



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Finance Director Allen, Energy Services Director Whitney, Economic Development Manager Wallner and City Clerk Rogers.

Agenda Items

1. Council Assignments for Position No. 5

City Manager Amundson stated that former councilmember Lemley's resignation from City Council on June 1, 2022 created council liaison/representative vacancies on the following boards, commissions, and committees (BCC): Utility Advisory Committee, Visit Tri-Cities and Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory Committee (HAEIFAC). City Manager Amundson facilitated a discussion with Council regarding the transfer of former Councilmember Lemley's BCC's assignments to newly appointed Councilmember VanDyke.

City Manager Amundson reminded Council that members of HAEIFAC are appointed by the Washington State Department of Commerce instead of Richland City Council.

Council engaged in a brief discussion and reached general consensus regarding Councilmember VanDyke's council assignments.

2. Electrical Distribution Line Extension Recommended Changes

Energy Services Director Whitney provided an overview of the proposed changes to Richland Municipal Code (RMC) Title 14. To name a few, proposed modifications included:

- Requirement for developers to pay for all electrical distribution infrastructure, including distribution transformers and switchgear
- Miscellaneous changes to Title 14
- Elimination of the subtraction of City provided capitalized equipment (COR owned

material, equipment and overhead).

Examples of line extension estimates were provided for Council review. The Title 14 revisions were reviewed and endorsed by the Utility Advisory Committee on May 10, 2022. Details of the proposed electrical distribution line extension amendments are included in the agenda packet.

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

3. Medical Utility Strategic Plan Review and 2023 Rate Setting Discussion

Presenting conjointly, Fire Chief Huntington, Fire Battalion Chief VanBeek and Finance Director Allen, provided a detailed outline of the 2022-2024 Medical Utility Strategic Plan and the 2023 rate and fee setting recommendations to support the addition of Station 76 in Badger Mountain South.

Detailed information regarding the 2022-2024 Medical and Ambulance Service Utility Strategic Plan is included in the agenda packet. Council and staff discussion ensued during the presentation. An ordinance capturing staff's recommendations to increase transport fees will be presented for Council consideration at a future regular meeting. Further discussion regarding rate equity ensued.

4. Claybell Park and Broadmoor Street Issue

Public Works Director Rogalsky stated that a multi-department team attended a community meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022 near Claybell Park to receive concerns and recommendations from citizens who reside in the vicinity, related to driver, pedestrian and parking safety at or near Claybell Park and Broadmoor Street.

Staff reviewed elements of Resolution No. 28-11, establishing criteria to be used in reviewing neighborhood speed and traffic calming requests then presented traffic calming solution recommendations. At the conclusion of the presentation, staff solicited Council direction on next steps.

A question and answer session between Council and staff ensued throughout the presentation. The PowerPoint Presentation developed for this topic is included in the agenda packet.

5. Horn Rapids Industrial Park Overview, Strategies and Project Proposal

Economic Development Manager Wallner provided an overview of Horn Rapids Industrial Park and Business Center properties, total property valuation and development. Staff then provided a brief overview of the Horn Rapids Master Plan and project proposals. Staff responded to a series of inquiries from Council throughout the presentation.

City Manager Amundson shared that he has been communicating with Port of Benton Executive Director, Diahann Howard for a possible joint tour of economic development projects in north Richland for Richland City Councilmembers and Port of Benton Commission members sometime in the fall.

Additional Closing Comments

Mayor Alvarez provided comments in response to Councilmember Jones' inquiry to revisit current council assignments.

Adjournment

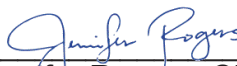
Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Mayor Pro Tem Christensen for
Michael Alvarez, Mayor



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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