



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 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, Lukson, Lemley and Richardson were present.

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, Planning Manager Stevens and City Clerk Rogers.

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 7-0.

Presentations

1. Building Safety Month Proclamation

Councilmember Lemley read a proclamation declaring the month of May to be Building Safety Month in the City of Richland.

Public Hearing

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

2. Proposed Amendment to the 2022 Budget to Include the 2021 Budget Carryovers, Ordinance No. 2022-17

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

3. Proposed Establishment of the 2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zoning Code Amendments, Resolution No. 2022-74

Mayor Alvarez opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. The following individual provided testimony:

- Brian Thorsen - 2464 SW Glacier Place, Redmond, OR: Mr. Thorsen, Senior Land Development Manager for Hayden Homes, provided statements supporting the placement of the proposed comprehensive plan land use designation change and related rezone of Clearwater Creek Lot 9 of Phase 3 on the 2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zoning Code Amendments.

No other individuals signed up to speak at the public hearing. Mayor Alvarez closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Robert Benedetti - 400 Broadmoor Street, Richland, WA - Mr. Benedetti submitted statements opposing excessive development and offered suggestions to achieve a walkable community.
- Krista Patterson - 6910 Drury Ridge Drive, Pasco, WA: Ms. Patterson, owner of Northwest Paddleboarding, questioned the limitations placed on her use of the city-owned parking lot at Howard Amon Park for business purposes.

Consent Calendar

City Clerk Rogers read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER 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, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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4. Approval of the May 3, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

5. Ordinance No. 2022-18, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 9.12.055 related to Illegal Dumping

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

6. 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)
7. Ordinance No. 2022-16, Amending the 2022 Budget in the General Fund to Include Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Pass- Through Funding

Resolutions - Adoption

8. Resolution No. 2022-63, Authorizing Waiver of Outstanding Legacy Fines related to Overdue Library Materials
9. Resolution No. 2022-69, Authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Beef Expansion, LLC for Approximately 20 Acres in the Horn Rapids Industrial Park
10. Resolution No. 2022-71, Declaring 1.68 Acres of Portions of Parcels 1-23083000004000 and 1-26082000001005 Surplus to the City's Needs
11. Resolution No. 2022-72, Authorizing Submittal of a Washington State Pedestrian & Bicycle Program Grant Applications
12. Resolution No. 2022-73, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with Electric Power Systems, Inc. for Engineering Design of City View Substation Bank 2

Items – Approval

13. Appointment to the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission: Lacey Stephens

Expenditures - Approval

14. Expenditures from April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022 for \$32,740,248.86 including Travel Check Nos. 20108-20127, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 299231- 300157, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 9004-9045, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12674-12725, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 192006-193132 and Pension Check Nos. 6140-6165.

Items of Business

15. Ordinance No. 2022-17, Amending the 2022 Budget to Include the 2021 Budget Carryovers

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the proposed 2022 budget amendment which will appropriate \$75,008,108 of unexpended 2021 appropriations into the 2022 Budget.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE, FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17, AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE 2021 BUDGET CARRYOVERS. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

16. Resolution No. 2022-74, Establishing the 2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zoning Code Amendments

Planning Manager Stevens presented on the merits of each of the four (4) applications received for the proposed 2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zoning Code Amendments.

At the request of Councilmembers Lukson and Kent, Planning Manager Stevens provided a summary of the zoning designation for Clearwater Creek lot 9 phase 3 and the Badger Mountain Subarea property.

Council generally discussed the pros and cons of amending previous comprehensive plan land use designations and zoning designations from commercial to residential, and the related impact of such actions on neighborhood walkability. No changes to the proposed 2022 Docket were suggested.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-74, ESTABLISHING THE 2022 DOCKET OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICIES, MAPS AND ZONING AMENDMENTS. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LEMLEY, LUKSON AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson announced that he will attend the 2022 Benton-Franklin Community Health Needs Assessment forum hosted by United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties on May 18, 2022. The focus of the event is to better understand housing and homelessness in our community.

City Manager Amundson also shared that he met with representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA) Department and Regional SBA to discuss programs and opportunities available to local small business. Staff will host a Small Business Fair in late

summer or early fall to provide a variety of assistance and resources to local small business. Lastly, City Manager Amundson provided an overview of the May 24, 2022 City Council workshop agenda.

City Council

Councilmember Richardson thanked staff, liaisons and members of boards, commissions and committees for dedicating their time and talent to enhance the community, and encouraged individuals interested in serving on a city board, commission or committee to visit the City's website to view current vacancies.

Councilmember Kent reported that collaboration between the Richland Public Library Board of Trustees and the selected consultant for creation of the Richland Public Library Strategic Plan is ongoing. A draft strategic plan will be presented for Council review and approval in the near future. Councilmember Kent also requested follow-up regarding concerns raised by Ms. Patterson during public comment. City Manager Amundson replied that he and Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl would review the situation, meet with Ms. Patterson and submit a report to Council.

Councilmember Lemley inquired about information previously requested regarding proactive police efforts to aid in reducing rising crime in the community. City Manager Amundson replied that staff efforts to compile information have not yet concluded, but once complete, a response will be presented to Council. Councilmember Lemley then commented of the parking issues raised by Ms. Patterson during public comment.

Councilmember Lukson echoed comments made by Councilmembers Kent and Lemley regarding Ms. Patterson's parking issues. Councilmember Lukson also encouraged staff to develop and implement broad methods to solicit community engagement relating to the future of land uses in the community. Finally, Councilmember Lukson advocated for Council to support the Benton-Franklin Recovery Coalition and Oxford Houses in the Tri-Cities area.

Councilmember Jones encouraged staff to seek opportunities to support and assist local business owners.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen questioned whether a city policy decision was creating the parking concerns reported by Ms. Patterson. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen also recommended that City Manager Amundson secure a consultant to assist in establishing the City Manager's goals and performance evaluation for 2023.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez echoed comments made by Councilmember Lukson and Mayor Pro Tem Christensen regarding use of a consultant to facilitate the 2023 goals and performance evaluation for the City Manager. Mayor Alvarez also asked City Manager Amundson to provide a report to Council at the conclusion of his review of the parking concerns raised

by Ms. Patterson. Finally, Mayor Alvarez shared that he recently attended Fire Ops 101, and expressed appreciation to Fire Chief Huntington and his staff for the work they do.

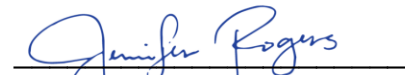
Adjournment

Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED:


Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: June 7, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: June 8, 2022