



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, May 24, 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 Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Development Services Director Jensen, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Transportation and Development Manager D'Alessandro and City Clerk Rogers.

AT THE START OF THE MEETING, CITY MANAGER AMUNDSON RECEIVED PERMISSION TO REORDER THE AGENDA TO TAKE STRATEGIC PLANNING INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS (ITEM NO. 3) FIRST.

Agenda Items

1. Strategic Planning Introduction and Process

City Manager Amundson introduced Craig Rapp of Rapp Consulting Group. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Rapp presented his business model and provided an overview of the projected collaboration between Rapp Consulting Group and the City of Richland during the strategic planning process. The strategic planning process will establish strategic priorities, measurable outcomes and performance targets based on a facilitated process with city leadership. The process will also engage community stakeholders through various surveys administered by Polco.

Assistant City Manager Florence provided an overview of online community survey services to be provided by Polco in collaboration with the strategic planning process.

Mr. Rapp engaged in a question and answer session with Council throughout the presentation.

2. Badger Mountain South Water Supply

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of the following:

- Badger Mountain South subarea water rights;
- Badger Mountain South Irrigation District (BMID) water supply agreement;
- BMID water rights adjustment request;
- Staff's analysis, policy alternatives and recommendations to the BMID request.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

3. Transportation Grant Recommendations

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of the following:

- Street system improvements funding approach;
- Street system improvement grant funds;
- 2023-2028 prioritized Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects;
- 2022 grant opportunities;
- Staff recommendations, grant submittal deadlines and projected timeframe for award decisions.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

4. Discussion Regarding Development Review Process

City Manager Amundson acknowledged receiving feedback related to challenges with the City's development review process and advised that a compliance audit will be performed. City Manager Amundson also announced that the City has entered into an agreement with Northwest Code Professionals (NWCP) for plan review and building inspections services to supplement and support the current workload. City Manager Amundson also shared that the future Deputy City Manager will be tasked with coordinating and overseeing the development review process.

City Manager Amundson further stated his interest in collaborating with the City of Kennewick to host a Builders Forum and a Developers Forum to provide builders and developers with an opportunity to provide feedback on the current development review process.

Councilmembers spoke favorably of retaining a consultant to conduct a review of the current development review process.

Additional Closing Comments

Mayor Alvarez shared that he received an email from an individual requesting a letter of recommendation from Mayor Alvarez in support of admission to the U.S. Naval Academy. City Attorney Kintzley advised that, per the Richland Municipal Code, Council approval is required if the correspondence is to be issued using the title of mayor. Council asked for an opportunity to meet the requestor at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting

before a letter would issue.

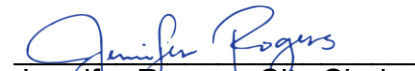
Adjournment

Mayor Alvarez adjourned the workshop at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED:


Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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