

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** –

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry	Police Chief Ben Majetich
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink	Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Councilmember Richard Bloom	Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
Councilmember Gail Brown	Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Councilmember David Fetto	Associate Planner Elisha Ransom
Councilmember Kate Moran	City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Councilmember John Smart	City Attorney Bronson Brown

Absent:

Councilmember Rich Buel

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to excuse Councilmember Buel. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –
Mayor Gerry led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Agenda** –
Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brink, seconded by Councilor Fetto, Council unanimously approved the agenda as updated by Clerk Haug prior to the meeting.
5. **Presentation**- There were no presentations.
6. **Consent Agenda** – Mayor Gerry read the consent agenda titles for consideration.
 - a. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting February 16, 2021 & Workshop February 23, 2021
 - b. **RES. 09-21** – Approving the Heights @ Red Mountain Phase 2 Security Agreement
RESOLUTION NO. 09-21- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A SECURITY AND IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT.
 - c. Motion to approve the Heights @ Red Mountain Phase 2 – Final Plat
Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brink and seconded by Councilmember Moran, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.
7. **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS-**
 - a. **Public Hearing - Interim Development Regulation – Transmission line standards**
Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall presented an ordinance for public hearing and action to adopt interim development regulations that will install interim development regulations on this type of development and allow staff, Council and the Planning Commission time to review this use in these zones and to allow public process and input.
Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.
There were no comments.
Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:10 p.m.

b. ORD. 08-21- Interim Development Regulation – Transmission line standards

ORDINANCE NO. 08-21- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING INTERIM DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, TO SPECIFY THAT TRANSMISSION LINES ARE ALLOWED AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN ALL DISTRICTS, ESTABLISHES A DEFINITION FOR SAID USE, AND DEVELOP REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR TRANSMISSION LINES AND STRUCTURES;

Councilmember Brown moved to approve Ordinance 08-21. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. After a brief discussion, City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 08-21.

c. Motion to authorize staff to submit RCCF project application to Benton County

Public Works Director Slade presented a staff report with information about proposed projects to submit to Benton County as part of the Rural County Capital Fund program. The projects include the SR 224 I Van Giesen Water Main Project, the SR 224 I Van Giesen Sewer Crossings Project, and the SR 224 I Van Giesen Water Main Extension to Raceway Project for a total phase 1 cost of \$1,862,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to authorize staff to submit an application for Phase 1 projects for use of Rural County Capital Funds with Benton County. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. After a brief discussion, City Council unanimously approved the motion.

d. RES. 05-21- Amending 2021 – 2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

(From 2/2/21)

Public Works Director Slade presented a resolution to amend the 2021 – 2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program to include the Keene Road/Bombing Range Road intersection revision. This item was discussed on February 2, 2021, and was postponed until tonight to allow staff to provide some answers to questions brought up during the first discussion. Mr. Slade’s report included all public comments received prior to the meeting and more information as requested by Council. Clerk Haug read a comment from Lisa Nelson, West Richland, on the proposed amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 05- 21- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2021-2026 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve Resolution 05-21. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. Council held a discussion regarding alternative solutions, as well as the necessity for the project and the anticipated project timeline. Mayor Pro Tem Brink and Councilmember Smart presented their conclusions for approving the amendment. Councilmember Fetto mentioned that he had spoken to Fire District #4 and they are a proponent of a signaled intersection as it allows for faster response times. A roll call vote was called by Mayor Gerry, with Councilmembers Fetto, Smart, Brink and Brown voting in the affirmative, and Councilmembers Moran and Bloom voting nay. Resolution 05-21 passed with a 4-2 vote.

8. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

9. New Business – There was no new business.

10. Citizen Public Comments- No citizens provided comment.

11. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Community Development Director Mendenhall reported that he participated in an Economic

Outlook event with TRIDEC, and it can be viewed online.

Chief Majetich reported on a recent Washington State Supreme Court regarding drug possession ruling that dramatically impacts public safety.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Brown commented that she believes the current legislative climate is targeting police departments and inquired if people who were affected by this recent ruling would seek restitution.

Councilmember Smart added to the PD legislation comments, and mentioned that Council should read up on the Constitution, specifically the 5th and the 14th Amendments, as future items before them may be considered a taking.

Councilmember Moran provided additional information regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling and mentioned that she would like to speak with the Chief regarding the law enforcement legislative topics.

Councilmember Brown stated she would like to hear a presentation on the legislation from the Chief. She reported that the Van Giesen project has ranked 2nd at Good Roads and that she's been keeping an eye on the transportation issues moving through the house.

Councilmember Bloom updated Council on the status of the transit's COVID vaccine support. Currently, the command at the mass vaccination site does not allow buses to enter, but the vaccine should soon be available at drug stores, which Dial-A-Ride buses could take riders to. He also reported that the Conservation District is continuing to plan their Yakima River star grass removal.

Councilmember Moran reported on her attendance at the BFCOG economic board meeting on the 19th. Traffic counts will occur in August of this year.

Mayor Gerry updated Council on an upcoming workshop on March 9th to discuss the proposed Horse Heave Wind Farm as well as a legislative presentation from Chief Majetich. He also provided a mass vaccination site update.

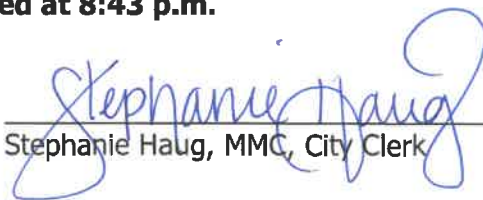
12. Executive Session –

a. Mayor Gerry announced the City Council will adjourn into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss three items pursuant to RCW 42.30.110-1C -to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease at 8:12pm.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk