

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

1. Call to Order – Mayor Pro Tem Brink called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., filling in for Mayor Gerry, who is out of town.

2. Roll Call –

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember Gail Brown
Councilmember Rich Buel
Councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember Kate Moran (6:03pm)
Councilmember John Smart

Police Chief Ben Majetich
Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Associate Planner Elisha Ransom
City Clerk Stephanie Haug
City Attorney Bronson Brown (6:21pm)

Absent:

Mayor Brent Gerry

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Mayor Pro Tem Brink led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda –

Upon motion by Councilmember Smart, seconded by Councilor Brown, Council unanimously approved the agenda as updated by Clerk Haug prior to the meeting.

5. Presentation- There were no presentations.

6. Consent Agenda – Mayor Pro Tem Brink read the consent agenda titles for consideration.

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
- b. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting February 2, 2021
- c. Motion approving Agreement for use of Jail facilities with Benton County
- d. RES. 06-21- Relating to Surplus Equipment
- e. Ranchland Townhomes – Preliminary Plat
- f. RES. 07-21 -Westhaven Phase 2 - Short Plat Security Agreement
- g. RES. 08-21- Set Hearing to Amend Resolution 04-21 & Ord 07-21
- h. Motion authorizing Mayor to execute cell tower site lease – Vertical Bridge

Upon motion by Councilmember Bloom and seconded by Councilmember Fetto, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS- There were no ordinances, resolutions, motions or public hearings.

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 updated Council on a proposed workshop next Tuesday, February 23 at 6pm to discuss the land use matrix. This was a goal from the Title 17 updated discussions.

City Clerk Haug mentioned that staff had made ID cards for Council and that they would be

placed in their mailboxes for them to pick up on Wednesday morning.

Public Works Director Slade reported that the Utility Committee had met to discuss potential RCCF projects, and they will be meeting again next week to discuss the Keene/Bombing Range intersection. He also mentioned that on Wednesday night, he will be presenting some West Richland projects to the Good Roads organization with Councilmember Brown and hopes they score well.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Bloom reported that he had been elected the Ben Franklin Transit Chair last week. He also mentioned he had concerns with the security of Zoom and thinks the City should switch to Go To Meetings.

Councilmember Brown reported that she had attended City Action Days and followed the housing track. She provided Council updates regarding Habitat for Humanity projects and the effects of COVID on the affordable housing market. She also reported on a transportation meeting she attended.

Councilmember Moran reported that she had also attended City Action Days and there were many sessions to pick from. She received the AWC legislative priorities and sent those to staff for their information. She hopes with the virtual platform will help people voice their opinions on things happening in Olympia. She also would like to follow-up with Mayor Gerry on the City should looking at other forms of government.

Councilmember Bloom updated Council on the forthcoming Stargrass removal effort by the Conservation District, and that the resulting organic material would be beneficial for tilling into the soil to reduce future water usage.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink also attended City Action Days and reported his concerns on the bills pertaining to Law Enforcement regulations.

12. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk