



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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 Alvarez called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid of in-person and online attendance via Zoom.

Welcome and Roll Call

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

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen and City Clerk Rogers.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 2129 led Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Newberry, Chief Executive Officer of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, thanked City Council for its support and for allowing members of Troop No. 2129 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Alvarez thanked members of Girl Scouts Troop No. 2129 for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and presented each with an "I Sold Cookies to a VIP" patch in recognition of the several boxes of cookies purchased by Mayor Alvarez prior to the start of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations

1. Hanford Communities Annual Update

David Reeploeg, Hanford Communities Executive Director and Vice-President of the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) Federal Programs, provided a brief overview of the Hanford Communities formation, objectives and purpose. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Reeploeg, provided a high-level overview of the Hanford Communities Annual Update with 2022 priorities. At the conclusion of the update, Mr. Reeploeg engaged in a question and answer session with City Council. Mayor Alvarez thanked Mr. Reeploeg for the presentation.

2. Richland Public Library Board of Trustees Annual Presentation

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl introduced members of the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees in the audience and turned the floor over to Board Member Kurt Maier.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Maier presented the annual Richland Public Library Board of Trustees update with goals for 2022.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Councilmember Kent thanked members of the Richland Public Library Board for the time, passion and interest dedicated towards improving policies and services of the Richland Public Library. Councilmember Kent then spoke positively of the level of staff engagement and community participation received in connection with the Library's strategic planning process.

Mr. Maier and Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl engaged in a lengthy question and answer session with Council. Discussions included topics such as: researching potential partnership opportunities with the REACH Museum, increasing the number of library locations, examining operating expenses, and a suggested merger with Mid-Columbia Libraries (MCL).

Mayor Alvarez thanked Mr. Maier for the presentation.

Public Hearing

None.

Public Comments

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Comments procedures. No public comments were offered.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED.

THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes

3. Approval of the April 5, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

4. Ordinance No. 2022-14, Repealing Richland Municipal Code Section 9.22.020 Related to Failure to Return Books

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

5. Ordinance No. 2022-09, Amending the 2022 Budget in the General, City Streets, Park Reserve, Streets Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Fire Station Construction, Park Project Construction, Solid Waste, Stormwater, Medical Services and Equipment Replacement Funds

Ordinances - Third Reading & Passage

6. Ordinance No. 2022-13, Approving the Rezone of 9.4 Acres Located at 2500 Chester Road from Agriculture (AG) to General Business (C-3)

Resolutions - Adoption

7. Resolution No. 2022-41, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County related to the Center Parkway North Extension Project
8. Resolution No. 2022-55, Amending the 2022 Fee Schedule related to the Richland Public Library's Overdue Fine-Free Circulation Policy
9. Resolution No. 2022-56, Awarding 2022 Park Partnership Program Grants
10. Resolution No. 2022-57, Authorizing a Business License Reserve Fund Grant to Visit Tri-Cities

11. Resolution No. 2022-58, Approving the Final Plat of White Bluffs – Phase 7
12. Resolution No. 2022-59, Approving the Final Plat of Siena Hills – Phase 2
13. Resolution No. 2022-60, Declaring Real Property Located at 350 Thayer Surplus to the City's Needs

Items - Approval

14. Appointment to the Code Enforcement Board: Tamara Wright-Chavez

Expenditures – Approval

15. Expenditures from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 for \$35,251,534.49 including Travel Check Nos. 20085-20107, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 298393-299230, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 8961-9003, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12608-12673, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 190373-192005 and Pension Check Nos. 6110-6138.

Items of Business

16. Appointment to the Planning Commission: Heather Nicholson and Jet Richardson

At the start of this business item, Councilmember Richardson recused herself due to a conflict of interest and exited Council Chambers for the duration of deliberation and voting.

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT HEATHER NICHOLSON AND JET RICHARDSON TO THE RICHLAND PLANNING COMMISSION. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY AND LUKSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0. COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DELIBERATION OR VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

17. Ordinance No. 2022-12, Rezone of 3.9 Acres Located at 1842 Jadwin Avenue from Retail Business (C-1) to Commercial Limited Business (C-LB)(Second Reading)

Development Services Director Jensen explained that Ordinance No. 2022-12 should not receive Council approval due to procedural deficiencies in the notice process. After first reading, it was discovered that notice of the pending application was sent to the wrong addresses within 300 feet of the land use action. For this reason, the process needed to be re-noticed to the correct recipients and return to the Richland Hearing Examiner to ensure due process.

City Attorney Kintzley advised that it was important to build a clear record of rejection for Ordinance No. 2022-12 since an identical ordinance will come forward at a future date. A new closed-record decision hearing is necessary since those receiving notice of and participating in the open-record public hearing before the Richland Hearing Examiner will be different from those who received notice under Ordinance No. 2022-12. City Council was asked to affirmatively reject Ordinance No. 2022-12 on second reading based solely on procedural deficiencies in the record and without prejudice to the applicant.

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO REJECT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12, REZONING 3.9 ACRES LOCATED AT 1842 JADWIN AVENUE FROM RETAIL BUSINESS (C-1) TO COMMERCIAL LIMITED BUSINESS (C-LB) BASED ON PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCIES. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

18. Resolution No. 2022-61, Authorizing Submittal of a Recreation & Conservation Office Youth Athletic Facilities Program Grant Application

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl provided an overview of the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Youth Athletic Facilities Program grant application, adding that funding received will be spent to support the development of outdoor athletic facilities at Hanford Legacy Park. Grant funding would provide matching funds of up to \$350,000 to be awarded in June of 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER LEMLEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A RECREATION & CONSERVATION OFFICE YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

19. Resolution No. 2022-62, Approving the One Washington Opioid Memorandum of Understanding

City Manager Amundson provided an overview of the One Washington Opioid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU governs the allocation, distribution and expenditure of any settlement proceeds paid in connection with statewide opioid litigation.

COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-62, APPROVING THE ONE WASHINGTON OPIOID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson highlighted vacancies on the Richland Public Facilities District Board and the Richland Arts Commission and encouraged those interested to visit the City's website for more information and to apply online.

City Council

Councilmember Lemley announced that he consulted with staff at the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to confirm there is no conflict of interest or nepotism issue with the appointment of a candidate to the planning commission who has a familial connection to a sitting councilmember. In addition, Councilmember Lemley provided statements opposing a merger of the Richland Public Library with Mid-Columbia Libraries. Lastly, Councilmember Lemley announced it was National Garlic Day.

Councilmember Kent congratulated Chief of Police Clary on her promotion. Councilmember Kent then provided historical information on the Richland Public Library, to include services and programs offered and their associated cost. Councilmember Kent shared that certain services and programs are offered without the expectation of generating revenue, and are instead offered as a way of investing in the community.

Councilmember Jones wished everyone a happy tax week.

Councilmember Lukson congratulated Chief of Police Clary on her promotion and added that she has the support of the community and Council. Councilmember Lukson then expressed an interest in duplicating a program similar to The HIVE in Spokane, specifically for the purpose of utilizing additional meeting facilities. Councilmember Lukson suggested the City explore underutilized facilities such as the REACH Museum. Lastly, Councilmember Lukson recommended the immediate creation of a City Manager Performance Objectives Committee to develop calendar year 2022 performance goals for City Manager Jon Amundson. Mayor Alvarez concurred with Councilmember Lukson's suggestion.

Councilmember Richardson announced that in addition to it being National Garlic Day, it was National Lineworker Appreciation Day. Councilmember Richardson encouraged citizens to view the video on the City's social media page which pays tribute to line workers. Councilmember Richardson then inquired as to Council's interest in providing an educational opportunity for local non-profit organizations to present their organization's mission and community impact during a council meeting. There was consensus among councilmembers to proceed with the suggestion.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez voiced support of City Manager Amundson's decision to promote Brigit

Clary to the role of Chief of Police and offered his congratulations. Mayor Alvarez then reiterated his support for local youth programs and thanked the local Girl Scouts for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the meeting.

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): Discuss Current or Potential with Litigation with Legal Counsel (45 minutes)

COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:44 P.M.

Individuals present for the executive session included Mayor Alvarez and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lemley, Lukson and Richardson, City Manager Amundson, Assistant City Manager Florence and City Attorney Kintzley.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 P.M.

Adjournment

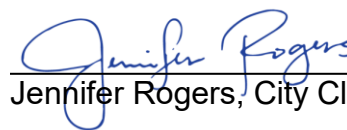
Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 3, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: May 4, 2022