

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, June 7, 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 Kate Moran

Councilmember John Smart

Councilmember Ken Stoker

City Attorney Bronson Brown

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Police Commander Athena Clark

Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –

Councilmember Stoker 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.*

5. **Presentations**- Erin Gwinn, Finance Director, provided a financial report for the first quarter of 2022.

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

a. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Retreat on May 10<sup>th</sup> and Special Meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

b. **ORD. 10-22** - Amending WRMC Chapter 10.08 Speed Limits – Portion of Collins Road & Keene Road  
**ORDINANCE NO. 10-22**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF KEENE ROAD AND COLLINS ROAD, AMENDING SECTIONS 10.08.050(F) AND 10.08.065(B) AND ADDING SECTION 10.08.040(E) OF THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.

c. Motion to award Cooperative Way Project

d. Motion to authorize Public Works Director to execute a \$50,000 Storm water Grant with Department of Ecology

*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** - Resolution adopting 6 year 2023-2028 TIP

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 32-22, which adopts the Six Year Transportation Plan. Mr. Slade's presentation highlighted the changes from the 2022-2027 adopted plan.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:23 p.m.

b. **Resolution 32-22** - Resolution adopting 6 year 2023-2028 TIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2023-2028 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve Resolution 32-22, Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 32-22.*

**c. Public Hearing - Utility Easement Vacation for VACA-004-2022**

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 33-22, which would vacate an easement located at 936 and 980 S 54th Ave, Short Plat 3297, Lots 1 and 2 (Parcel Nos: 106984013297001 and 106984013297002), legally described as the west 20 feet of the east 30 feet except the north 10 feet of Lot 1 of Short Plat 3297 and the west 20 feet of the east of the east 30 feet except the south 10 feet together with the north 20 feet of the south 30 feet except the west 10 feet and the east 10 feet of Lot 2 of Short Plat 3297.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:27 p.m.

**d. RES. 33-22 - Utility Easement Vacation for VACA-004-2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, VACATING A PORTION OF A 30 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON SHORT PLAT 3297 LOTS 1 AND 2, PARCEL NUMBERS 1-0698-401-3297-001 AND 1-0698-401-3297-002.

*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 33-22, Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 33-22.*

**e. Public Hearing - Utility Easement Vacation for VACA-005-2022**

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 34-22, which would vacate the easement located on Willamette Heights, Section 6 Lot 210 (Parcel No: 106984020210001), legally described as the west 20 feet of the east 30 feet except the north 30 feet thereof and the south 10 feet thereof together with the north 20 feet of the south 20 feet except the west 30 feet thereof and the east 10 feet thereof of Lot 210, Plat of Section 6 of Willamette Heights.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Mark Young asked to verify the location of the proposed vacation.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:32 p.m.

**f. RES. 34-22 - Utility Easement Vacation for VACA-005-2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-22**

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 210, PARCEL NUMBER 1-0698-402-0210-001.

*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 34-22, Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 34-22.*

**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**

Community Development Director Mendenhall reported that he and Roscoe had a successful trip to Las Vegas with TRI-Dec to meet potential retailers and grocers for our city.

Commander Clark provided personnel updates, with 5 positions currently open due to retirements and movement within the department. Sergeant testing was completed on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Civil Service Board is due to certify the list at their meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Council Reports**

Councilmember Bloom reported that BFT is closer to selecting a new manager and that the sales tax issues will be on the next agenda.

Councilmember Moran wished everyone a happy Pride, and reported the date for the upcoming BFCOG meeting (17<sup>th</sup>), the upcoming Juneteenth holiday closure, and the AWC conference in Vancouver.

Councilmember Stoker reported on a youth opportunity offered through Benton REA for participants from our community to visit Washington DC. His daughter was one of 3 selected to participate.

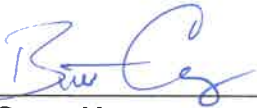
Councilmember Hays reminded everyone that Speedfest is coming up on June 23-25<sup>th</sup> at Tri-City Raceway at Red Mountain Event Center. There will be lots of activities, including a Kingsman Concert.

Mayor Gerry announced that the Benton REA meeting will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Leona Libby Middle School.

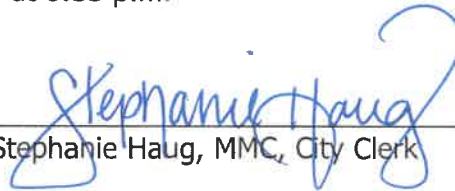
Mayor Pro Tem Brink reported that there is a Law & Justice Council Meeting coming up and it will be the first in-person meeting since COVID. They will be discussing the renewal of the Public Safety Tax that is set to expire in 2024. This tax pays for 3 police positions at the City.

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

**14. Meeting Conclusion-** The meeting concluded at 6:55 p.m.



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Brent Gerry, Mayor



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Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk