

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2023**

**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 May Hays  
Councilmember Kate Moran (6:03pm)  
Councilmember John Smart  
Councilmember Ken Stoker (virtual)

City Attorney Jessica Foltz  
Finance Director Erin Gwinn  
Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall  
Police Chief Thomas Grego  
Public Works Director Roscoe Slade  
City Clerk Stephanie Haug  
Public Works Admin. Aimee Hunt

**3. Pledge of Allegiance –**

Councilmember Smart 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 Fetto. Council unanimously approved the agenda as amended.*

**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 March 3, 2023

c. **RES. 13-23** -Auth. Mayor to execute Agreement regarding Revision to Corporate Boundary with Benton Co.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT REGARDING A REVISION TO WEST RICHLAND'S CORPORATE BOUNDARY WITH BENTON COUNTY

d. **RES. 14-23** –Auth. Adoption of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 2023 as “Building Safety Month”

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 AS “BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”

e. **RES. 15-23** –Adding Community Market Fees to the Master Fee Schedule

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, ADDING COMMUNITY MARKET FEES TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.

f. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Participation Form and Settlement Agreement to Approve Opioid Settlement

*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Brink 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 - 04-23 - Budget Amendment**

Finance Director Erin Gwinn provided a staff report outlining the proposed changes in the 2023/2024 Budget Amendment, which includes a true-up of beginning fund balances for all funds and recognize additional revenue received for water & sewer development fees, as well as stormwater grant funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-23**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

*Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve Ordinance 04-23. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. Council voted to approve Ordinance 04-23.*

**b. Mid-Columbia Library Contract**

Finance Director Gwinn presented a staff report to Council regarding the background of the City's contract with MCL and what the negotiated terms were in the proposed contract.

*Councilmember Bloom moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with the Mid-Columbia Library. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding the term of the contract and the possible alternatives to the contract, Council approved the motion, with Councilmembers Hays, Moran, Fetto, Brink and Bloom voting in the affirmative, and Councilmembers Smart and Stoker voting nay.*

**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**

***Staff Reports***

Community Development Director Mendenhall reported on the upcoming RMEC event: the Apple Cup, which will occur April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, with practice laps occurring on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Public Works Director Slade reported that the Keene Road/Bombing Range Intersection Modification project will close the intersection April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and detours are planned. A public outreach plan is being carried out to notify every one of the detours.

Chief Grego thanked those who attended the swearing-in ceremony for Polar and noted that he is still following the legislation that affects law enforcement.

City Clerk Haug announced that the April 4<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting is cancelled.

***Council Reports***

Councilmember Moran provided a BFCOG bylaws update, indicating that the process slowed down for the TAC to review the proposed changes further. She expressed her concerns over the board elections, as it is Franklin County heavy. She also reported that the TC Mobility Action Committee will be doing a walkability survey on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pasco and will meet virtually on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Bloom announced that the YVFWRB needs a citizen member of the board. This person will get to travel up the Yakima River to evaluate projects for approximately 5 days in May & June.

Councilmember Hays reported on the reopening of the Senior Center on March 14<sup>th</sup>, reporting that there were 57 attendees and 26 new seniors that signed up. She also stated that the ceremony for Polar was great.

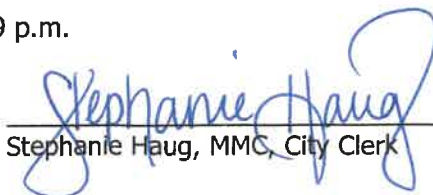
Mayor Pro Tem Brink praised the city employees for earning AWC's Well-City Award, which lowers the health insurance premium for the city and its members by almost \$18,000 a year. He thanked the City's wellness committee for their work in making it happen. He also reported that he will be attending the Friends of Scouting Breakfast with Mayor Gerry.

**13. Executive Session** – There was no executive session.

**14. Meeting Conclusion-** The meeting concluded at 6:49 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk