

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

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

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry	City Attorney Bronson Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink (virtual)	Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Councilmember Richard Bloom	Police Chief Thomas Grego
Councilmember David Fetto	Associate Planner Elisha Ransom
Councilmember May Hays	Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
Councilmember Kate Moran	City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Councilmember John Smart	
Councilmember Ken Stoker	

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** –  
 Councilmember Bloom led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Presentations**- Sara Schwan of the Mid-Columbia Library presented the MCL annual report. She was joined by West Richland Branch Manager Jason Bond.
5. **Approval of Agenda** –  
*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. Council unanimously approved the agenda.*
6. **Consent Agenda** – Mayor Gerry read the consent agenda titles for consideration.
  - a. **Payment of Bills**

Description	Check Number(s)	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	71297-71491	\$905,346.25
Accounts Payable Voids		\$0.00
Manual Payroll	16755-16757	\$3,953.51
Electronic Wire Payments	APPKT01606,1607,1608,1609,1611,1619,1624,1631,1632,1634,1636,1637,1638,1646,1647,1649,1666	\$685,788.83
Direct Deposit		\$347,626.14
LGIP, Merchant & Bank Fees		\$180.12
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,942,894.85</b>

- b. **Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting –June 21, 2022**
- c. **Motion to award 2022 Street Striping Project**
- d. **Motion to authorize BFCOG Federal STBG and TAP grant applications**
- e. **Motion to accept SR 224 Van Giesen Improvement Project – Phase 1 as complete.**
- f. **Motion to accept Paradise Way Phase 4 Project as complete**
- g. **Motion to authorize Mayor to execute professional services contract with Design West**  
*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.*
7. **Citizen Public Comments** –
  - Gary Gangle** – spoke in opposition of fireworks within the City
  - Colin Gill** – spoke in opposition of beekeeping in residential areas of the City

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

**a. ORD. 13-22 - 2021/2022 Biennial Budget Amendment**

Finance Director Erin Gwinn presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Ordinance 13-22, which would amend the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget to fund additional workspaces in the Municipal Services Building, as well as adjust for the added costs for the Cooperative Way project.

*Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Ordinance 13-22, Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 13-22.*

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

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

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

**12. Announcements, Reports & Comments**

**a. Staff Reports**

Chief Grego provided an update on the calls for service for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and a recap of the recent promotion ceremony held at the Police Department for Commanders Clark and Kelly, and Sergeants Ehr and Armitage.

Mayor Gerry asked Council their desire to have a future discussion on the City’s fireworks regulations. After voicing their concerns about current regulations, Council requested a future workshop to discuss the regulations.

**b. Council Reports**

Councilmember Bloom reported that yesterday was BFT’s new director’s first day and that they removed the sales tax initiative from the agenda. He also reminded the public of the ride free programs currently being offered to citizens.

Councilmember Moran reminded the public that ballots are due on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. She thanked those providing public comment for their comments. She attended the AWC Conference in Vancouver and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Brink. She also provided an update on BFCOG.

Councilmember Hays announced that the Benton REA annual meeting was a success and that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8pm at Flat Top Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink reported he was elected to the AWC Board during the Conference in Vancouver, and suggested that the public review their ballots and do their research on the EMS levy.

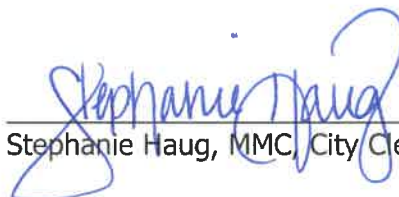
Councilmember Smart thanked those addressing the Council with their issues, reminding everyone that Social Media is not the appropriate way to voice your concerns. To communicate with Council, citizens should email the clerk to be distributed to the Council.

**13. Executive Session** – The previously scheduled executive sessions were no longer needed, so therefore was no executive session.

**14. Meeting Conclusion-** The meeting concluded at 7:24.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk