

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

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

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember Ken Stoker
Councilmember Kate Moran
Councilmember John Smart

Police Chief Ben Majetich
Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
City Engineer Drew Woodruff
City Clerk Stephanie Haug
IT Systems Admin Brad Borton
City Attorney Bronson Brown

Absent:

Councilmember May Hays

Councilmember Smart moved to excuse Councilmember Hays. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Council unanimously approved the motion to excuse Councilmember Hays.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –
Councilmember Moran led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Agenda** –
Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Bloom. Council unanimously approved the agenda.
5. **Presentations**- There were no presentations.
6. **Consent Agenda** – Mayor Gerry read the consent agenda titles for consideration.
 - a. Payment of Bills
 - b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on March 1, 2022
 - c. Motion to execute engineering services contract for Well #3 Replacement Project.
 - d. Motion to approve Services Proposal from CDW-G for migrating on premise Email server to O365
 - e. **RES. 14-22** - Taser Surplus
RESOLUTION NO. 14-22
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
 - f. **RES. 15-22** - Setting a public hearing–Consider vacating road rights-of-way, portion of Desert View Drive.
RESOLUTION NO. 15-22
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER VACATING A PORTION OF DESERT VIEW DRIVE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.
 - g. **RES. 16-22** - Authorizing first amendment to City of West Richland – State of Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Water Facilities Agreement dated July 3, 1985 and authorizing DNR Easement No. 50-103156 regarding Well #3 (DNR Well #2).
RESOLUTION NO. 16- 22
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING FIRST AMENDMENT TO CITY OF WEST RICHLAND – STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) WATER FACILITIES AGREEMENT DATED JULY 3, 1985 RECORDED UNDER BENTON COUNTY AUDITOR FILE NO. 1985-009591 ON JULY 25, 1985 AND AUTHORIZING DNR EASEMENT NO. 50-103156 REGARDING WELL #3 (DNR WELL #2).

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. ORD. 05-22 - 2021-2022 Budget Amendment

Finance Director Erin Gwinn presented a staff report for Ordinance 05-22, amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget to reflect the added costs of signing a cyber-security monitoring contract.

Councilmember Moran moved to approve Ordinance 05-22, Councilmember Bloom seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Brink inquired how this particular company was selected.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 05-22.

b. Motion to Authorize Mayor to sign Cyber Security Contract

City Clerk Haug presented a staff report in favor of entering into a contract for cyber-security monitoring with Critical Insights to reduce the City's vulnerabilities to ransomware and other harmful conditions.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Critical Insights for managed detection and response services, Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments – There were no comments.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Community Development Director Mendenhall announced the upcoming Open House for the Lewis & Clark Ranch, which is part of the SEPA scoping and application process. It will be Thursday, March 17 at 6pm at the Noski Community Room.

Police Chief Ben Majetich provided updated on the legislative session. He indicated it didn't go as hoped, but there were two areas where progress was made; military equipment definitions and use of force.

City Engineer Drew Woodruff reported that the S 38th and Van Giesen signal was now operational and the City is still working out a few bugs with WSDOT, who are responsible for the operation of the light.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Bloom reported he is currently in Washington DC with Ben Franklin Transit and it appears there will be money ear-marked for projects.

Councilmember Fetto apologized for missing the last meeting. He inquired about the timing of the turn lanes on 38th and reported his experience with an errant driver going through the Brickhouse parking lot. He also reported that it is again tax time, and the public should acknowledge how little of each dollar in taxes actually goes to the City. (11.6 cents) and that the \$77 he paid for the new police facility this year was well spent.

Councilmember Moran attended a Port of Kennewick meeting on the 8th. They are working on several items, including their mid-biennial budget, the Clover Island Inn proposal and the Vista Field Design Standards. She also thanked Tyson Manning for sending the email regarding the Park at the Lakes.

Councilmember Stoker attended the Visit Tri-Cities event for new officials on March 4th and indicated it provided good information.

Councilmember Smart also thanked Tyson Manning for the email. He thinks the City should take the opportunity to organize volunteers for the parks. He also thanked Kelsey for her thoughtful email about preserving open spaces. He suggested that the City should pursue the Collins Road park/trail.

Councilmember Moran also thanked Kelsey for her email and indicated she owes Eric an email about "friends of the parks." She also attended a BFCOG new members meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink also attended the new members BFCOG meeting and requested that Council take the AWC survey on training needs.

City Engineer Drew Woodruff added that there was a recent article naming West Richland the 16th safest city in Washington, which is the top spot for our region.

13. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

14. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk

