



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 21, 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 in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire Chief Huntington, Chief of Police Bruce, Development Services Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Planning Manager Stevens and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

1. Proclamation of Appreciation with Plaque for Councilmember Marianne Boring

Mayor Lukson read aloud a proclamation of appreciation outlining Councilmember Boring's years of service to the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and Richland City Council.

Councilmember Boring stated that it has been a humbling and rewarding experience to serve the residents of Richland for such an extended amount of time. Councilmember Boring then encouraged citizens to volunteer to serve on a City board, commission or committee.

Mayor Lukson thanked Councilmember Boring for the planning experience and skillset she contributed to the City of Richland City Council.

2. Proclamation of Appreciation with Plaque for Councilmember Robert J. Thompson

Mayor Lukson read aloud a proclamation outlining Councilmember Thompson's twenty-seven (27) years of service on the Richland City Council.

Councilmember Thompson reflected on the accomplishments achieved by the City of Richland during his tenure on the City Council. Councilmember Thompson encouraged councilmembers to continue to promote public engagement regarding the City's goals, policies and projects.

Councilmember Thompson thanked Councilmember Boring for her perspectives and contributions as a fellow councilmember.

Mayor Lukson spoke positively of Councilmember Thompson's candid and direct discussion during council deliberations.

Fellow councilmembers thanked Councilmembers Boring and Thompson for their contributions to Richland City Council, wished them well in their future endeavors, and added that they will be missed.

Public Hearings

None.

Public Comments

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Comments procedures.

The following individual provided public comment as follows:

Wesley Brown - 4704 Vineyard Estate Lane, Richland, WA: Mr. Brown advocated for the creation of a dog park in the Badger Mountain South area. Mr. Brown thanked Parks & Recreation staff for organizing a community outreach and survey on the topic.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER BORING MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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3. Approval of the December 7, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

4. Ordinance No. 43-21, Amending Chapter 12.03 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Road Impact Fees
5. Ordinance No. 45-21, Revising the Corporate Boundary of the City of Richland to include a Portion of Reata Road

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

6. Ordinance No. 44-21, Vacating a Portion of Keene Court Right-of-Way
7. Ordinance No. 46-21, Approving the 2025 Council Compensation Plan

Resolutions – Adoption

8. Resolution No. 151-21, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with McCoy Family Investments, LLC related to the Center Parkway North Extension Project
9. Resolution No. 155-21, Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Benton County for Shared Equipment and/or Services
10. Resolution No. 156-21, Approving 2022 Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax Funding Awards
11. Resolution No. 158-21, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with David Evans & Associates, Inc. for the Center Parkway North Project
12. Resolution No. 159-21, Authorizing Assignment and Assumption of the Parking Lot Lease with Charles Frenzel

Items - Approval

None.

Expenditures - Approval

13. Expenditures from November 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 for \$33,923,587.04 including Travel Check Nos. 20048-20058, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 294996-295911, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 8799-8837, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12406-12455, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 186029- 187120 and Pension Check Nos. 5996-6022

Items of Business

14. Ordinance No. 41-21, Approving the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (First Reading)

Planning Manager Stevens provided a brief overview of the proposed comprehensive plan amendments, and highlighted the changes made in response to Council deliberations during the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER BORING SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 41-21, APPROVING THE 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

15. Ordinance No. 42-21, Approving Amendments to RMC Title 23 and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Richland (First Reading)

COUNCILMEMBER BORING MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 42-21, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 23 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR LUKSON, MAYOR PRO TEM KENT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ, BORING, CHRISTENSEN, LEMLEY AND THOMPSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson announced that City Hall and other city facilities will be closed December 23-24, 2021 for the holidays, and thanked police, fire and public works staff for continuing with their duties while others enjoy time off. Next, City Manager Amundson thanked Councilmembers Boring and Thompson on behalf of staff for their service on the Richland City Council. Lastly, City Manager Amundson wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

City Council

Councilmember Lemley stated that the diverse viewpoints expressed by Councilmembers Boring and Thompson will be missed, and acknowledged the loss of institutional knowledge the City Council will realize with the departure of both councilmembers. Councilmember Lemley wished Councilmembers Boring and Thompson well in their future endeavors.

Councilmember Christensen thanked Councilmember Boring for her years of service to the Board of Adjustment and Richland Planning Commission. Councilmember Christensen also thanked Councilmember Thompson for his many years of providing insight and direction, and added that he will be missed.

Councilmember Alvarez congratulated City Manager Amundson on his new role as City Manager, and thanked Councilmembers Boring and Thompson for their years of service. Councilmember Alvarez then announced that implementation of the Washington State Cares Fund Program has been delayed. Councilmember Alvarez also thanked Kadlec Regional Medical Center staff for their exceptional medical care and service.

Councilmember Thompson provided statements supporting City Manager Amundson in his new role as City Manager. Councilmember Thompson then expressed gratitude toward staff, fellow councilmembers, and city residents in appreciation for the opportunity he was given to represent the City of Richland for such an extensive amount of time.

Councilmember Boring stated that she has enjoyed working with city staff as a board member, a commission member and a councilmember.

Mayor Pro Tem Kent thanked Councilmembers Boring and Thompson for their years of service, stated that she looks forward to their continued involvement in the community, and added that they will be missed. Mayor Pro Tem Kent also thanked Councilmember Alvarez for providing an update on the Washington State Cares Fund Program, and encouraged citizens to educate themselves on the details of the program. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Kent thanked staff who will be working during the holidays.

Council collectively wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mayor

Mayor Lukson expressed appreciation to Councilmembers Boring and Thompson for their years of service, and encouraged both to continue their public service in some capacity in the future.

Executive Session

16. Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel (30 minutes)

AT 6:40 P.M. COUNCIL MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS CURRENT OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNCIL.

Virtually present for the executive session included Mayor Lukson, Mayor Pro Tem Kent, and Councilmembers Alvarez, Boring, Christensen, Lemley and Thompson. Staff present included City Manager Amundson, Assistant City Manager Florence, Fire Chief Huntington, and City Attorney Kintzley.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:05 P.M.

Adjournment

Mayor Lukson adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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