

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

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 David Fetto

Councilmember May Hays

Councilmember Kate Moran

Councilmember John Smart

Councilmember Ken Stoker

City Attorney Bronson Brown

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

PW Admin Aimee Hunt

Police Chief Thomas Grego

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

3. Pledge of Allegiance –

Councilmember Moran led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda –

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Councilmember Stoker. Council approved the agenda as presented with Councilmembers Stoker and Smart voting nay.

5. Presentations- There were no presentations.

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

a. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting January 17, 2023, Workshop Meetings on January 24 & January 31, 2023

b. RES. 08-23 - Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign Interlocal 1406 with Benton County

RESOLUTION NO. 08-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BENTON, AND: THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, THE CITY OF PROSSER, THE CITY OF RICHLAND, AND THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, ADMINISTRATION, AND ALLOCATION OF THE COUNTY RETAINED PORTIONS OF THE AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SALES AND USE TAX, RCW 82.14.540 RELATED TO LOCAL HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PLANS AND PROGRAMS

c. RES. 09-23 - Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign Interlocal 2060 with Benton County

RESOLUTION NO. 09-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BENTON, AND: THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, THE CITY OF PROSSER, THE CITY OF RICHLAND, AND THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND; REGARDING ADMINISTERING FUNDS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL SURCHARGE, RCW 36.22.178.

d. RES. 10-23 - Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign Interlocal 2163 with Benton County

RESOLUTION NO. 10-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BENTON, AND: THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, THE CITY OF PROSSER, THE CITY OF RICHLAND, AND THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND; FOR PROVIDING FOR LOCAL HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PLANS AND PROGRAMS

e. ORD. 02-23 - Relating to Speed Limit on a Portion of Kennedy Road, Amending Sections 10.08.060(A) and 10.08.070(B) of the West Richland Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF KENNEDY ROAD, AMENDING SECTIONS 10.08.060(A) AND 10.08.070(8) OF THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.

- f. **Motion** authorizing Amendment #1 to Webcheck Utility and Lien Information Access Agreement
- g. **Motion** authorizing Mayor to execute Progressive Design Build Phase 2 Contract Amendment #2 – Chervenell Construction / Design West Architects

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. Council approved the consent agenda, with Councilmembers Stoker and Smart voting nay.

7. Citizen Public Comments –

Chris Masagatani- Jade Avenue – requested Council investigate adding a park in his neighborhood and to allocate more money towards parks. There is not one close to his neighborhood at this time, and with the growing population, there should be additional parks for them to use.

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Public Hearings

a. Public Hearing - Access Easement Vacation for VACA-006-2022

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Ordinance 03-23, which would vacate an easement located at 2900 Bombing Range Road, legal description Willamette Heights, Section 8, Lot 208 (Parcel No: 108983020208000). The easement sought to be vacated is the east 33 feet of Lot 208 of Section 8 of the Willamette Heights Plat.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:09 p.m.

b. ORD. 03-23 - Access Easement Vacation for VACA-006-2022

ORDINANCE NO. 03-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON VACATING A 33-FOOT-WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT LOCATED ON WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS SECTION 8 LOT 208, PARCEL NUMBER 1-0898-302-0208-000.

Councilmember Moran moved to approve Ordinance 03-23; Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. After a brief discussion about whether a roadway plan amendment was needed, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 03-23.

c. Public Hearing - Access Easement Vacation for VACA-006-2022

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 11-23, which would vacate an easement located at 2900 Bombing Range Road, legal description Willamette Heights, Section 8, Lot 208 (Parcel No: 108983020208000). The easement sought to be vacated is the east 33 feet of Lot 208 of Section 8 of the Willamette Heights Plat.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:13 p.m.

d. RES. 11-23 - Utility Easement Vacation for VACA-007-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 11-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, VACATING A PORTION OF A 33-FOOT-WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS SECTION 8, LOT 208, PARCEL NUMBER 1-0898-302-0208-000.

Councilmember Moran moved to approve Resolution 11-23; Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 11-23.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments –

Chris Masagatani- Jade Avenue – asked Council how the budget process works and if money had already been allocated to the parks (Mayor Gerry directed him to the city website and requested that he contact Community Development Director Mendenhall.)

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

Council Reports

Councilmember Moran reminded everyone to vote, as ballots are due next Tuesday, February 14th.

Councilmember Bloom reported he will attend the SWAC meeting to discuss the Solid Waste Plan and that the Moderate Waste Facility should be online this summer sometime. He also went on a tour of the Hanford facility, thanks to former Councilmember Buel.

Councilmember Smart attended a 2-day Hanford Advisory Board meeting. There was a presentation by the Department of Energy, and they asked for feedback from citizens. He asked if any citizens have concerns they'd like addressed, to please send them his way. He also expressed his concerns about the consent agenda approval process and expressed that if a councilperson wants to discuss an item, they should be allowed to do so.

Councilmember Stoker also spoke to the consent agenda procedure and concurred that Council should have an opportunity to speak their mind.

Mayor Gerry read Councilmember Smart's email request to Council and explained the situation and outcome to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink will be attending City Action Days next week, as well as the AWC Board Meeting. He also spoke regarding a recent article by the Tri-City Herald regarding "missing middle housing". He expressed his concerns with the State attempting to regulate housing requirements, which he feels should be addressed at the local level.

Council held a brief discussion on the procure for removing items from the consent agenda moving forward.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Mendenhall voiced his agreement with Mayor Pro Tem Brink's statement about retaining local control of housing guidelines. He also provided an update on the future 5 acre park development at the curve of Belmont, which has been planned for, but will be developed by the developer, so it will be on their timeline.

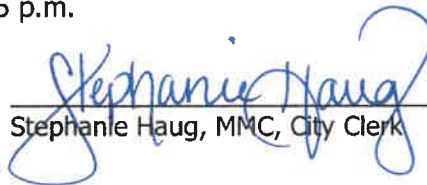
Mayor Gerry encouraged Council to look at the AWC site for items to watch for during the legislative session that could impact the City. He specifically identified SB 5059 (oppose), HB 584 (support), and HB 1363 (support).

13. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

14. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 6:45 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk