

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND  
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 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 May Hays

Councilmember Ken Stoker

Councilmember Kate Moran

Councilmember John Smart

Police Chief Ben Majetich

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

IT Systems Admin Brad Borton

City Attorney Bronson Brown

**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 Moran. Council unanimously approved the agenda.*

**5. Presentations-**

**a.** 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Presentation – E. Gwinn

Finance Director Gwinn presented the financial status of the City for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021.

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

**a.** Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on March 15, 2022

**b.** Confirm Appointment to Salary Commission

**c. RES. 17-22** - Authorizing Mayor to execute ILA between Cities of Kennewick, Richland, Pasco, West Richland, and the Benton Franklin Health District for funding the operation of a regional algal bloom laboratory screening service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING THE OPERATION OF A REGIONAL ALGAL BLOOM LABORATORY SCREENING SERVICE WITH BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT AND CITIES OF RICHLAND, KENNEWICK AND PASCO

**d. RES. 18-22** - Authorizing Adoption of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 9th as "Back the Blue Day"

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 9, 2022 AS "BACK THE BLUE DAY"

**e. RES. 19-22** - Authorizing Adoption of a Proclamation Proclaiming May 1st – May 7th, 2022 as "Public Service Recognition Week"

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 1ST THROUGH MAY 7TH, 2022 AS "PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK"

**f. RES. 20-22** - Amending Resolution 09-06, locations for Public Posting

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, UPDATING THE LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC POSTING OF PRELIMINARY AGENDAS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 09-06

*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. Public Hearing – Easement Vacation – VACA-002-2022**

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 21-22, which would vacate portions of a 10' wide irrigation easement dedicated on the final plat of Sunset Heights – Phase 3, Lots 9 and 10.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Phil Beard inquired if they will be reconnecting the irrigations lines once this is complete. (Ms. Ransom responded yes.)

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:29 p.m.

**b. RES. 21-22 - Vacating A 10 Foot Wide Irrigation Easement Located On Sunset Heights Phase 3, Lots 9 And 10**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, VACATING A 10 FOOT WIDE IRRIGATION EASEMENT LOCATED ON SUNSET HEIGHTS PHASE 3, LOTS 9 AND 10, PARCEL NUMBERS 1-0197-109-0000-009 and 1-0197-109-0000-010.

*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 21-22, Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 21-22.*

**c. Public Hearing – Easement Vacation – VACA- 003-2022**

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 22-22, which would vacate the southerly 20.00 feet of the northerly 30.00 feet, the westerly 20.00 feet of the easterly 30.00 feet, the northerly 20.00 feet of the southerly 30.00 feet, and the easterly 20.00 feet of the westerly 30.00 feet of Lot 127, Willamette Heights Section 6, created under the plat of Willamette Heights Section 6.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

There were no comments

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:39 p.m.

**d. RES. 22-22 – Vacating a Utility Easement on Willamette Heights, Section 6, Lot 127**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, VACATING A PORTION OF A 30 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS, SECTION 6, LOT 127, PARCEL NUMBER 1-0698-402-0127-000.

*Councilmember Moran moved to approve Resolution 22-22, Councilmember Bloom seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 22-22.*

**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**

Police Chief Majetich notified City Council of his pending retirement, scheduled to occur May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He reported that the current Citizens Academy class has 18 people signed up and will occur in person at the new police facility. There will also be an FTO training for officers from all

over the state occurring at the Noski Community Room. He hopes to have it available for Community use soon.

Public Works Director Slade notified the Utility Commission of an upcoming meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. They will be discussing the Collins Road Analysis. Paradise Way is now paved and is scheduled to open next week. It will connect Van Giesen to Bombing Range Road. He also reported that the agreement between the City and WSDOT for SR 224 should be completed and brought before Council at the next regular meeting.

Community Development Director Mendenhall reported that the Lewis & Clark Ranch SEPA Scoping Open House was a success. There were approximately 60 people who attended on March 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a charrette the second week of May that will provide another public participation opportunity. Director Mendenhall also reported that the automotive race event at the Red Mountain Event Center the previous weekend was a huge success, with approximately 5,000 attendees.

**b. Council Reports**

Councilmember Bloom spoke about parking at the Red Mountain Event Center and the use of shuttles from the TLAC building. He reported the Ben Franklin Transit will have a route to Benton City from Queensgate that will go past RMEC in the future.

Councilmember Moran congratulated Chief Majetich on his retirement. She reported on the BFCOG meeting she attended on March 18<sup>th</sup>. A main topic that was discussed were the Snake River Dam Studies and funding opportunities from Senator Murray's office. They discussed the future of meetings and going hybrid, and inquired about West Richland's status with the necessary equipment. She also attended the Port of Kennewick meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> that highlighted the Port's partnership with TRIDEC.

Mayor Gerry mentioned that he had requested information from the Governor's office on lifting the emergency proclamation (which would allow for in-person meetings) and was told that the proclamation was still in place due to potential funding from the federal government.

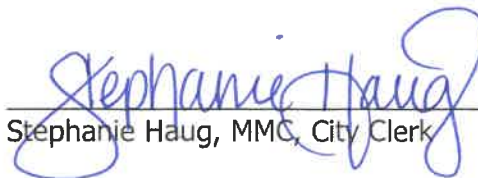
Councilmember Hays reported that the Chamber luncheon on 4/6 would feature the Mayor and Community Development Director Mendenhall. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the City will hold its annual Earth Day Clean Up event, and Speedfest at RMEC is in the works for June 23-25, which will combine Cool Desert Nights and Hogs & Dogs.

**13. Executive Session – The Council adjourned to 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, for 15 minutes, beginning at 7:10pm.**

**14. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk

