



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 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.

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

Welcome and Roll Call

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

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

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

Also remotely present were Interim City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire Chief Huntington, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Development Services Director Jensen, Energy Services Director Whitney, Interim Administrative Services Director Florence, Finance Director Allen, Police Captain Clary, and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR LUKSON PULLED ITEM NO. 17, APPOINTMENT TO THE RICHLAND PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT BOARD: KRISTEN LERCH. THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 1.

COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ PULLED ITEM NO. 6, ORDINANCE NO. 37-21, AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 11.15 ENTITLED WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES. THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 2.

MAYOR LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

1 New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring the October 2021 new hires was played for Council and the audience. There were no retirement announcements.

Public Hearing

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

2 Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement for Westcliffe Heights – Phase 4, Resolution No. 130-21

Public Works Director Rogalsky stated the utility easement in question pre-dates the plat of Westcliffe Heights – Phase 4 and is no longer needed for municipal purposes since the water pipeline that occupied the easement has been relocated by the developer. State law requires that a public hearing be held before property acquired for utility purposes is dispositioned through sale or conveyance. Staff recommended relinquishment of the described easement.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

3 Proposed 2022 Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, Ordinance No. 39-21

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Finance Director Allen presented in detail the Proposed 2022 Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Details of the presentation are available in the materials provided by Finance Director Allen.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

4 Proposed Amendments to the 2021 Budget in the General Fund, Medical Services Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund, Ordinance No. 40-21

State law requires a public agency to hold a public hearing prior to appropriating undesignated fund balance. Finance Director Allen presented on proposed amendments to the 2021 Budget as follows:

- \$2M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for utility and business assistance
- \$1,715,000 for three (3) vehicles for the Richland Fire Department
- \$22,330 for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) purchased with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant funds

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided comments remotely.

- Nancy Doran – 1516 Johnston Avenue, Richland, WA: Ms. Doran urged Richland City Council to rename Lee Boulevard.
- Sara Egbert – 203 Enterprise Drive, Richland, WA: Ms. Egbert advocated for additional traffic calming structures and reduced driving speeds to enhance safety and prevent vehicular injury and fatalities to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Laila Krowiak – 1523 Hains Avenue, Richland, WA: Ms. Krowiak advocated for additional traffic calming structures, reduced driving speeds and a safe multimodal transportation network for all users and user abilities.
- Erin Morrison – 316 W Moreland Drive, Richland, WA: Ms. Morrison agreed with comments provided by Ms. Egbert and Ms. Krowiak.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

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

Minutes

5. Approval of the October 19, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, the October 26, 2021 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, and the October 27, 2021 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

6. Ordinance No. 37-21, Amending Title 11 of the Richland Municipal Code to add Chapter 11.15 entitled Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles **(PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 2)**
7. Ordinance No. 39-21, Approving the 2022 Budget and the 2022-20247 Capital Improvement Plan

8. Ordinance No.40-21, Amending the 2021 Budget in the General Fund, Medical Services Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

9. Ordinance No. 34-21, Approving the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax and Property Tax Levies
10. Ordinance No. 35-21, Approving a Change to the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax over the Prior Year
11. Ordinance No. 36-21, Approving Amendments to the 2021 Budget

Resolutions – Adoption

12. Resolution No. 128-21, Setting a Public Hearing Date regarding the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Keene Court Right-of-Way
13. Resolution No. 129-21, Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Richland Players, Inc. for a Portion of 606 Jadwin Avenue
14. Resolution No. 130-21, Relinquishing a Utility Easement for Westcliff Heights - Phase 4
15. Resolution No. 131-21, Approving the 2022 Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Budget and Marketing Plan

Items - Approval

16. Appointment to the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission: Linda Hendricks
17. Appointment to the Richland Public Facilities District Board: Kristin Lerch **(PULLED BY MAYOR LUKSON AND RELOCATED TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS ITEM NO. 1)**

Items of Business

1. Appointment to the Richland Public Facilities District Board: Kristin Lerch **(FORMERLY ITEM NO. 17 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR)**

Council discussed the recruitment process and the current qualification requirements for service on the Richland Public Facilities District. Interim City Manager Amundson was asked to review the basis for the required letter of recommendation from a local agency as a qualifier for certain positions to the board.

MAYOR LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN LERCH TO THE RICHLAND

PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT UPON REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

2. Ordinance No. 37-21, Amending Title 11 of the Richland Municipal Code to add Chapter 11.15 entitled Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles **(FORMERLY ITEM NO. 6 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR)**

Council engaged in a question and answer session with City Attorney Kintzley regarding the legal definition of a car seat and the prohibition of operating golf carts on city streets with speed limits up to 35 miles per hour.

City Attorney Kintzley added that Ordinance No. 37-21 contains language that is nearly identical to the ordinances adopted by the cities of West Richland and Kennewick, as well as those adopted by other jurisdictions statewide. Approval of Ordinance No. 37-21 will provide continuity between jurisdictions for the use of wheeled all-terrain vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE, FOR FIRST READING, ORDINANCE NO. 37-21, AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 11.15 ENTITLED WHEEL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN AND LEMLEY. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager Amundson announced the upcoming community events:

- Open House for Fire Station 73 to be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at 2120 Jadwin Avenue.
- Winter Wonderland Festival of Lights tree lighting to be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the John Dam Plaza.

City Council

Councilmember Christensen inquired about the future use of the former Fire Station 73. Interim City Manager Amundson advised that staff will prepare the property for surplus and sale. Property owners adjacent to the site have expressed an interest in purchasing the property.

Councilmember Christensen thanked those who voted in the 2021 General Election, congratulated the projected winners of the election, and expressed consolation to those candidates who did not receive sufficient votes.

Councilmember Boring thanked those who serve on a Richland board, committee or commission, and added that their service is greatly appreciated.

Councilmember Alvarez agreed with statements made by Councilmembers Christensen and Boring.

Councilmember Lemley did not offer any comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent reported that she attended the 20th anniversary event at the Richland Community Center and commended staff for a job well done in showcasing each room for possible uses. Mayor Pro Tem Kent then announced the opening of Amarilis Meat Market II on George Washington Way. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Kent thanked those who voted in the 2021 General Election.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson thanked those who voted in the 2021 General Election, and those who provided comments regarding the need to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

MAYOR LUKSON ANNOUNCED A FIVE (5) MINUTE BREAK AT 7:00 P.M.

Executive Session

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.010(I)(g): To evaluate the Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment or to Review the Performance of a Public Employee (45 Minutes)

COUNCIL MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:05 P.M. TO EVALUATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OR TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTES.

Individuals virtually present for the executive session included Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, and Lemley, and retained legal counsel Ann Marie Soto.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:47 P.M.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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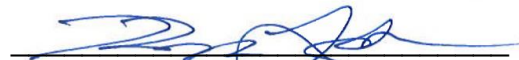
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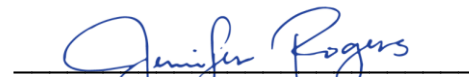
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APPROVED:


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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