

CITY OF WEST RICHLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2023

1. Call to Order -

City Clerk Haug called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., as both Mayor Gerry and Mayor Pro Tem Brink were absent. Clerk Haug called for the selection of a Chair Pro Tem for the meeting.

Councilmember Stoker moved to select Councilmember Smart as the Chair Pro Tem for the meeting. It was seconded by Councilmember Fetto. The City Council unanimously approved the selection of Councilmember Smart as the Chair Pro Tem for the meeting.

2. Roll Call –

Present:

Councilmember Richard Bloom *(virtual)*

Councilmember David Fetto

Councilmember May Hays

Councilmember Kate Moran

Councilmember John Smart

Councilmember Ken Stoker

City Attorney Jessica Foltz

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

Police Commander Jared Kelly

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

Absent:

Mayor Brent Gerry

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink

Councilmember Fetto moved to excuse Mayor Gerry and Mayor Pro Tem Brink from the meeting. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. The City Council unanimously approved excusing Mayor Gerry and Mayor Pro Tem Brink from the meeting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance -

Councilmember Moran 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 Moran. The City Council unanimously approved the agenda.

5. Presentations- There were no presentations.

6. Consent Agenda – Councilmember Smart read the consent agenda titles for consideration:

a. Payment of Bills

b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting October 3, 2023

c. RES 67-23 – Relating to Surplus Equipment

RESOLUTION NO. 67-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

d. RES 68-23 - Waiving competitive bidding requirements – S. 38th Ave Water Main Break Emergency Repairs

RESOLUTION NO. 68-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER RCW 39.04.280(2)(B), WRITTEN FINDING OF EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

e. RES 69-23 - Auth. Mayor to execute Transportation Impact Fee Mitigation Agreement – Plat of Red Mountain Multi-Use Phase 1

RESOLUTION NO. 69-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE MITIGATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER / DEVELOPER OF LOT #11 OF THE PLAT OF RED MOUNTAIN MULTI-USE PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION.

- f. **RES 70-23 - Auth. mayor to execute ILA regarding aerial photography and orthophoto mapping with Benton Co.**

RESOLUTION NO. 70-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND ORTHOPHOTO MAPPING PROJECT WITH BENTON COUNTY.

- g. **RES 71-23 - Setting public hearing date to consider petition for a frontage improvement waiver – Van Giesen (SR 224) – Lot #1 of ROS #5323.**

RESOLUTION NO. 71-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A PETITION FOR A FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT WAIVER PER WRMC 12.04.060.

- h. **Motion auth. Mayor to execute amendment #1 to Engineering Services Contract with PBS – SR 224/Red Mountain Project**
- i. **Motion to authorize Mayor to execute Purchase & Sale Agreement Amendment – Benton REA**
- j. **Motion to approve Monsido supplement to CivicPlus contract (website).**
- k. **Motion auth. the Commerce Climate Planning grant application.**
- l. **Motion auth. Chief of Police to sign and ratify the ILA with WTSC for participation in the 2024 HVE 5124 Region 14 Target Zero Task Force Grant Project**
- m. **Motion Auth. the Law Enforcement Pursuit Technology grant application.**
- n. **Motion to amend lease agreement with Financial Consultants International, Inc. for police vehicle radios.**

Councilmember Moran moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

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

8. **Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions, and Public Hearings-**

- a. **Public Hearing - Roadway Frontage Improvement Waiver for Van Giesen(SR 224) /N. 58th Place – 5811 Van Giesen**

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report on the proposed frontage improvement waiver.

Councilmember Smart opened the public hearing @ 6:14 p.m.

There were no comments.

Councilmember Smart closed the public hearing @ 6:15 p.m.

- b. **RES. 72-23- Roadway Frontage Improvement Waiver for Van Giesen(SR 224)/ N. 58th Place – 5811 Van Giesen**

RESOLUTION NO. 72-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, GRANTING A FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT WAIVER FOR FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO VAN GIESEN (SR 224) AND N. 58th PLACE PER WRMC 12.04.060 FOR 5811 VAN GIESEN.

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution No. 72-23, granting a frontage improvement waiver for 5811 Van Giesen. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the Council unanimously approved 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 additional citizen comments.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall announced that the hearing for the cannabis retail sales text amendment was moved to November 7th due to the lack of a chair at the current meeting and that it will be just a public hearing, and no vote, on that date.

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade reported that the city has received lots of calls thanking the city for their work on quickly restoring S. 38th until it can be fully repaired next year. City staff will be monitoring the area, and the temporary repairs will hopefully last through the winter. He also reported that the final parts to complete the signal at Bombing Range Road and Keene Road should be on a truck from Texas, and it will take three days to install the parts once they arrive.

Council Reports

Councilmember Moran announced the upcoming BFCOG meeting, the West Richland Police Department's Haunted House on October 31st, and that voter guides have been sent out. She reminded everyone to make sure their voter registration is up to date.

Councilmember Bloom reported that Ben Franklin Transit is working on its service plan, which would revise Route 110 through West Richland. The proposed changes would mean more rapid service, at about every 30 minutes. He also reported that there is now a dedicated stop at the Veterans Center.

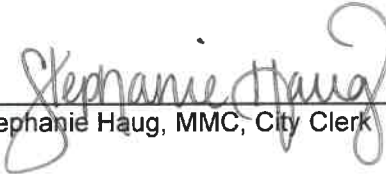
Councilmember Smart reminded everyone of the importance of voting and encouraged everyone to do their homework, to be informed of the issues and candidates, and to make their voices clear.

13. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

14. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 6:27 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk