

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2023**

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 (6:06 pm)
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
Public Works Admin. Aimee Hunt
Comm. Dev. Planner Elisha Ransom

Absent:

Mayor Brent Gerry

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

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

4. Approval of Agenda –

Mayor Pro Tem Brink requested that item 6h be removed from the agenda, as that agreement is not ready to adopt, and indicated that the scheduled executive session was no longer needed. Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the agenda with the amendments requested by Mayor Pro Tem Brink. It was seconded by Councilmember Fetto. Council unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

5. Presentations- There were no presentations.

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

a. Payment of bills

b. Approve Minutes – Regular Meeting May 2, 2023

c. **RES. 26-23** - Setting Public Hearing Date for 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement **RESOLUTION NO. 26-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2024-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

d. **RES. 27-23** – Setting Public Hearing date to consider frontage improvement waiver - Sandhill

RESOLUTION NO. 27-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A PETITION FOR A ROADWAY FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT WAIVER PER WRMC 12-04-060.

e. **RES. 28-23** – Setting Public Hearing for VACA-001-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 28-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION OF WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS SECTION 6, LOT 142, PARCEL NUMBER 1-0698-302-0142-000

f. Motion to execute the 2023 School Resource Officer Agreement with Richland School District.

g. Motion to accept Cooperative Way Project as complete.

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. Public Hearing – Parks Plan

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall presented a staff report on the Parks Plan and Resolution 29-23, Adopting the West Richland Parks Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink opened the public hearing @ 6:10 pm

There were no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink closed the public hearing @ 6:11 pm

b. RES. 29-23 – Adopting the West Richland Parks Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 29-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE 2023 PARK PLAN AND SIX-YEAR PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Councilmember Stoker moved to approve the Parks Plan and RES. 29-23, Adopting the West Richland Parks Plan. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a discussion regarding the cost to the residents, the council's new level of service, outsourcing park maintenance, and reminding the board that this is a plan of action going forward contingent upon funds, Council approved the motion with Councilmembers Hays, Moran, Fetto, Brink and Bloom voting in the affirmative and Councilmember Smart voting nay.

c. Public Hearing – Parks Operation and Maintenance Plan

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall discussed the findings and conclusions of the audit findings that were done by the consultant firm SiteWorks. Basic level of service, Res. 41-22, basic being the lowest service, then standard, and then premium.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink opened the public hearing @ 6:34 pm

Pat Carranza, Willamette Heights. Discussed her concern with maintaining the water supply for her property due to the park's water usage. Has to use city water for her property.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink closed the public hearing @ 6:36 pm

d. RES. 30-23 - Adopting the West Richland Parks Operation & Maintenance Plan

RESOLUTION 30-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2023 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN.

Councilmember Moran moved to pass Resolution 30-23, adopting the West Richland Parks Operation & Maintenance Plan. It was seconded by Councilmember Bloom. After a lengthy discussion regarding using native plants for low water requirements led by Councilmember Moran, the use of irrigation versus city water to water the parks led by Councilmember Bloom, concerns by Councilmember Smart regarding the money to provide the basic level of service and Mayor Pro Tem Brink holding the plan up to show the public that the document is quite extensive and is available for anyone to view, Council unanimously voted to approve RES. 30-23, approving and adopting the 2023 Parks Operation and Maintenance Plan.

e. RES. 31-23 – Master Fee Schedule Amendment – Park Impact Fees & Park Use Fees

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall presented a staff report explaining how the fee increase would affect developers over a period of time and explained the increased fee for park reservations.

RESOLUTION 31-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Councilmember Moran moved to pass RES 31-23, Amending the Master Fee Schedule. Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. Councilmember Fetto inquired about the Greater Richland Little League credits, to which Director Slade indicated that they do a project every year to cover their costs. Councilmember Moran thanked the staff for the gradual increase in fees and stated that West Richland Park reservations fees are not as much as the other cities around and that the increase is for nonresidents only. Council unanimously voted to pass RES 31-23, Amending the Master Fee Schedule.

f. RES. 32-23 - Renaming the Senior Center to The Bill Shane Senior Center

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall presented a staff report regarding a request the City received from the Senior Center board to change the name and provided information on how Bill Shane was involved in the community.

RESOLUTION 32-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE RENAMING OF THE SENIOR CENTER TO THE BILL SHANE SENIOR CENTER

Councilmember Moran moved to pass RES 32-23, Approving the Renaming of the Senior Center to the Bill Shane Center. Mayor Pro Tem Brink seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 32-23.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments

Pat Carranza discussed her plat and easements, lot 91, Section 6

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

Staff Reports

Chief Tom Grego discussed the SRO contract with the Richland School District.

Council Reports

Councilmember Hays reported on the grand reopening of the Senior Center under the new name. It will be on June 10th at 11:30 am with a BBQ.

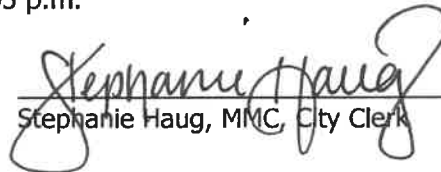
Councilmember Bloom is going over the Solid Waste plan tomorrow. Sunday, May 28th from 8 am to noon Ben Franklin Transit will be having a bus rodeo.

13. Executive Session – The scheduled executive session was removed from the agenda.

14. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk