

CITY OF WEST RICHLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2023

1. Call to Order –

Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call –

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry

Councilmember Richard Bloom

Councilmember David Fetto

Councilmember May Hays

Councilmember John Smart

Councilmember Ken Stoker

City Attorney Jessica Foltz

Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

Police Chief Thomas Grego

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

Public Works Admin. Aimee Hunt

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink

Councilmember Kate Moran

Councilmember Bloom moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Brink and Councilmember Moran as they are attending the AWC Conference in Spokane. It was seconded by Councilmember Stoker. Council unanimously approved excusing Mayor Pro Tem Brink and Councilmember Moran.

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Councilmember Hays 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.

5. Presentations-

a. Chief Grego - Oath of Office

Chief Grego administered the Oath of Office to Commander Coates, and he took the Pledge of an Officer.

b. Chief Grego – Public Safety Sales Tax

Chief Grego discussed what the PSST is and how funds are distributed to the Police Department as well as the detriment it will have on the department if not passed again.

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

a. Payment of Bills

b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting June 6, 2023

c. RES. 39-23 - Water System Development Fee Mitigation Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 39-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE MITIGATION AGREEMENT

d. ORD. 12-23 – Amending WRMC – Drug Paraphernalia

ORDINANCE NO. 12-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE TITLE OF WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.40 MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, AND AMENDING SECTION 9.40.010 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 9.40.020, 9.40.025, 9.40.030, 9.40.040, 9.40.050, 9.40.055, 9.40.060, 9.40.070, 9.40.080, 9.40.090, AND 9.40.100

e. Motion authorizing submission of PWFT Loan Application

f. Motion to award 2023 Street Striping Project

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. Citizen Public Comments –

Patty Hendon - Deer Street. No code enforcement in the Tapteal area. Produced pictures and addresses of numerous residents not abiding by the codes of the City of West Richland. The Resident gave a copy of the addresses and pictures to the City Clerk per Mayor Brent Gerry's instruction.

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions, and Public Hearings

a. Public Hearing - Frontage Improvement Waiver – Sandhill

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report on the Frontage Improvement Waiver and recommended the Sandhill Drive Frontage Improvements be waived.

Mayor Gerry opened the public hearing @ 6:22 pm.

There were no comments.

Mayor Gerry closed the public hearing @ 6:23 pm.

b. RES. 40-23 - Granting a Frontage Improvement Waiver – Sandhill

RESOLUTION 40-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, GRANTING A FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT WAIVER FOR FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO SANDHILL DRIVE PER WRMC 12.04.060 FOR LOT 1, SHORT PLAT NO. 13130

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 40-23. Councilmember Fetto seconded the motion. After a discussion on the time limits of the waiver and easement location with the road, Council unanimously approved.

c. Public Hearing - Amending the WRMC to allow Automotive collision repair, including paint booths in the C-L zone

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall provided a staff report outlining the requested changes to the municipal code and that applications would be reviewed through the Conditional Use process.

Mayor Gerry opened the public hearing @ 6:28 pm.

Sean Markison, owner-operator of Frank and Son's Autobody, which opened in 1960, 3rd generation discussed the technology, setbacks, and efficiency of products/filters/exhaust that will be used and upgraded as new technologies come out.

Mayor Gerry closed the public hearing @ 6:31 pm.

d. ORD NO. 13-23 - Amending the WRMC to allow Automotive collision repair, including paint booths in the C-L zone

ORDINANCE NO. 13-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO (1) AMENDING SECTION 17.13.030 COMMERCIAL LAND USE MATRIX, ALLOWING AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR, INCLUDING PAINT BOOTHS IN THE COMMERCIAL LIMITED AS A CONDITIONAL USE

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Ordinance 13-23. Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. After a discussion of equipment, products, noise, conditional use permit, why not zoned as commercial, and possible neighborhood issues, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 13-23.

e. RES 41-23 - Amending Master Fee Schedule – Water and Sewer Rates

Staff report provided by Public Works Director Roscoe Slade for Finance Director Erin Gwinn recommends amending the Master Fee Schedule – Water and Sewer Rates.

RESOLUTION 41-23

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

Councilmember Bloom moved to pass Resolution 41-23 amending the Master Fee Schedule – Water and Sewer Rates. Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. After a discussion of why rate increases and how to offset those costs, Council voted unanimously to pass Resolution 41-23.

f. RES 42-23 - Interlocal Agreement with City of Richland regarding Badger Mountain South Traffic Mitigation

Staff report provided by Public Works Director Roscoe Slade recommends approving the Badger Mountain South Traffic Mitigation agreement with the City of Richland.

RESOLUTION 42-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RICHLAND REGARDING BADGER MOUNTAIN SOUTH TRAFFIC MITIGATION

Councilmember Bloom moved to pass Resolution 42-23 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Richland regarding Badger Mountain South Traffic Mitigation. Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. After a brief discussion of mitigation to state highways, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 42-23.

g. RES 43-23 - Interlocal Agreement with City of Richland regarding Tapteal 1 Booster Pump Station Project.

Staff report provided by Public Work Director Roscoe Slade recommends approving the interlocal agreement with the City of Richland for the Tapteal 1 Booster Station Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RICHLAND REGARDING TAPTEAL 1 BOOSTER PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT

Councilmember Smart moved to pass Resolution 43-23, Interlocal Agreement with the City of Richland regarding the Tapteal 1 Booster Pump Station Project. Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 43-23.

h. RES 44-23 - Interlocal Agreement with City of Richland regarding 2008 Wholesale Water Agreement

Staff report provided by Director of Public Works Roscoe Slade recommends approving the interlocal agreement with the City of Richland, amending the 2008 Wholesale Water Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 WHOLESALE WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RICHLAND

Councilmember Smart moved to approve the motion to pass the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Richland regarding 2008 Wholesale Water. Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. After a brief discussion of costs and water usage, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 44-23.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments

Patty Hendon – Deer St. discussed what her parameters were for her list and pictures. Has spoken to city staff regarding the lack of code enforcement a year and a half ago and nothing was done. She is requesting a full-time Code Enforcement employee. Discussed the feral cat population. She stated she did not trespass to get the pictures.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

Staff Reports

Director of Community Development Eric Mendenhall discussed the survey. A workshop to go over the finding is scheduled for July 25, 2023.

Director of Public Works Roscoe Slade was appointed to the AWC local transportation work group to help come up with solutions and will work with the WSDOT to projects done. This appointment runs for a year from July.

Chief of Police Thomas Grego said his team would reach out the Patty Hendon to discuss her concerns.

City Clerk Stephanie Haug stated the next regular meeting scheduled for July 4, 2023, is canceled. The next regular meeting will be on July 18, 2023.

Council Reports

Councilmember Stoker asked about the survey and the percentage taken. Director Mendenhall said there were 600 surveys taken and will be brainstorming for the next one on how to get connected to more residents without social media.

Councilmember Bloom will not be able to attend the July 18th meeting and workshop. Walking audit with the Council of Governments with Roscoe Slade and Eric Mendenhall is worthwhile.

Councilmember Hays a big thank you to everyone who attended, sponsors, and spoke at the renaming of the senior center to the Bill Shane Senior Center. The next event is the opening of the Bill Shane food pantry. Streets Grosscup to 68th will be the area concentrated on. Seniors will be volunteering to hand out flyers about the pantry.


Mayor Gerry appreciates and thanked May and her group for all the hard work.

13. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

14. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 7:24 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk