

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

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

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember May Hays
Councilmember Kate Moran
Councilmember John Smart

Police Chief Ben Majetich
City Attorney Bronson Brown
Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Associate Planner Elisha Ransom
HR Manager Selena Smathers
City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Police Captain Thomas Grego

Absent:

Mayor Brent Gerry
Councilmember Ken Stoker

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Councilmember John 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 Fetto. Council unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

5. Presentations- Eric Van Winkle of Red Mountain Event Center, with Laci Walden, presented information to Council on the events that have occurred and that are planned at the facility.

Michael Novakovich of Visit Tri-Cities provided a presentation to Council on the Visit Tri-Cities 2021 Annual Report.

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

a. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on April 19, 2022

b. RES. 26-22 – Setting the public hearing for VACA 004-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 26-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION ON SHORT PLAT 3297 LOTS 1 AND 2, PARCEL NUMBERS 1-0698-401-3297-001 AND 1-0698-401-3297-002.

c. RES. 27-22 – Amending the City Personnel Policies to Increase the Comp Time Accrual Cap

RESOLUTION NO. 27-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES 56-21

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Smart 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. RES. 28-22-Amending the 2021/2022 Salary Schedule – Building Inspector

HR Manager Selena Smathers presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 28-22, which would amend the 2021-2022 Salary Schedule to add a Building Inspector II position.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2021-2022 BIENNIUM

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 28-22, Councilmember Moran seconded the

motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 28-22.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments – There were no public comments.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Police Chief Ben Majetich announced that this was his last Council Meeting. His service in law enforcement spans 34 years, with 8 in West Richland. He thanked the Council, Mayor and Citizens. He believes he is leaving the City and Police Department better than when he found it and believes that the Department will experience continued success under current Captain (soon to be Chief) Grego. He thanked everyone for supporting him and the Police Department.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Bloom reported that BFT will be conducting interviews on Friday for the new General Manager, and that they have good candidates.

Councilmember Moran thanked Chief Majetich and congratulated soon to be Chief Grego. She reported that the BFCOG meeting was cancelled, but provided several community event details to Council. She also reported she would be undergoing a medical procedure on May 11th and hopes that she will only take a few days to recover.

Councilmember Bloom thanked staff for the clean-up day held on April 23rd and reported it didn't seem as busy as it had in the past.

Councilmember Moran thanked the Police Department for their involvement in the dog adoption event the previous weekend.

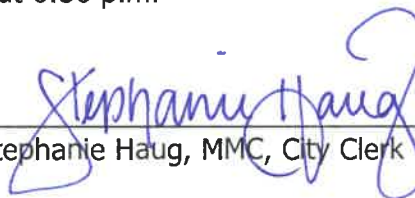
Mayor Pro Tem Brink reported that the AWC Annual Conference will be June 21-24th in Vancouver.

13. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

14. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 6:56 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk