

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022**

**1. Call to Order** – Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry  
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink  
Councilmember Richard Bloom  
Councilmember David Fetto  
Councilmember Kate Moran (4:13pm)  
Councilmember John Smart  
Councilmember Ken Stoker

Staff Present:

HR Manager Selena Smathers  
City Clerk Stephanie Haug

Consultants Present:

JoEllen Peters, Jolarr Management Consulting  
Larry Peters, Jolarr Management Consulting

Absent:

Councilmember May Hays

**2. Operating Protocol** –

Council continued their discussion on the decorum section of the Council Operating Protocol document. Councilmember Stoker expressed concern regarding the no lectures, speeches or grandstanding, and Council discussed how to clarify the meaning between Council Comments and Council Reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink suggested that Council adopt a rule that allows for each member to speak once on a topic, then allow for up to two rebuttals before the matter is voted upon. Councilmember Smart had concerns about prematurely calling for a vote. Council determined to add a "Council Deliberation" section that addresses this protocol.

City Clerk Haug, with HR Manager Smathers and Consultant JoEllen Peters are to draft the requested revisions and will bring back to City Council for adoption. Council is to submit their preferred changes to the Clerk before Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Stoker mentioned that Council should remember to apologize where the event occurred, so if it was in a public meeting, the apology should be given in a public meeting, not via email.

**3. Meeting Conclusion**- The meeting concluded at 5:19 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk