



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lemley and Richardson were present. Councilmember Lukson 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.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Presentations

1. Economic Development Week Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen read aloud a proclamation declaring May 9-13, 2022 to be Economic Development Week in the City of Richland.

2. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month Proclamation

Councilmember Richardson read aloud a proclamation declaring May 2022 to be Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month in the City of Richland. Recipients of the proclamation thanked Council for bringing recognition to NF.

3. Benton-Franklin Council of Governments Annual Presentation

Michelle Holt, Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCG) Executive Director, provided a historical overview of the BFCG creation and the designations fulfilled on behalf of the Benton-Franklin region. Ms. Holt then presented the annual BFCG presentation.

Following the presentation, Ms. Holt engaged in a question and answer session with Council.

4. Tri-City Animal Control Authority Update

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Pasco Community & Administrative Services Director Zach Ratkai provided an update on the status of animal control and the animal shelter. The update included the transition to Benton-Franklin Humane Society for animal control operations. Mr. Ratkai added that each participating agency will be asked to contribute \$113,000 toward immediate renovations to the auxiliary shelter located at the Benton-Franklin Humane Society.

Mr. Ratkai turned the floor over to Benton-Franklin Humane Society Executive Director Autumn White. Ms. White shared her professional qualifications and goals to provide quality care and service for animals housed at BFHS. Ms. White then responded to a series of inquiries raised by Council.

5. New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring the new hires and retirements for the month of April was played for the audience. Retirements included Police Officer Rodney Matheny, who retired with 22 years of service and Police Sergeant Luke Flohr, who retired with 20 years of service.

6. Donation from Robert Zinsli (walk-on agenda item)

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl recognized long-time resident Robert Zinsli for his volunteerism and community support, after which Mr. Zinsli presented the City with a donation in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for capital investments in the City's parks.

Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Mayor Alvarez, and members of Council thanked Mr. Zinsli and his family in attendance for the generous donation.

Public Hearing

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

7. Proposed Relinquishment of a Utility Easement at 1819 Hunt Avenue, Resolution No. 2022-66

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individual submitted comments to be read aloud into the record:

- Robert Benedetti - 400 Broadmoor St. Richland, WA - Mr. Benedetti submitted statements relating to the proposed rezone application resubmitted by Hayden Homes.

The following individuals provided comments in-person.

- Kristi Kestler - 437 S. Burden St. Richland, WA: Ms. Kestler, urged Council to consider a six-month contract extension rather than the proposed two-year renewal with the Benton-Franklin Humane Society. Ms. Kestler provided areas of concern with the current animal control operating agency.
- Angela Ziler - 6095 Collins Rd. Richland, WA: Ms. Ziler voiced concerns regarding the Benton-Franklin Humane Society animal control operations and urged Council to reconsider the proposed contract renewal.
- Dirk Hummer - 2377 Hood Ave. Apt. #A Richland, WA: Mr. Hummer voiced concerns regarding his housing situation and requested Council support for him and other tenants who are facing similar housing situations.
- Candy Jones - 4290 Kimberly St. Richland, WA: Ms. Jones urged Council to reconsider the Benton-Franklin Humane Society contract renewal and provided concerns regarding current animal care provided by staff at Benton-Franklin Humane Society.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCLMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY AND RICHARDSON. THOSE

OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes

8. Approval of the April 19, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 26, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

9. Ordinance No. 2022-16, Amending the 2022 Budget in the General Fund to Include Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Pass-Through Funding

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

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

Resolutions - Adoption

11. Resolution No. 2022-64, Authorizing Award of Bid to Industrial Construction of Washington LLC for the Sodium Hypochlorite Facilities Upgrade Project
12. Resolution No. 2022-65, Approving the Complete Streets Funding Agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board
13. Resolution No. 2022-66, Relinquishing a Utility Easement at 1819 Hunt Avenue
14. Resolution No. 2022-67, Authorizing an Agreement with The Cloudburst Group to Develop the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the HOME Consortium
15. Resolution No. 2022-68, Authorizing a Purchase Agreement with Virginia Transformer Corporation for Procurement of Two Power Transformers for the City View Substation Bank 2 Substation Addition and the Stevens Substation Bank 1 Rebuild

Items – Approval

16. Appointment to the Utility Advisory Committee: Harry Staven

Approval Items of Business

17. Ordinance No. 2022-15, Approving the Rezone of 3.9 Acres Located at 1842 Jadwin Avenue from Neighborhood Retail (C-1) to Limited Business (C-LB)(Closed Record-First Reading)

Mayor Alvarez, City Attorney Kintzley and City Clerk Rogers read the closed-record hearing procedures.

City Attorney Kintzley asked if any councilmembers had any potential conflicts regarding the subject of the closed-record hearing. No councilmembers raised any issues of conflict of interest.

City Attorney Kintzley asked the audience if anyone present had an objection to any councilmember's participation in the closed-record review. There were none.

City Attorney Kintzley asked the audience if anyone present have any objections to proceeding on jurisdictional grounds. There were none.

Development Services Director Jensen provided an overview of the current property zoning designation and the rezone request. The property being considered for rezone is the same property previously approved for first reading by Council, however, notice of the pending application was sent to the wrong addresses within 300 feet of the land use action. Therefore, to build a clear record, the rezoning process was re-noticed to the correct recipients and returned to the Richland Hearing Examiner to ensure adequate due process.

The Hearing Examiner held an open-record public hearing on the item on April 11, 2022 and recommended approval of the requested rezone. Council provided comments and engaged in a question and answer session with staff.

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the closed-record public hearing at 7:35 p.m. No testimony was offered.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED AND MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-15, APPROVING THE REZONE OF 3.9 ACRES LOCATED AT 1842 JADWIN AVENUE FROM NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL (C-1) TO LIMITED BUSINESS (C-LB) FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson shared that a number of staff participated in an Earth Month clean-up event on April 25, 2022. City Manager Amundson then requested Development Services Director Jensen assist in providing staff support to Mr. Hummer for his housing situation. Lastly, City Manager Amundson shared that he and Economic Development Manager Wallner and Planner Arrasmith recently traveled to Birmingham, Alabama and met with a retail recruitment agency for the purpose of reviewing strategies to attract businesses to the city.

City Council

Councilmember Jones expressed an interest in participating in future Earth Day clean-up events with staff.

Councilmember Lemley inquired about proactive police efforts implemented to aid in reducing rising crime in the community. City Manager Amundson replied that he will provide Council with responses to the inquiries in the near future.

Councilmember Richardson thanked City Manager Amundson for leading the employee clean-up event and thanked Mayor Alvarez for allowing her the opportunity to present the Neurofibromatosis (NF) proclamation. Councilmember Richardson added that she has learned a great deal about the NF disease.

Councilmember Kent had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked City Manager Amundson for routinely reporting to Council after returning from city-related travel, adding that the information provided is appreciated and useful. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen then thanked Mr. Zinsli for gifting the City of Richland \$100,000 and suggested the City recognize Mr. Zinsli for his monetary contribution at a future meeting. Council concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Christensen's suggestion.

Mayor Alvarez solicited Council's interest in inviting Rebuilding Mid-Columbia, a local non-profit corporation, to a future Council meeting to present their agency's mission and programs and services offered to homeowners. Councilmember Jones suggested creating a roster of local non-profit agencies for an audience with City Council. City Manager Amundson replied that Council should expect to see non-profit organizations attend Council meetings beginning in June for this purpose.

Adjournment

Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 17, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: May 18, 2022