



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Richland City Hall ~ Council

Chambers 625 Swift Boulevard

City Council Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Alvarez called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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, Richardson and VanDyke 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, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen, and City Clerk Rogers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alvarez led the Council and the 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. United Way of Benton Franklin Counties

Dr. LoAnn Ayers, President & CEO of United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties (UWBFC), presented an overview of the agency's mission, critical services and programs offered, and allocation of funds. Dr. Ayers also spoke about how United Way meets the demands and challenges faced by the community.

Dr. Ayers turned the floor over to Davin Diaz, Associate Vice President of UWBFC, to provide an overview of the *Volunteer Tri-Cities* program.

At the request of Council, Dr. Ayers also provided an overview of United Way's fundraising campaign and the middle school lunchtime mentorship program. Additional

details are available in the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet.

Public Hearing

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

2. Proposed Amendment to the 2022 Budget in the General Fund, Industrial Development Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Wastewater Utility Fund and Equipment Replacement Fund, Ordinance No. 2022-26

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

The following individual provided public comments:

Roy Keck - 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland, WA: Mr. Keck, Port of Benton Commission Vice President, spoke about improving the partnership between the City of Richland and the Port of Benton, and provided an overview of the following projects:

- Richland Airport (RLD) Electrical Replacement Project
- Termination of operator contract with Tri-City Railroad Company (TCRY)
- Van Giesen and Cemetery Railroad Crossing Project
- Phase I of the WSU Tri-Cities' Hanford History Project (HHP)

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, LUKSON, RICHARDSON AND VANDYKE. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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

Ordinances - First Reading

4. Ordinance No. 2022-25, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 18.12.081 Related to Metered Fire Hydrant Deposits and Refunds

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

5. Ordinance No. 2022-24, Amending Richland Municipal Code Sections 24.14.020, 24.14.040, 24.14.090 and 24.14.100 related to Procedures for Processing Binding Site Plans

Resolutions – Adoption

6. Resolution No. 2022-97, Authorizing Award of Bid to Palouse Power for \$660,290.17 for Dock Crew Street Light Head Replacement Project
7. Resolution No. 2022-98, Authorizing Grant Applications to the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments' 2022 Call for Projects

Items - Approval

None.

Expenditures - Approval

8. Expenditures from June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 for \$29,784,155.50 including Travel Check Nos. 20155-20169, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 300997- 302108, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 9091-9129, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12774-12826, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 194258-195415 and Pension Check Nos. 6191-6215.

Items of Business

9. Rescheduling the August 2, 2022 and September 6, 2022 Regular Meetings

City Attorney Kintzley explained that regular meetings of the City Council are scheduled the first and third Tuesdays of every month pursuant to RMC 1.01.011, and for this reason, formal Council action is required to adjust regular meeting dates. An affirmative vote of at least four (4) councilmembers is necessary to cancel the August 2, 2022 regular meeting and reschedule it as a special meeting on August 1, 2022. City Attorney Kintzley also clarified that there is no longer a need to advance the start time of the September 6, 2022 regular meeting as noted in the staff report.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE CANCELLATION OF THE AUGUST 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND THE SCHEDULING OF A SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

10. Ordinance No. 2022-26, Amending the 2022 Budget in the General Fund, Industrial Development Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Wastewater Utility Fund and Equipment Replacement Fund

Finance Director Allen provided an overview of the proposed budget amendments, which touched on a number of funds. Ordinance No. 2022-26 will add \$3,532,910 in appropriations to the 2022 Budget. Of this amount, \$975,000 is from new revenue sources and \$2,557.910 is from fund balance. The details of the specific budget adjustments are available in Ordinance No. 2022-26.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-26, AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND, FOR FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, KENT, LUKSON, RICHARDSON AND VANDYKE. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson announced that the combined National Night Out (NNO) and City Fair events will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Howard Amon Park.

Next, City Manager Amundson stated that a shipment of fifty (50) of the three hundred (300) transformers ordered has been received, with an additional fifty (50) to be delivered within the month. Staff is confident that the number of transformers received will meet development demands through the end of the year.

Lastly, City Manager Amundson provided an overview of agenda items listed on the July 26, 2022 City Council workshop meeting.

City Council

Councilmember Kent inquired if the City will provide cooling centers for the public. City Manager Amundson replied that members of the public can access the Richland Public Library and the Richland Community Center for cooling center opportunities. Information regarding the cooling centers is available on the City's website, social media platforms and has been shared with the Benton-Franklin Health District. Councilmember Kent reminded everyone to stay cool and safe, and to utilize cooling centers if needed.

Councilmember Richardson and Councilmember VanDyke had no comments.

Councilmember Jones thanked Mr. Keck for providing an update on various Port of Benton projects.

Councilmember Lukson also thanked Mr. Keck for the update, and encouraged everyone to participate in National Night Out (NNO) and City Fair.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen shared his excitement upon receiving a new AMI utility meter from the City. Next, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen provided a brief summary of recent decisions made at the July 14, 2022 Ben Franklin Transit (BFT) Board meeting. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen announced that BFT has hired a new general manager.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez announced that he participated in the interview process to fill vacant positions on the Arts Commission, and complimented the quality candidates who applied to volunteer for the City in that capacity.

Executive Session

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

COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:44 P.M.

Individuals present during the executive session included Mayor Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lukson, Richardson and VanDyke. City Manager Amundson, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley and Development Services Director Jensen were also present.

MAYOR ALVAREZ EXTENDED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES at 7:15 PM.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:31 P.M.

Adjournment

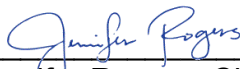
Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro Tem Christensen for
Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: August 1, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: August 2, 2022