

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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 Captain Thomas Grego

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

City Attorney Bronson Brown

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –

Upon the request of Mayor Gerry, Councilperson Brown 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**- There were no presentations.

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

a. Approve Minutes - Regular & Special Meetings on September 21st, 2021

b. Motion authorizing Mayor to execute PWTF Loan Contract for Well #2

c. **RES. 42-21** - Declaring Lot #5, ROS #5496 Surplus & Authorize direct sale to BREA

RESOLUTION NO. 42-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SURPLUS PROPERTY.

d. Motion authorizing Mayor to execute PSA for Lot #5, ROS #5496 with BREA

e. **RES. 43-21** - Amending Master Fee Schedule – Park Impact Fees

RESOLUTION NO. 43-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

f. **RES. 44-21** - Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Security & Improvement Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 44-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A SECURITY AND IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT.

g. Motion to approve Final Plat of Height at Red Mountain Phase 3

h. **RES. 45-21** - Amending Master Fee Schedule – Garbage Rates

RESOLUTION NO. 45-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

i. **ORD. 24-21** - Amending Appendix A of Ordinance 2-10 – Transportation Impact Fees

ORDINANCE NO. 24-21 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES, AMENDING APPENDIX "A" OF ORD 2-10 AND REPEALING ORD 34-20.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bloom and a second by Councilmember Buel, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

7. Citizen Public Comments -

- a. Lloyd Coughlin-** Commended the City Council on the return of racing at the Tri-City Raceway, but was concerned about the traffic plan, or lack thereof, and the ensuing traffic jam that delayed his children from getting to his house significantly. He suggested that a turn lane be extended to the racetrack entrance, and the addition of no parking signs on both sides of the street.

(Director Mendenhall reported that there were way more attendees than the organizers had planned for, and that there will be a lessons learned meeting in the near future to discuss these types of concerns.)

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions And Public Hearings-

- a. Public Hearing - 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments & Subsequent Rezones**

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall presented the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, including 4 map amendments and a text amendment.

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

Paul Knutzen spoke in favor of Amendment #2, changing Residential 40 to Commercial at Kennedy and Keene. This change will benefit his client, Tim Bush.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:29 p.m.

- b. ORD. 25-21 – 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

ORDINANCE NO. 25-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS INTO THE EXISTING 2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ADOPTING THE RESULTING DOCUMENT BY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Buel moved to approve Ordinance 25-21. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Council held a brief discussion, and then unanimously approved Ordinance 25-21.

- c. ORD. 26-21 – 2021 Rezones to Implement Comprehensive Plan**

ORDINANCE NO. 26-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO ZONE RECLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Councilmember Buel moved to approve Ordinance 26-21. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Council held a brief discussion, and then unanimously approved Ordinance 26-21.

- d. RES. 46-21 - Opposing Imposition of a Local Income Tax**

Finance Director Erin Gwinn presented a staff report to Council on the developments of case law regarding local income taxes, and other city's positions in opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL INCOME TAX ON THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND.

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 46-21. It was seconded by Councilmember Fetto. Council held a brief discussion, and then unanimously approved Resolution 46-21.

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. Council Reports

Councilmember Brown reported on information she had learned from AWC about GIS systems and their capabilities. She also inquired if Eric had heard from any businesses about how the weekend went with the races.

Councilmember Bloom commented that the race noise was quieter than he remembers. He reported that fares for riding the Transit buses would resume at the end of October, and the Transit's COVID money was running out at that time. He also notified Council that he will be unable to attend the Council meeting in the middle of November, as he will be gone.

Councilmember Moran reminded everyone that a permit is needed within West Richland for signs larger than 16 sq. feet, and that an owner signature is required on the permit application to put it on public property. She also informed attendees that the Noxious Weed Board and the Benton County Conservation District are both resources available for those looking to incorporate native plants into their landscaping.

Councilmember Buel thanked those that worked so hard to get the raceway operational, and commented that he understands the traffic concerns, but also mentioned how great it was to see cars out there again. He also thanked Councilmember Fetto, who has been covering for him on the Visit Tri-Cities Board of Directors during their Strategic Planning Retreat Process.

b. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Slade informed Council that the City was successful in obtaining a couple of grants, the first being the \$200k grant with a \$600k loan from CERB for Cooperative Way with Benton REA, plus the \$200k in RCCF funding from Benton County. The City also got an Ecology grant for storm water.

Mayor Gerry spoke to Council about staff involvement with events at the Red Mountain Event Center, and explained that it is no different than any other community event, such as Hogs and Dogs, in which city staff supports.

Community Development Director Mendenhall provided an update on the race event that occurred over the previous weekend, and stated that they will have a follow-up meeting soon, and he will have a better report after that meeting occurs. He also stated that he had addressed two noise complaints over the weekend, but had also used the decibel-meter around town to get accurate readings of just how loud the races were.

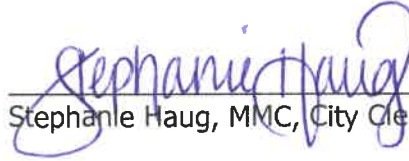
Councilwoman Moran stated she had heard some concerns about masking, and the lack of perceived COVID protocols.

Captain Grego echoed Mr. Mendenhall's comments about the successful race weekend, and stated that it was a great event with minimal complaints from the police perspective. He will take part in the traffic discussions to make improvements to their plan. Captain Grego also informed Council that as of October 1st, body cams were implemented in the police department. He thanked Clerk Haug for all of her work implementing the system. The Police Department will be participating in no shave October/November to benefit the United Way, and they have also donned pink patches in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Captain also mentioned that the partnerships between the community organizations and the City are incredibly important, and that events like National Night Out, Hogs & Dogs and the Veterans Day Parade would not take place without them.

- 13. Executive Session** – Council adjourned to a fifteen (15) minute executive session at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110-1(c) to consider the minimum price at which to items of real estate will be offered for sale, with real estate broker Rob Ellsworth. The session was extended 15 more minutes at 7:20 p.m. No action took place following the Executive Session.
- 14. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk