

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND  
 REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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 Fetto 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 42.30.110i, to discuss with legal counsel representing the City litigation to which the City is a party to, be added to the agenda. *Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the agenda, as amended. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. 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. Payment of Bills

Description	Check Number(s)	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	70083-70282	\$1,386,720.58
Accounts Payable Voids	70142-70143	\$0.00
Manual Payroll	16702-16729	\$19,481.63
Electronic Wire Payments	APPKT01208,1234,1238,1241,1242,1247,1248,1250,1253,1265,1266,1270,1280,1285,1287,1289,1290,1293,1295	\$884,616.53
Direct Deposit		\$491,414.86
Merchant, LGIP, & Bank Fees		\$693,096.47
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,475,330.07</b>

- b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on January 18, 2022
- c. **RES. 08-22** - Approving a Letter of Intent to comply with Washington State Department of Transportation Title VI Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LETTER OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (WSDOT) TITLE VI PLAN AND AGREEING TO THE TERMS OF THE PLAN AND APPOINTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AS THE TITLE VI COORDINATOR TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE INCLUDING SIGNING DOCUMENTS AND YEARLY REPORTING NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE TITLE VI PROGRAM.

- d. **RES. 09-22** - Authorize Mayor to execute Inter-Local Agreement for Hanford Communities

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REVIEW, EVALUATE, AND MONITOR CONDITIONS AND OPERATIONS AT THE HANFORD NUCLEAR RESERVATION (HANFORD) AND ESTABLISHING THE HANFORD COMMUNITIES.

*Councilmember Moran moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Bloom seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.*

- 7. **Citizen Public Comments** - There were no comments.
- 8. **Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Public Hearings-** There were no ordinances, resolutions, motions or public hearings.
- 9. **Unfinished Business** – There was no unfinished business.
- 10. **New Business** –
  - a. **Law Enforcement Legislation Reform Letter**  
*Chief Majetich presented a letter to the Council that was sent by the area cities to our local representatives regarding current law enforcement reform bills, specifically HB 1310 and SB 1054. Mayor Gerry asked Council to pay attention to emails from AWC for upcoming legislative actions that may need Council support.*
- 11. **Citizen Public Comments** – There were no comments.
- 12. **Announcements, Reports & Comments**
  - a. **Staff Reports**  
 Chief Ben Majetich thanked everyone for attending the Police Department’s Ribbon Cutting and Open House. He indicated they hope to have a future event for those who were unable to attend.  
 City Clerk Stephanie Haug reported that the Council Chamber updates will be delayed until at least mid-March, as two key components are not expected until that time.  
 Public Works Director Roscoe Slade announced that the Utility Committee met to review Statements of Qualification for the Well #3 project, and he hopes to have a contract negotiated to bring to Council on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. **Council Reports**  
 Councilmember Moran thanked staff for the tour and thought it was great to see the growth of the City in person. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January she attended the BFCOG/BFEDD meetings with representatives from Patty Murray’s office. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, she attended a great workshop from AWC on running great city council meetings and highly recommended others attend. On the 27<sup>th</sup> she attended the virtual AWC City Action Days and provided updates on several current legislative items that may affect the City. She suggested the City send a letter, similar to the one presented by Chief Majetich, regarding HB 1772, which addresses the Governor’s powers during a declared emergency without oversight.  
 Councilmember Bloom conveyed that the long term care tax is being delayed 18 months, and the rules are being revised.  
 Mayor Pro Tem Brink mentioned that in addition to the Chief’s presentation, Council should be aware of HB 1735, which clarifies the Use of Force Standard that was amended and put into law in 2021. This will have impacts on all first responders, not just law enforcement.  
 Councilmember Hays also thanked the staff for the tour and the opportunity to view the growth of the city. She indicated she learned a lot from the tour.  
 Councilmember Smart thanked Clerk Haug for driving on the tour.
- 13. **Executive Session** – The City Council adjourned to an Executive Session for 15 minutes at 6:23pm, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110i, to discuss with legal counsel representing the City litigation to which the City is a party to. The session was extended 5 minutes at 6:38.
- 14. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
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 Brent Gerry, Mayor

  
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 Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk