



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Rose called the pre-meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Council Members Anderson, Christensen, Kent, Jones, and Thompson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Human Resources Director Jubb, Energy Services Director Hammond, Police Services Director Skinner, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Administrative Services Director Koch and City Clerk Hopkins.

Discussion of Meeting Agenda Items:

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Mr. Hammond and Bond Consultant Susan Musclemann discussed the electric bond structuring issues and the timing of the bond sale that they and Administrative Services Koch have been working on.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Rose called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

Mayor Rose welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

Mayor Rose, Mayor Pro Tem Lemley, Council Members Anderson, Christensen, Jones, Kent and Thompson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Hammond, Police Services Director Skinner, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Administrative Services Director Koch and City Clerk Hopkins.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Rose led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations:

1. CityView Video: 2016 Proposed Electrical Rate Increase
- Trish Herron, Communications and Marketing Manager

Ms. Herron said this video is part of the City's multimedia campaign to keep information flowing regularly to citizens regarding the 2016 proposed electrical rate increase.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Hearing and Public Comments Procedures.

1. Proposed Amendments to RMC Title 14: Electricity, Relating to Retail Rates (Ordinance No. 39-15)
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond said the public hearing is to get public input on the proposed retail electrical rates. Energy Services (RES) staff developed a forward retail rate program in 2013 that projects out 10 years with specific milestones that: identifies a potential rate increase; updates all previous assumptions in its Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) model; works with the City's Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) in open public meetings; and then brought forward for City Council consideration.

If approved by City Council as proposed, Richland's electric rates will continue to be very competitive compared to other neighboring and state-wide utilities. Staff proposes that the increases take effect with the first bill customers receive in January 2016 and apply to all electrical use reflected on that bill.

Council Members discussed the electrical rates and noted the City is affected by decisions made by Bonneville Power Administration.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:57:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

2. Proposed 2015-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Richland Police Guild (Resolution No. 146-15)
- Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

Ms. Jubb said this public hearing is held to allow for input on the 2015-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Richland Police Guild - Resolution No. 146-15, which is on the agenda for Council action.

In May 2014, the City entered into negotiations with the Richland Police Guild, which ratified the proposed agreement on July 23, 2015. The proposed agreement includes various language changes that require the union to adopt certain City policies and change work practices, and includes a total compensation package within the approved Council parameters.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 8:00:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Consent Calendar:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent items.

Minutes:

1. Approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting Held August 5, 2015
 - Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Ordinances - First Reading:

2. Ordinance No. 39-15, Amending RMC Title 14: Electricity, Relating to Retail Rates
 - Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
3. Ordinance No. 49-15, Sale of Electric Revenue and Refunding Bonds
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

4. Ordinance No. 43-15, Increasing Streets Capital Construction Fund, Water Fund and Wastewater Fund Budgets
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
5. Ordinance No. 44-15, Amending RMC Chapter 23.62 Regarding Wireless Communication Facilities
 - Rick Simon, Development Services Manager
6. Ordinance No. 45-15, Amending the Zoning Classification on 18.7 Acres from C-3 to C-LB for Property Located at SR 240 and Kingsgate Way (Coastal Community Bank - Applicant (Closed Record))
 - Rick Simon, Development Services Manager
7. Ordinance No. 46-15, Adding a New Section to RMC Title 24 Plats & Subdivisions, Providing for the Vacation of a Binding Site Plan
 - Rick Simon, Development Services Manager

8. Ordinance No. 47-15, Proposed Increase in Appropriation of the Parks Project Construction and Industrial Development Funds
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

9. Resolution No. 129-15, Approving Consultant Agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for Comprehensive Water System Plan Update
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
10. Resolution No. 142-15, Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Benton County for an Affordable Housing Fund
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
11. Resolution No. 146-15, Proposed 2015-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Richland Police Guild
- Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director
12. Resolution No. 147-15, Reappointment to the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission: Jerry Beach
- Heather Kintzley, City Attorney
13. Resolution No. 148-15, Authorizing Sponsorship Agreement with HAPO Community Credit Union for the Performance Stage at John Dam Plaza
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
14. Resolution No. 149-15, Authorizing the Renewal Agreement for the Promotion of Tourism between the City of Richland and the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau
- Cindy Johnson, City Manager
15. Resolution No. 150-15, Funding Recommendations for the 2016 Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax Fund
- Trish Herron, Communications and Marketing Manager
16. Resolution No. 151-15, Authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with JUB Engineers, Inc. for Additional Work on George Washington Way / I-182 Access Study
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Expenditures - Approval:

17. Expenditures from July 27, 2015 - August 7, 2015 for \$4,370,618.45 including Check Nos. 225460-225787, Wire Nos. 5961-5967, Payroll Check Nos. 100077-100092, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9071-9088
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director

COUNCIL MEMBER KENT MOVED AND COUNCIL MEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents noted the two items of business on the August 25, 2015, Council workshop: 1) an ordinance proposing to remove the term limits on the Utility Advisory Committee; and 2) appointing a new Council Member. She said there are six applicants at this time and Council will receive the application packets to review before the workshop. If Council selects an applicant, that person can be sworn in at the September 1 Council meeting. She also noted the two workshop items for discussion: the cyberstalking section of Ordinance No. 40-15; and a discussion on the proposed CIP projects, priorities and funding strategies and a recognition of Council Member Jones is scheduled at the workshop as well.

2. Council Members:

All Council Members thanked and honored Council Member Jones for his dedication and hard work on the Council and said he will be missed.

Council Member Jones said this is his last Council meeting. He said he was honored and proud to work for the City and recalled his history of living in Richland and serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission as well. He noted the accomplishments of the City he has seen happen over time.

Council Member Christensen would like to consider eliminating term limits from all of the boards, commissions and committees, not just the Utility Advisory Committee.

Council Member Thompson would also like to consider eliminating all term limits from the boards, commissions and committees.

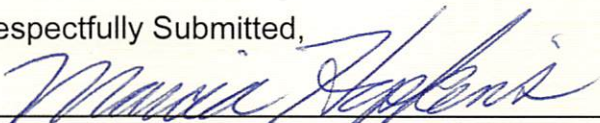
Mayor Pro Tem Lemley attended the grand openings of Oil Can Henry's in the WinCo parking lot and the Tri City Vehicle Licensing business in the Uptown Shopping Center. He also attended George Garlic's annual picnic event.

3. Mayor Rose thanked Council Member Jones for his dedicated service on Council and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Adjournment:

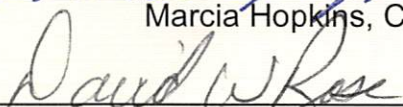
Mayor Rose adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



David W. Rose, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

September 1, 2015

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