

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2021**

1. Call to Order – Mayor Brent Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:03 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	City Engineer Drew Woodruff
Councilmember Rich Buel	Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Councilmember David Fetto	HR Manager Selena Smathers
Councilmember Kate Moran	City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Councilmember John Smart	City Attorney Bronson Brown

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Mayor Brent Gerry led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda –

Upon motion by Councilmember Moran, seconded by Councilor Brown, Council unanimously approved the agenda.

5. Presentation-

- a. JUB – Bombing Range & Keene Road Intersection Project Traffic Analysis Results
Travis Marden and Spencer Montgomery of JUB presented their analysis of the Bombing Range/Keene Road Intersection and recommended converting the intersection to a traffic light in the future to maintain an acceptable level of service without having to acquire an abundance of additional right of way to make roundabout improvements.

6. Consent Agenda – Mayor Brent Gerry read the consent agenda titles for consideration.

- a. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting January 5, 2021
- b. Approve the 2021-2022 Visit Tri-Cities Agreement
- c. Approve the contract with Express Employment Professionals for 2021
- d. Confirm Mayor's Reappointments to Park Board
- e. **ORD. 04-21-** Periodic Shoreline Management Plan Update
ORDINANCE NO. 04-21 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM (SMP) PERIODIC REVIEW REQUIRED BY RCW 90.58.080(4)
- f. **RES. 03-21-** Auth. Mayor to execute ILA regarding Quad-City Water Right Mitigation Model and Operating Procedures with Cities of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco and repealing RES. 76-20

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING QUAD-CITY WATER RIGHT MITIGATION MODEL AND OPERATING PROCEDURES WITH THE CITIES OF RICHLAND, PASCO AND KENNEWICK AND REPEAL RESOLUTION 76-20.

Upon motion by Councilmember Brown, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brink, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS-

- a. ORD. 05- 21 & ORD. 06-21-** Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle Chapter 10.17 and changing ATV/ORV Chapter 10.16

Chief Majetich presented a staff report on two ordinances that would allow the use of specific WATV vehicles on City streets with speed limits under 35mph.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-21- AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND CHANGING CHAPTER 10.16 TO THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 06-21 - AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 10.17 TO THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilmember Brown moved to approve Ordinance 05-21 and Ordinance 06-21. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran.

Audience Member Scott Meyer commented that he is confident that the WATV owners and users in our community will adhere to the guidelines and will be responsible.

Meegan Tripp inquired when it will go into effect if it is passed.

Councilmember Brown revised her motion to match the recommended motion in the staff report. Councilmember Moran seconded. Additional discussion was held regarding the definition of a WATV in the RCWs verses what is in the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Gerry called for the vote of the revised motion, and the ordinances passed with the following Councilmembers in favor; Brink, Brown, Buel, Fetto, Moran & Smart. Councilmember Bloom voted Nay. City Clerk Haug explained that the ordinance will go into effect 5 days after publication, which is anticipated to be by February 1st, 2021.

8. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

9. New Business – There was no new business.

10. Citizen Public Comments- No citizens provided comment at or for this meeting.

11. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Community Development Director Mendenhall reported that the City has already received three Comprehensive Plan amendment applications for 2021, and he anticipates there will be a few more.

Police Chief Majetich reported that he had received the first shot of his COVID-19 vaccination series and he had no side effects. He also stated that the new PD Facility Groundbreaking would be virtual only, and will be held in February with limited attendance due to COVID restrictions.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Fetto thanked Clerk Haug for saving him time with Council packets by showing him the bookmark feature in Adobe.

Councilmember Bloom had received feedback from constituents on the excessive permit charges for accessory structures. He inquired if this is something that staff could look at. Mayor Gerry suggested that he contact Community Development Director Mendenhall.

Councilmember Moran attended a BFCOG meeting on January 15th where they reviewed the Community & Economic Development Strategies. She reported that John Kennedy would be reaching out to the city to discuss the plan and there is a tentative adoption date of August

2021. She also reported that they presented an award to Bob Koch, who is retiring, discussed TIP amendments, the Regional Vision 2045 and the bicycle map update. She concluded her report by mentioning the trash around the recycling bins and hopes that a solution can be found.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink inquired about the status of vaccine availability to the sergeants and officers and if they'd been offered the opportunity to get vaccinated if they chose to. He also thanked Clerk Haug for the iPad.

Councilmember Brown reported that with Good Roads she will get getting together with both BFCOG and WWCOG to come up with a new list. She also stated the schools are going back next week and they look like they will be safe, but not fun.

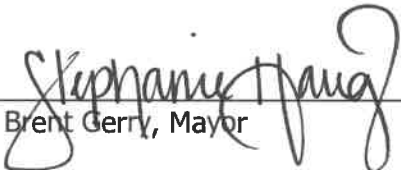
Councilmember Smart reminded citizens of the importance of washing their masks and changing them out frequently. He also clarified what he meant about COVID not being an emergency. He was referring to emergency powers and the comparison of COVID with the flu, and that the numbers don't justify a statewide emergency.

Mayor Gerry reported on his regional zoom meeting regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. There are 545,000 vaccinations in the state, with 180,000 already in arms. They are hoping to expedite distribution. A drive -thru site will be constructed at the Benton County Fairgrounds. He also reported that the numbers may not be current as they are being manually entered and that in-person meetings are not allowed in our current phase.

12. Executive Session –

- a. Mayor Gerry announced the City Council will adjourn for into Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i- discussions with legal counsel representing the agency litigation at 7:45pm.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk