



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

City Council Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Lukson called the remote Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.010(l)(g): To evaluate the Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment or to Review the Performance of a Public Employee (30 Minutes)

COUNCIL MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:30 P.M. TO EVALUATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OR TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (30 MINUTES)

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

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION 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 Thompson were present. Councilmember Lemley was absent.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Also remotely present were Interim City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Bruce, 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, Human Resources Manager Paulsen, and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Hearing

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

1. Adopting the Third Year Annual Action Plan and Authorizing Submission of Grant Forms for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds, Resolution No. 134-21

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Development Services Director Jensen provided an overview of the proposed uses for the 2022 CDBG and HOME program funding as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

2. Public Hearing on Rules Related to City Employment: Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreements with IAFF Local 1052 (Resolution Nos. 142-21 and 143-21) and Amendment to Exhibit A of the Compensation Plan for Unaffiliated Employees - 2015 and Continuing (Resolution No. 144-21)

Human Resources Manager Paulsen stated the Richland City Charter requires a public hearing before Council amends, repeals or adds to the City's personnel rules, including the City's classification schedule and salary/wage plans for all City positions. Human Resources Manager Paulsen then resented on the updated wage table for unaffiliated employees, noting that the ranges were adjusted by 4.75%.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

3. Proposed 2022 Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (Third Public Hearing), Ordinance No. 39-21

Finance Director Allen announced this third public hearing on the final proposed budgeted appropriations for all funds in 2022. The proposed 2020 budget totals \$320,657.377.

Mayor Lukson opened and closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

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, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes

4. Approval of the November 2, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

5. Ordinance No. 38-21, Amending Title 15 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Solid Waste

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

6. Ordinance No. 37-21, Amending Title 11 of the Richland Municipal Code to add Chapter 11.15 entitled Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles
7. Ordinance No. 39-21, Approving the 2022 Budget and the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan
8. Ordinance No. 40-21, Amending the 2021 Budget in the General Fund, Medical Services Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund

Resolutions – Adoption

9. Resolution No. 133-21, Approving a Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans
10. Resolution No. 134-21, Adopting the Third Year Annual Action Plan and Authorizing the Submission of Grant Forms for 2022 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds
11. Resolution No. 135-21, Amending the Badger Mountain Community Park Master Plan

12. Resolution No. 136-21, Approving a Third Amendment to Contract 221-19 with Shannon & Wilson for Wetland Monitoring
13. Resolution No. 137-21, Authorizing a Fourth Amendment to Contract No. 14-19 with RGW Enterprises for Engineering Services
14. Resolution No. 138-21, Authorizing a Fifth Amendment to the Gas Purchase and Site License Agreement with Horn Rapids RNG, LLC related to the Gas-to-Fuel Project
15. Resolution No. 139-21, Authorizing an Agreement with Benton County to Revise Richland's Corporate Boundary
16. Resolution No. 140-21, Authorizing an Administrative Services Agreement with The International City Management Association Retirement Corporation d/b/a MissionSquare Retirement for 457 Plan No. 300042, 401(a) Plan Nos. 107162 and 107151, and Retirement Health Savings Plan Nos. 800205 and 800196
17. Resolution No. 141-21, Authorizing an Administrative Services Agreement with Nationwide Retirement Solutions for IAFF-FC 457 Plan No. 0036864-001-457
18. Resolution No. 142-21, Authorizing the 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Rank & File
19. Resolution No. 143-21, Authorizing the 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union, Local No. 1052 - Battalion Chiefs
20. Resolution No. 144-21, Amending Exhibit A of the Compensation Plan for Unaffiliated Employees – 2015 and Continuing

Items - Approval

22. Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission: Jana Kay Lunstad

Expenditures - Approval:

23. Expenditures from October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 for \$26,926,725.89 including Travel Check Nos. 20042-20047, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 294093-294995, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 8760-8798, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12357-12405, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 184919-186028 and Pension Check Nos. 5969-5995.

Items of Business

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager Amundson announced the Parks & Public Facilities Department will host the first of two (2) open houses at the Richland Community Center regarding the Long-Range Plan for the 30-acre West Village Community Park located in Badger Mountain South on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition to the open house, a public survey to solicit input on the draft plan is available on the Richland Parks & Public Facilities website and the City of Richland's Facebook page.

Interim City Manager Amundson then shared that he and Mayor Lukson received an email from Rob Rodger, Control Officer/Executive Director of the Benton County Clean Air Agency, regarding an upcoming vacancy on the Board. Current member Jerry Peltier has expressed an interest in continuing service on the Board. The Benton County Clean Air Agency Board will meet on December 8, 2021 to consider applicants for appointment.

Next, Interim City Manager Amundson announced the ribbon cutting for the Columbia Park Trail East Improvements on November 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., to be held at the intersection of Columbia Park Trail and Columbia Center Boulevard.

Last, Interim City Manager Amundson expressed appreciation to Council for adopting the 2022 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, and for providing support and direction to staff in the setting of goals and vision for upcoming projects and improvements.

City Council

Councilmember Christensen thanked Interim City Manager Amundson and staff for putting together a balanced budget for 2022, and inquired if an anti-graffiti product will be applied to the proposed multi-sport athletic wall-ball wall to be located at the Badger Mountain Community Park.

Councilmember Thompson shared personal observations regarding the differences in leadership and quality of life between the State of Arizona and State of Washington.

Councilmember Boring and Mayor Pro Tem Kent congratulated Ms. Lunstad on her appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission, and encouraged applicants who were not selected to continue applying for future board, commission and committee vacancies.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent thanked staff and union partners for coming to an agreement on the collective bargaining agreements adopted during tonight's meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Kent also thanked staff for preparing a balanced budget, adding that the budget preparation and adoption process was the smoothest she has seen in about a decade.

All councilmembers wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson announced that the Richland Bomber Girls Soccer team will be traveling to the City of Puyallup to compete in the Girls Soccer State Championship tournament, and encouraged members of the community to show their support by attending the send-off for the soccer team at the Fran Rish Stadium on November 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ryan Lukson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: December 7, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: December 8, 2021