

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND  
 REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** –

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry	Police Captain Thomas Grego
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink	Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Councilmember Richard Bloom	Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
Councilmember David Fetto	Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Councilmember May Hays	City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Councilmember Ken Stoker	IT Systems Admin Brad Borton
Councilmember Kate Moran	City Attorney Bronson Brown
Councilmember John Smart	

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –  
 Councilmember Stoker 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 Smart. Council unanimously approved the agenda.*
5. **Presentations-**
  - a. **Matt Rasmussen, Benton County – Crisis Response**  
 Matt Rasmussen and Kyle Sullivan, both of Benton County, presented information to the City Council on current plans for mental health crisis response within the region, as well as touched briefly on the plans for developing a fairgrounds master plan.
6. **Consent Agenda** – Mayor Gerry read the consent agenda titles for consideration.

a. Payment of Bills

Description	Check Number(s)	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	70283-70523	\$1,759,482.67
Accounts Payable Voids	69811,70473, 70407-70424,70426-70440 &70442-70443	(\$756.17)
Electronic Wire Payments	APPKT01314,1315,1317,1318,1321,1323,1328,1330	\$181,099.93
Direct Deposit		\$340,387.32
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,280,213.75</b>

- b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on February 1, 2022
- c. **RES. 10-22-** Authorize Mayor to execute Inter-Local Agreement with Cities of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco for Regional Cyanobacteria Management Plan

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING REGIONAL ALGAL BLOOM MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE PLAN WITH CITIES OF RICHLAND, KENNEWICK AND PASCO.

*Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.*

7. **Citizen Public Comments** –  
 Gail Brown – Chelan Drive – Has concerns about the City’s decision to postpone the Arlington/Chelan water line project due to the rise in material cost and wants to know why that decision was made.
8. **Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Public Hearings-**
  - a. **Public Hearing - Frontage Improvement Waiver – 5826 Van Giesen**  
 Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 11-22, which would grant a Frontage Improvement Waiver to the property at 5826 Van Giesen in consideration of the pending SR 224/Van Giesen project planned in the upcoming years.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**b. RES. 11-22 - Granting Frontage Improvement Waiver – 5826 Van Giesen**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11- 22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, GRANTING A FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT WAIVER FOR FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO VAN GIESEN (SR 224) PER WRMC 12.04.060 FOR 5826 VAN GIESEN. (Benton County Parcels #1-3108-303-0002-026, #1-3108-303-0002-027, #1-3108-303-0002-030 & #1-3108-303-0003-018)**

*Councilmember Moran moved to approve Resolution 11-22. It was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brink. Council held a brief discussion, and then voted unanimously to approve Resolution 11-22.*

**c. ORD. 02-22 – 2021/2022 Biennial Budget Amendment**

Finance Director Erin Gwinn presented a staff report for Ordinance 02-22, amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget to reflect the added costs of improving lots at the Belmont Business District, recognizing revenue from the sale of surplus equipment and allocating it to the purchase of a truck mounted snow plow, and money for the Collins Road study and potential mitigation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-22**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Ordinance 02-22. It was seconded by Councilmember Fetto. Council held a brief discussion on the traffic study for Collins Road, and then voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 02-22.*

**9. Unfinished Business** – There was no unfinished business.

**10. New Business** – There was no new business.

**11. Citizen Public Comments** – There were no comments.

**12. Announcements, Reports & Comments**

**a. Staff Reports**

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade explained the reasoning behind postponing the Arlington/Chelan Waterline project. The City budgets approximately \$140k a year to replace water line, and this is estimated to now cost upwards of \$800k. Instead of piece-mealing the project, it was decided to look at adding it to the 2023/2024 budget.

Captain Tom Grego reported that they are settling into their new building, and thanked everyone for all their work to get there.

**b. Council Reports**

Councilmember Smart inquired about the impact of the algae bloom on the aquifer storage plans and if it can be treated out of the water. Mr. Slade indicated that it can be treated out, and that it won't get past Richland's water treatment plant. Mr. Smart also commented on the difficulty he had finding information for building permits on the new website and his concern with the wording regarding the right to enter property on the application itself.

Councilmember Moran reminded everyone that the irrigation canals will be filled/flushed in the next month and Columbia Irrigation estimates March 22<sup>nd</sup> for turn on day. She reported she had attended the BFCOG meeting the previous Friday, and that the Park Sub-Committee had had a productive parks sub-committee meeting

Councilmember Bloom informed Council he is no longer the BFT chair person, and that the Hanford Advisory Board is experiencing issues with DOE not approving memberships in a timely manner.

Councilmember Hays attended a Hanford Communities presentation and learned a lot of helpful information about Hanford. She also attended a Finance Committee Meeting, and was amazed with all the things the City staff is able to accomplish. The West Richland Chamber has partnered with the Red mountain Event Center to bring Speedfest 2022 to West Richland. This event will occur June 23-25<sup>th</sup> and will incorporate Cool Desert Nights and Hogs and Dogs.

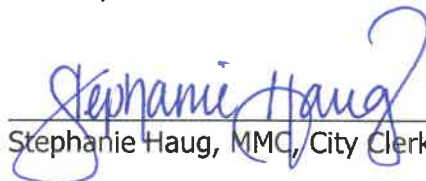
Councilmember Fetto reported that Richland School District will be closed tomorrow due to the mask vote that occurred at that evening's board meeting. He also indicated he may miss the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, as he is having surgery on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gerry elaborated on the school closure, with an initial understanding that there was a 3-2 vote to make masks optional, and it occurred in a special meeting where it wasn't listed as an agenda item.

**13. Executive Session** – There was no executive session.

**14. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
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Brent Gerry, Mayor

  
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Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk

