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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

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.

Mayor Lukson called the remote Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(l)(i): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel (30 minutes)

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

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

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Lukson welcomed those attending the remote meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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

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

Also remotely present were Interim City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire Chief Huntington, Chief of Police Bruce, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Development Services Director Jensen, Interim Administrative Services Director Florence, Human Resources Manager Paulsen, Planning Manager Stevens, Energy Services Business Manager Edgemon, and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Lemley led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations

1 Proclamation of Appreciation to Jana Kay Lunstad

Mayor Lukson read aloud a proclamation of appreciation recognizing Jana Kay Lunstad for her ten (10) years of service to the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees. In response, Ms. Lunstad stated that it has been a privilege to serve on the Library Board and a pleasure working with city staff. Ms. Lunstad praised city staff for the services and programs offered to meet the needs of the community, especially during the COVID pandemic.

Ms. Lunstad thanked the Richland City Council for its support over the years, and commended the leadership of Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl. Lastly, Ms. Lunstad thanked the City for the recognition, and announced that she looks forward to exploring other opportunities to serve the public.

Mayor Lukson thanked Ms. Lunstad for her leadership and service to the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees.

2. New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring the September 2021 new hires and retirees was played for the audience. Police Sergeant Dean Murstig retired after fifteen (15) years of service with the Richland Police Department.

Public Hearing

City Clerk Rogers read the public hearing and public comment procedures.

3. Clean Energy Implementation Plan, Conservation Potential Assessment, and Demand Response Potential Assessment

Energy Services Business Manager Edgemon provided an overview of the topic. Staff reported that the 2019 Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requires Washington electric utilities to eliminate coal generation from their resources by 2025, be greenhouse gas neutral by 2030, and serve its retail customers with 100% non-emitting and renewable electricity by 2045.

CETA requires electric utilities to prepare a Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) by January 1, 2022 and every four (4) years thereafter. Specific targets identified to meet CETA's standards included energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable energy.

The Utilities Advisory Committee (UAC) endorsed the proposed CEIP, Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA) and Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) at its September 14, 2021 meeting. Staff reported there will be no significant business changes for Richland's electric utility.

A proposed CEIP, CPA and DRPA will be presented for Council review and consideration at the October 19, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Lemley praised the Energy Services Department for work well done. Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

4. Proposed Rezone of 230 and 260 Bradley Boulevard, Ordinance No. 32-21 (Closed Record)

Using PowerPoint, Planning Manager Stevens provided a summary of the proposed rezone application as provided in Ordinance No. 32-21. The public hearing satisfied the closed-record hearing requirement provided in RMC 19.20.030.

Mayor Lukson read the closed record review hearing procedures, noting that no public testimony was offered before the Richland Hearing Examiner during the open-record public hearing, which limited standing for testimony at the closed-record review hearing.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the review hearing at 6:55 p.m. No testimony was offered.

5. Authorizing a Franchise Agreement with USCOC of Richland, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Cellular, Ordinance No. 33-21

City Attorney Kintzley provided an overview of the proposed franchise agreement as provided in Ordinance No. 33-21. USCOC of Richland, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Cellular is seeking a franchise agreement to deploy small cell technology in the City's rights-of-way. A public hearing is required prior to execution of a telecommunications franchise pursuant to Title 28 RMC.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

Julie Robertson - 2112 Davison Avenue, Richland, WA: Ms. Robertson objected to any future changes to the alignment of Bradley Boulevard. Ms. Robertson urged Council to commit to working with future developers of the Bradley Boulevard area to ensure

continued access to the Columbia Point Marina area for vehicle and bicycle traffic.

Randy Slovic - 74 Newcomer Street, Richland, WA: Ms. Slovic spoke in general terms about the preservation of city parkland, but also expressed opposition to the 230 and 260 Bradley Boulevard rezone, suggesting that the item be pulled from the consent calendar and voted on by City Council as a stand-alone item.

Mayor Lukson announced that comments relating to the closed-record review hearing from anyone without standing must be disregarded. City Attorney Kintzley concurred with Mayor Lukson's statement and reiterated that individuals who did not provide testimony during the open-record public hearing held by the Richland Hearing Examiner hearing examiner or submit written testimony to the hearing examiner lack standing to provide comments on the proposed rezone of Bradley Boulevard, Ordinance No. 32-21.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

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

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6. Approval of the September 17, 2021 City Council Annual Retreat Meeting Minutes, the September 21, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 28, 2021 City Council Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

7. Ordinance No. 30-21, Providing for the Sale of 2021 Electric Revenue Bonds
8. Ordinance No. 31-21, Amending Chapter 2.24 RMC related to Bonds for Officers and Employees
9. Ordinance No. 32-21, Amending Richland Municipal Code Title 23 and the Official Zoning Map to Rezone 260 and 230 Bradley Boulevard
10. Ordinance No. 33-21, Authorizing a Franchise Agreement with USCOC of Richland, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Cellular

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

11. Ordinance No. 28-21, Vacating an Unopened Portion of Davenport Street Right-of-Way

Resolutions – Adoption

12. Resolution No. 115-21, Authorizing a Purchase Order with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for Public Safety Camera Systems
13. Resolution No. 117-21, Authorizing the Submittal of an Air Quality Improvement Grant Application to Support the Fleet Conservation to Natural Gas
14. Resolution No. 118-21, Amending the Consultant Agreement with Mercer (US) Inc. for Benefits Consulting and Brokerage Services
15. Resolution No. 119-21, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Victor and Christina Gomez related to the Center Parkway Extension Project
16. Resolution No. 120-21, Authorizing Award of Bid to Palouse Power, LLC for the 2021 Boring, Trenching and Cable Replacement Project
17. Resolution No. 121-21, Authoring Change Orders to Richland Contract No. 338-20 with Paramount Communications, Inc.
18. Resolution No. 122-21, Approving the Final Plat of Sienna Hills – Phase 1

Items - Approval

19. Appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Wendy Higgins and Douglas Sako
20. Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission: Steve Sullivan

Items of Business

1. Ordinance No. 29-21, Approving the Links Residence at Horn Rapids Planned Unit Development

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 29-21, APPROVING THE LINKS RESIDENCE AT HORN RAPIDS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY.

After the motion was made and seconded, Councilmember Christensen provided his reasoning for supporting the planned unit development as proposed. Mayor Lukson agreed with Councilmember Christensen's statements. No other comments were offered during deliberation.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE, THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager Amundson announced he is currently attending the 2021 International City and County Management Association's Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. Interim City Manager Amundson thanked Council for supporting his attendance.

City Council

Councilmember Christensen clarified that the action taken to rezone portions of property located on Bradley Boulevard will not change the anticipated park use of riverfront property on Bradley Boulevard. Councilmember Christensen agreed with statements provided during the public comment period on the same topic.

Councilmember Alvarez concurred with Councilmember Christensen's statements.

Councilmember Lemley congratulated May Hayes and the West Richland Chamber of Commerce for the successful Cool Desert Nights event held September 30 - October 3, 2021.

Councilmember Boring thanked Councilmember Christensen for his clarifying statements regarding the continued designated park use on Bradley Boulevard. Councilmember Boring then announced that Benton County will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on October 30, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street, Kennewick, WA.

Councilmember Thompson provided personal observations regarding the encroachment of free speech and encouraged citizens to be attentive to events taking place on a national level.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson congratulated Dean Murstig on his retirement and Interim Administrative Services Director Drew Florence on his appointment. Mayor Lukson then reported that Dr. Amy Person, the Benton-Franklin County Health Officer, has confirmed that COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations are slightly improving.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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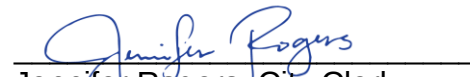
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APPROVED:



Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: October 19, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: October 20, 2021