

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 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 (virtual)
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember May Hays
Councilmember Kate Moran (6:03pm)
Councilmember John Smart
Councilmember Ken Stoker

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
Information Tech. Manager Brad Borton

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Councilmember Smart led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda –

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. 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

Description	Check Number(s)	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	73187-73440	\$1,119,480.68
Accounts Payable Voids	73201,71870,73271,73438	(\$43,943.39)
Manual Payroll	16854-16863	\$6,258.12
Electronic Wire Payments		\$401,735.06
Direct Deposit		\$376,444.60
Service Fees & Budgeted Transfer		\$111,825.97
Total		\$1,971,800.94

b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting March 21, 2023

c. ORD. 05-23 - Revising the Corporate Boundary of West Richland to include a portion of SR 224 Road ROW

ORDINANCE 05-23

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND TO INCLUDE A PORTION OF SR224. THE ORDINANCE ALSO DECLARES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE SEVERABLE FROM ONE ANOTHER AND SETS FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE AND PROVIDES FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY.

d. RES. 16-23 – Auth. Mayor to execute First Amended & Restated Disbursement Agmt. For use of RCCFs with Benton County

RESOLUTION NO. 16-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RURAL COUNTY CAPITAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND AND BENTON COUNTY REGARDING SR 224 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

e. RES. 17-23 – Auth. Mayor to execute Transportation Impact Fee Mitigation Agmt. – Heights at Red Mountain Phase 6-10

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE MITIGATION AGREEMENT FOR HEIGHTS AT RED MOUNTAIN PHASE 6-10

- f. **RES. 18-23** – Auth. Mayor to execute Transportation Impact Fee Mitigation Agmt. – Hapo Comm. Credit Union

RESOLUTION NO. 18-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE MITIGATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER / DEVELOPER OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT LOT 5 OF BEMONT BUSINESS DISTRICT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BELMONT BLVD AND KEENE ROAD.

- g. **RES. 19-23** – Relating to Surplus Property – Police Vehicle sale to W.S.C.J.T.C

RESOLUTION NO. 19-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SURPLUS PROPERTY – POLICE VEHICLE SALE TO W.S.C.J.T.C.

- h. **RES. 20-23** – Relating to Surplus Property – Police Vehicles transfer to W.S.C.J.T.C

RESOLUTION NO. 20-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SURPLUS PROPERTY – POLICE VEHICLE TRANSFER TO W.S.C.J.T.C.

- i. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute Special Investigations Unit Interlocal Agreement
- j. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agmt. for SCADA design review and programming for Well #2 – RH2
- k. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agmt. for SCADA design review and programming for Well #3 – RH2
- l. Motion to confirm Parks Board Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Bloom seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. Citizen Public Comments –

Ricky Hamilton –Bombing Range Rd. Indicated he previously took the city to court two times to get what he wanted regarding his property and that the employees are making his life difficult again. He stated that they have lied to the City Council, claiming that employees stated that land was purchased when the deed he sought from the County states only ten dollars. He wants to divide his property... (3 minutes up)

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Public Hearings

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING – 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan**

Public Work Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for the proposed adoption for Res. 21-23, the 2023-2028 Six Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing @ 6:11 pm

There were no comments.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing @ 6:11 pm.

RESOLUTION 21-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2023-2028 SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 21-23; Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion of funding, Council voted to unanimously approve Resolution 21-23.

- 9. Unfinished Business** – There was no unfinished business.

- 10. New Business** – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments –

Ricky Hamilton – Bombing Range Rd. - Continued his concerns regarding subdividing his property; connecting to City water even though the property has a well and the requirements of WRMC 16.06.04-C, water/sewer requirements; site plan was submitted 4 times; during this time, coercion and fraud took place when he brought the site plan in, and the Engineering Director would not sign it on the road until he put in driveway in instead of Everett St. He had Harms Engineering to have them change this, and they asked if that road had been vacated. It had not. Harms Engineering said that Hamilton could not do this. He indicated it was public record, cannot falsify a document, engineer could lose license. They did make the change. He brought the site plan back and the Engineering Director said there needs to be an approach, which cost him \$7000.00. The City still owned that property. He did it. Didn't want to go back to court, was already delayed a year and a half...

Mayor Gerry asked that Mr. Hamilton reschedule the meeting Mr. Hamilton was unable to make that afternoon and that staff would reach out to reschedule the meeting.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

Council Reports

Councilmember Moran thanked attendees for attending in person and online. There is a BFCOG meeting to discuss bylaw changes and policies this Friday and she stated she appreciates the input from Public Works Director Slade, the Mayor, and staff. She also reported she volunteered at the animal shelter and indicated that it needs volunteers and adopters.

Councilmember Bloom attended a Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meeting and reported another record year for spending money on the river. Appreciates the volunteers from the city. Richland has submitted comments on the Bateman Island causeway removal. A major concern is not being able to fight a fire on Bateman Island. He also toured the Yakima moderate risk waste facility.

Councilmember Smart mentioned the large number of items on the consent agenda and took a moment to explain how the Consent Agenda works for the public. He thanked the public in attendance tonight and stated that the Council can't engage in public comments but that they did hear what was stated, and indicated he was interested in the Hamilton problem. Encourage them to write the Council a letter to explain more in depth and then challenged the public to send comments to the City Council about the city and to him for the Hanford Advisory Board.

Councilmember Hays is looking forward to Earth Day this Saturday, April 22nd and reported the City is still looking for volunteers for this event. She thanked those who came to the April Chamber luncheon and reported that the next Chamber luncheon is on May 3rd at noon at the Mayfield. She also reported that April Senior Center luncheon was a success with Kadlec speaking on aging, and the next luncheon is on May 9th at 11:30. She also thanked Councilmember Bloom, for having Ben Franklin Transit speak.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Grego went over the citation numbers with the increased patrols for the detours/construction areas. Friday – Tuesday extra patrols was 25, traffic stops during this time was 38; issued a total of 11 citations. Extra patrols are to continue. Councilmember Bloom asked if there have been any problems with the Ben Franklin Transit running the alternate route. There have been no Ben Franklin Transit concerns heard.

Public Works Director Slade discussed traffic counters that has been set out and thanks the Police Department with enforcement. Lakes/Lattin/Watkins traffic was not coming from West Richland but from outside the area with the sports complex. New detour is set up thru Phase 1 & 2. The petition for Everett Street was recorded in March. Amend Section 6 Roadway Plan, SEPA. Staff looked at it to see if it has merits, request is not consistent with comp plan and the municipal code regarding complete streets policy. Staff recommendation was declined. Took to the utility committee and unanimously agreed with the Staff recommendations. Will be sending a letter to the property owners that signed the petition letting them know that the City will not be moving forward with their request.

13. Executive Session –

a. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i)

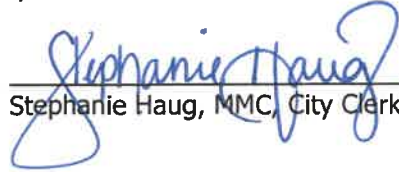
City Council entered into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The executive session was extended 5 minutes at 6:59 p.m.

14. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 7:04 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk