



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

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

Mayor Alvarez called the City Council regular 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 Lukson, Richardson and VanDyke were present. Councilmembers Jones and Kent were absent.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS JONES AND KENT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Also present were City Manager Amundson, Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Assistant City Manager Florence, City Attorney Kintzley, Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen 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 VANDYKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations

1. Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties

Brian Ace, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties (BGCBFC) provided an overview of the BGCBFC Mission statement and the benefits of investing in the BGCBFC, then played a video featuring activities and programs offered.

Chad Mitchell, Board President of BGCBFC, announced that BGCBFC was awarded a contract to provide before and after school childcare in Richland elementary schools.

A Boys & Girls Club Richland Strategic Plan Taskforce was created for the purpose of identifying which youth age groups and school site locations would most benefit from activities and programs offered by BGCBFC.

Council was invited to ask questions of Mr. Ace and Mr. Mitchell.

2 Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC)

JoDee Garretson, Executive Director of Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) provided an overview of the agency's mission, programs offered at SARC and data outlining local client demographics, age groups and types of assault. Additional information can be found in the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet.

3 Development Services Mid-Year Review

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Development Services Director Jensen provided the semi-annual department update on construction, planning, and economic development projects handled by the Development Services Department.

Public Hearings

None.

Public Comments

City Clerk Rogers read the Public Comments procedures.

The following individuals provided comments:

- JoAnn Neely - 1704 Manchester St. Richland, WA: Prior to the start of the meeting, Ms. Neely distributed copies of Richland Municipal Code Section 9.16.045 regarding Public Nuisance Noise and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.37.390 addressing muffler smoke and air contaminant standards, penalties, and exceptions. During public comment, Ms. Neeley conveyed concerns regarding noise nuisance violations associated with street racing on Keene Road, Gage Boulevard and Leslie Road. Steet racers often have modified mufflers installed on their vehicles which disturbs the peace in the neighborhood. Ms. Neely stated her husband submitted a complaint to the Richland Police Department last February about this noise nuisance, yet the issue continues to exist. Ms. Neeley suggested posting patrol officers on certain streets to mitigate speed driving.
- Greg McLellan - 1113 Oxford, Richland, WA: Mr. McLellan voiced concerns regarding street racing and associated accidents in his Leslie Canyon neighborhood.
- Stephanie Hays - 1814 Mint Loop, Richland, WA: Ms. Hays shared concerns relating to street racing on Gage Boulevard and Keene Road, then requested Council consider

reducing speed limits on these streets to mitigate racing.

- Kylie Tinsley - 1827 Sagewood Loop, Richland, WA: Ms. Tinsley stated she lives near Badger Mountain Park and has witnessed street racing on Keene Road. Ms. Tinsley reported that street racing often occurs between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., which creates safety issues and violates the noise ordinance.

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. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

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4. Approval of the August 1, 2022 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - First Reading

5. Ordinance No. 2022-27, Amending Richland Municipal Code Section 13.06.330 related to Billing for Ambulance Transports
6. Ordinance No. 2022-30, Granting a Solid Waste Collection Transition Franchise to Waste Management of Washington, Inc. for Properties affected by the Badger Mountain Estates Lots 1-8 and 300.1 Acres of Department of Energy (DOE) Land Annexations
7. Ordinance No. 2022-31, Granting a Solid Waste Collection Transition Franchise to Basin Disposal, Inc. and Ed's Disposal, Inc. for Properties affected by the Badger Mountain Estates Lots 1-8 and 300.1 Acres of Department of Energy (DOE) Land Annexations
8. Ordinance No. 2022-32, Amending Multiple Sections of Richland Municipal Code Title 14: Electricity, related to Underground Service Lines, Net Metering, Line Extensions and Pole Attachments

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

9. Ordinance No. 2022-19, Amending Richland Municipal Code Title 23: Zoning Regulations related to Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing
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

11. Ordinance No. 2022-28, Amending Chapters 9.05 and 9.07 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Domestic Violence and Non-Domestic Violence Court Orders

Resolutions – Adoption

12. Resolution No. 2022-103, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kennewick, and County of Benton for the 2022 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
13. Resolution No. 2022-104, Setting a Meeting Date for the North Horn Rapids Industrial Park Annexation
14. Resolution No. 2022-105, Authorizing Distribution of Commercial Façade Improvement Program Funds to 707 Parkway LLC
15. Resolution No. 2022-107, Authorizing Grant Applications to the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board 2022 Urban Arterial Program and Active Transportation Program
16. Resolution No. 2022-108, Authorizing Award of Bid to Clearwater Construction & Management LLC for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Retrofit Project Re-Bid
17. Resolution No. 2022-109, Authorizing a Grant Application to the Washington State Library for a Financial Aid Outreach Pilot Grant
18. Resolution No. 2022-110, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group for a Development Review Process Performance Audit

Items - Approval

19. Appointment to the Tri-City Regional Hotel-Motel Commission: Linda Hendricks

Expenditures - Approval

20. Expenditures from July 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022 for \$25,295,811.02 including Travel Check Nos. 20170-20174, Accounts Payable Check Nos. 302109- 303113, Accounts Payable Wire Nos. 9130-9165, Payroll Wires & ACH Nos. 12827-12875, Payroll Direct Deposit & Check Nos. 195416-196604, and Pension Check Nos. 6216-6240.

Items of Business

21. Resolution No. 2022-106, Authorizing Distribution of Commercial Façade Improvement Program Funds to Tri-County Partners Habitat for Humanity

Councilmember Richardson recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers while the matter was taken to a vote by the remaining members of the Richland City Council.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16, AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMERCIAL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS TO TRI-COUNTY PARTNERS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

City Manager Amundson asked individual directors to provide a brief update on items in their respective departments.

Chief Huntington reported the Queensgate Drive/I-82 fire was determined to have been caused by a mechanical failure in a passing vehicle. Fire Chief Huntington shared that the Richland Fire Department received critical regional assistance which prevented the loss of structures. Mayor Alvarez thanked the Richland Fire Department for their work.

Public Works Director Rogalsky announced that the City was awarded a \$1.8M grant by the State of Washington for pedestrian safety improvements and unsignalized intersection safety projects. In addition, the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCG) awarded grant funds to the City of Richland for the South George Washington Way Intersection Improvements project and the Downtown Connectivity Improvements project.

Chief of Police Clary responded to concerns raised during public comment regarding street racing, and provided an overview of what the Richland Police Department is doing to address street racing and modified exhaust noise violations. Chief Clary fielded questions from City Council.

City Manager Amundson supplemented Chief Clary's information by noting that Chapter 9.16 RMC was amended earlier in the year to allow RPD to issue citations for vehicle exhaust-related noise violations. City Manager Amundson then announced that a request for additional RPD staff will come forward in the proposed 2023 budget.

City Manager Amundson thanked councilmembers and staff for their participation in the National Night Out (NNO) and City Fair event, then reminded City Council that the August 23, 2022 Council workshop is rescheduled to August 30, 2022. Lastly, City Manager Amundson briefly identified the August 30, 2022 workshop agenda items.

City Council

Councilmember Richardson announced that she was selected by the Washington State Department of Commerce to serve on the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Advisory Committee (HAEIFAC).

Councilmember Lukson shared frustrations with residents who are affected by street

racine and speeding through neighborhoods, then voiced support for staff recommendations to address the issue. Councilmember Lukson also agreed that the NNO event was a success.

Councilmember VanDyke thanked Chief Clary for her responses to the street racing concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked staff for the information provided. Mayor Pro Tem Christensen then shared that he spoke to police officers during the NNO event who gave him positive feedback on the use of body-worn cameras. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked all city staff for the job well done and for making Richland a great place to live.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez spoke favorably of the NNO event location and added that the event was a success. Mayor Alvarez then inquired whether the City has a vehicle collision simulator that could possibly be used to demonstrate the experience of a crash for the benefit of high school students.

Adjournment

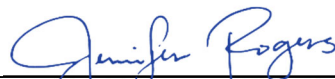
Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: September 6, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: September 7, 2022