retreat - 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Lukson called the virtual City Council Annual Retreat to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Also attending remotely were Interim City Manager Amundson, Fire Chief Huntington, City Attorney Kintzley, Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Chief of Police Bruce, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Economic Development Director Jensen and Finance Director Allen.

Agenda Items

1. Recommended Capital Improvement Projects for the 2022 Budget

Using PowerPoint, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Fire Chief Huntington, Economic Development Director Jensen, and Finance Director Allen presented on recommended Capital Improvement Projects for the 2022 Budget.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

COUNCIL RECESSED AT 9:34 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 9:50 A.M.

2. Discussion on Richland City Charter

Using PowerPoint, City Attorney Kintzley provided an overview of charter comparisons with other first-class cities in the State of Washington, reviewed potential topics for City of Richland charter amendment, and described the process and timeline to submit proposed charter amendments to Benton County for inclusion on the ballot in the 2022 general election.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with City Attorney Kintzley throughout the presentation.

3. Recommended Strategic Visioning and Planning Process for 2022

Using PowerPoint, Fire Chief Huntington provided a historical overview of the current Strategic Leadership Plan, and presented on the City's recommended Strategic Visioning and Planning Process for 2022.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff.

4. Economic Development Updates

Using PowerPoint, Economic Development Director Jensen and Interim City Manager Amundson presented Richland's economic development updates. Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

COUNCIL RECESSED AT 12:00 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.

5. Discussion on Homelessness

Using PowerPoint, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl presented on the topic of camping on city property and its relationship to homelessness in Richland. Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff.

6. Additional Items from City Council for Consideration

Council discussed items such as setting consistent time limits for public comments, allowing the submission of written comments/testimony during City Council meetings, continual allocation of funding for public art, resuming pre-Council meeting workshops, potential amendments to the sign ordinance, marketing of the former City Hall site, possible adoption of a bi-annual budget, and police staffing vacancies. No decisions were rendered.

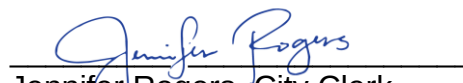
Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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