

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2022**

**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

Attorney Mike Rio

Finance Director Erin Gwinn

Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade

City Clerk Stephanie Haug

Police Chief Thomas Grego

**3. Pledge of Allegiance –**

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

**4. Approval of Agenda –**

*Councilmember Moran moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Smart. 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 Meeting –September 20, 2022 & Workshop- September 27, 2022

b. **RES. 53-22** - Setting public hearing date to consider a petition for a frontage improvement waiver – SR 224 – Lots 33 – 35, Western Ridge Phase 2.

c. **RES. 54-22** - Amending Master Fee Schedule for Park Impact Fees.

d. Motion to authorize Mayor to execute the 2023-2026 Jail Contract

e. **ORD. 20-22** - Amending Appendix "A" of Ordinance 2-10 Relating to Mitigation of Development Impacts on the City's Transportation System.

f. Motion to authorize Mayor to execute engineering services contract with PBS for SR 224 / Red Mountain Transportation Improvement Project.

g. Motion to authorize Mayor to execute amendment engineering services contract with JUB for Well #10 ASR Project.

h. Accept 2022 Street Striping Project as complete.

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

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

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

**a. Public Hearing - Frontage Improvement Waiver Request– Arena Road**

Item 8a was cancelled and removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

**b. ORD 18-22- Amending the Noise Ordinance to create exemptions for the event center**

Community development Director Eric Mendenhall presented a staff report, highlighting the changes requested by Council since the prior discussion. The ordinance now allows up to 5 racing events and 5 non-racing events that are exempt from the noise ordinance, as well as adds an event can be up to 4 consecutive days.

*Councilmember Stoker moved to approve the revised Ordinance 18-22 amending WRMC 9.38.030 establishing exemptions for the Red Mountain Event Center from the noise ordinance. It was seconded by Councilmember Fetto. Council held a lengthy discussion on the impacts of the ordinance and possible revisions. Council voted to adopt Ordinance 18-22, with Councilmembers Hays, Fetto, Brink, Stoker, and Bloom voting yea and Councilmembers Moran and Smart voting nay.*

**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**

**Staff Reports**

Community Development Director Mendenhall recapped the Fall Classic event at RMEC. He reported that it was a great event, with a large turnout.

Mayor Gerry stated that the event was estimated to bring over half a million dollars to our community, and that it attracted people all the way from Alabama.

Chief Grego updated Council on the department’s recruiting efforts, reminded Council that the Veterans Day parade is coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and thanked everyone for their support with Chief for a Day.

Public Works Director Slade provided Council an update on recent concerns regarding pedestrian crossings. The City needs to do an engineering analysis and asked citizens to send an email to staff instead of doing their own analysis. He also provided updates to the SR224 project, a meeting he and Eric attended in Pasco that discussed the state transportation budget, and an update on the water rights situation.

City Clerk Haug announced that the October 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting was cancelled, however, there would be a special meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Council Reports**

Councilmember Bloom provided an update on the Bateman Island Project and noted that the YBFW board would be reaching out to the City of Richland.

Councilmember Fetto reported on the RMEC Fall Classic, inviting those that had never attended before, as he hadn’t, to attend a race in the future. He gave kudos to FORMEC and the City for bringing such a thrilling event to our community. He also reported that he was inspired by the Chief for a Day videos the PD posted on their social media and thanked those involved.

Councilmember Moran will be participating in the Tri-Cities mobility Action Groups orientation, that is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm. This group, created through BFCOG, will be working on a smart growth assessment for the region, be putting on a complete street workshop and conducting a walkability audit in 2023.

Councilmember Hays provided a “shout out” to the Chief for the Chief for a Day event honoring Lana McDowell and noted it was uplifting and important for the community. She also gave a “shout out” to FORMEC for the event at RMEC. On October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a West Richland Community Care Foundation Open House from 4-6pm celebrating the Foundation’s 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also invited the City Council and Mayor to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, asking them to notify Stephanie so she can coordinate the cars. West Richland’s parade has been designated as a regional site for the last 15 years.

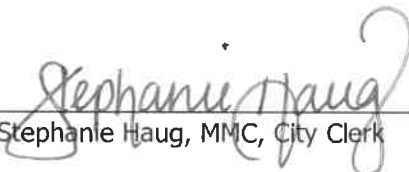
Mayor Pro Tem Brink attended the Mayor’s Exchange, hosted by AWC, in Richland at the Lodge. On September 21<sup>st</sup>, he provided AWC Director Deanna Dawson a tour of West Richland on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, he attended the AWC board meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, presented on behalf of Mayor Gerry at a Time of Remembrance on September 25, attended a Law & Justice Meeting regarding the Public Safety Sales Tax and a reception for elected officials at the REACH museum on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gerry reported that he had attended the ECA conference where they discussed recruitment challenges, promoting STEM/trades type education and challenges related to federal spending. The thanked those who worked to make Chief for a Day happen.

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

**14. Meeting Conclusion-** The meeting concluded at 7:00p.m.

  
Brent Gerry, Mayor

  
Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk