

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

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 Gail Brown

Councilmember Rich Buel

Councilmember David Fetto

Councilmember Kate Moran

Councilmember John Smart

Police Chief Ben Majetich

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

HR Manager Selena Smathers

Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

City Attorney Bronson Brown

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Upon the request of Mayor Gerry, Mayor Pro Tem Brink 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-

- a. Proclamation Presentation – Soroptimist International of Three Rivers Day- October 3, 2021
Clerk Haug, on behalf of Mayor Gerry, read a proclamation proclaiming October 3, 2021 to be Soroptimist International of Three Rivers Day. Cynthia Wagner accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Soroptimist International of Three Rivers Club.

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

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
b. Approve Minutes - Regular & Special Meetings on September 7th, 2021
c. Motion to execute Department of Corrections Master Agreement for Work Crew
d. **RES. 41-21-** Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 41-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 AS "CONSTITUTION WEEK"

- e. Motion to execute Copier Lease Agreement - Abadan

Upon motion by Councilmember Moran and a second by Councilmember Brown, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. Citizen Public Comments - There were no citizen comments.

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions And Public Hearings-

a. Retirement Investment Provider - ICMA to Empower

HR Manager Selena Smathers presented a staff report for a request from staff to change the current 401/457 investment company for the City employees from Mission Square (formerly ICMA) to Empower Retirement.

Councilmember Fetto moved to convert the management of City employee 401/457 retirement accounts from Mission Square Retirement to Empower Retirement. Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council unanimously voted to approve the motion.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business - There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments- There were no citizen comments.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Slade reminded Council that there will be a utility meeting following the Council meeting.

Community Development Director Mendenhall reported that the City received a permit application for a new development in front of GESA on Bombing Range. The development will include an urgent care type business, as well as a dog groomer. They hope to break ground this year.

Finance Director Gwinn informed Council that the State has completed their audit and the official report should be released soon. She was happy to report that the City has maintained its record of clean, successful audits.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Brown reported that she'd heard some additional concerns about the parks.

Councilmember Moran reported that BFCOG had also completed an audit, and that it was also clean, the first in several years for that entity.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink provided kudos to the Finance department, and also to Chief Majetich as the audit also reviewed evidence and passed with flying colors.

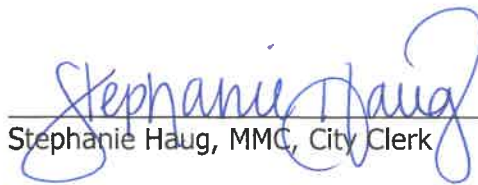
Councilmember Smart commented that he was pleased to see the Constitution Week Proclamation on the agenda, inquired if the City had developed an exit strategy from the emergency status, requested an update on the technology updates to the City Council Chambers to allow for hybrid meetings, and requested to have the ability to mute/unmute himself during the virtual meetings.

13. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

14. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk