

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

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 David Fetto	Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Councilmember May Hays	City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Councilmember Ken Stoker	City Attorney Bronson Brown
Councilmember Kate Moran	
Councilmember John Smart	

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –
Councilmember Bloom led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Agenda** –
Mayor Gerry requested that an executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110c, the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease, be added to the agenda.
Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the agenda, as amended. It was seconded by Councilmember Fetto. Council unanimously approved the amended agenda.
5. **Presentations**- There were no presentations.
6. **Consent Agenda** – Mayor Gerry read the consent agenda titles for consideration.
 - a. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on January 4, 2022
 - b. Motion to authorize Mayor to execute Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Washington State for Intrastate Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN)
 - c. Motion to Award Herbicide Application Services Contract
 - d. Motion to authorize Mayor to execute Amended and Restated Reimbursement Agreement with Benton REA for CERB Cooperative Way Project.
 - e. **RESOLUTION NO. 03-22**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND ORTHOPHOTO MAPPING PROJECT WITH BENTON COUNTY.
 - f. **RESOLUTION NO. 04-22**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WITH BENTON COUNTY.
 - g. **RESOLUTION NO. 05-22**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A PETITION FOR A FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT WAIVER PER WRMC 12.04.060.
 - h. Motion authorizing Mayor to execute Professional Services Contract with Osborn Consulting for Non-Vegetated Biofiltration Swale Research Study.
 - i. **RESOLUTION NO. 06-22**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE
Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. Citizen Public Comments - - There were no comments.

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions And Public Hearings-

a. Public Hearing - Granting Frontage Improvement Waiver – 608 Austin Drive

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for a request for a Frontage Improvement Waiver for 608 Austin Drive. He recommended that City Council pass the Resolution granting the property owners of 608 Austin Drive a frontage improvement waiver associated with the building permit for alteration, addition and repairs to the existing building and structure for the following required frontage improvements to Austin Drive as follows: 1) curb, gutter, ADA handicap ramps and sidewalks, 2) storm drainage facilities, 3) widening of Austin Drive from its preexisting edge to the new curb line, 4) milling and asphalt pavement overlay of Austin Drive to its centerline, 5) LED street lights, 6) roadway striping and 7) signage with the condition that they will sign a Waiver of Right to Protest Local Improvement District for the said improvements.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Cark Baker of West Richland – Encouraged the use of LIDs to improve neighborhoods. Indicated the older neighborhoods could benefit from sidewalks with the speed the cars drive on those roads. He requested that the City push harder for LIDs to improve the community and meet the Comprehensive Plan goals.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:16 p.m.

b. RES. 07-22 - Granting Frontage Improvement Waiver – 608 Austin Drive

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 07-22 subject to the conditions of participation in future LIDs for the improvements. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Council held a lengthy discussion on the merits of requiring participation in future LIDs as part of the Frontage Improvement Waiver process. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 07-22.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business –

a. Designate Mayor Pro Tem for 2022-2023

Councilmember Fetto moved to designate Fred Brink as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022-2023 based on his involvement with AWC and his exemplary leadership skills. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. After a brief discussion, and confirmation that Mayor Pro Tem Brink is willing to accept the designation, Mayor Gerry took a roll call vote: Councilmember Stoker – Aye. Councilmember Smart – Aye. Councilmember Bloom – Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Brink – Aye. Councilmember Fetto – Aye. Councilmember Hays – Aye. Councilmember Moran – Aye.

The motion to designate Fred Brink as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022-2023 passed unanimously.

b. Council Committee Selections

Mayor Gerry presented the 2022 Council Liaison and Subcommittee assignments to Council. The assignments were based on Council's requests, and Mayor Gerry asked them to notify him if they have any conflicts with designated meeting times.

11. Citizen Public Comments –

Shelly Burt- Had a question about when Council meetings will happen in person.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade reported that the S 38th Signal project completion will be delayed until February due to material delays. He also suggested that the Council consider doing a formal traffic analysis for Collins road.

City Clerk Stephanie Haug reported that the City should hear back from the vendor doing the Council

updates this week and will hopefully have an install date for those items soon. Once that is complete, the City Council Chambers will be equipped to handle hybrid Council meetings.

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall reported the 2021 building permit numbers and touched on the ranch planning efforts that are currently and scheduled to take place.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Bloom reported that a number of people he knows that speed up the hill on Collins Road. He suggested that the City post "slow down" signs. Ben Franklin Transit selected their Interim General Manager, Ed Frost for when the current General Manager retires. They just got an estimate for a new building, so Councilmember Bloom is interested in touring the City's newest building to compare. YBFW currently has a citizens committee opening, and he encouraged anyone interested to apply, and after 12 years on the Solid Waste committee, it's looking like a moderate waste facility may finally be constructed.

Councilmember Moran congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Brink on his continued role as Mayor Pro Tem. She indicated she believed people will continue to speed on Collins Road, that she didn't end up having COVID, only a cold, and that she is happy to continue serving on BFCOG.

Councilmember Fetto welcomed Councilmember Hays, welcomed back Councilmember Stoker, and thanked Clerk Haug for the digital version of the Councilmember Handbook.

Councilmember Smart asked for more educational information be placed on the City website regarding LIDs, providing an idea of cost. He indicated that he believes Collins Road has three blind spots, that the striping on the road helped a lot, that the road shouldn't have been designated as an arterial, and that more signage might help, He also hopes that the Lewis & Clark Ranch will have cul-de sacs

Councilmember Hays thanked the City Staff, who she said have been welcoming and helpful.

Councilmember Smart spoke about the railroad crossing on Van Giesen. Mayor Gerry reported that Port of Benton is working on the project to correct the issue and it should be done in May/June of this year.

Mayor Gerry asked Council to be aware of AWC emails during this legislative session, especially for law enforcement topics.

13. Executive Session – The City Council adjourned to an Executive Session for 15 minutes at 7:46pm, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110c, the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease. The session was extended 5 minutes at 8:01pm, and an additional 2 minutes at 8:06pm.

14. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk

