

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022**

1. Call to Order –

Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call –

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink
councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember May Hays
Councilmember Kate Moran
Councilmember Ken Stoker

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom
Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
HR Manager Selena Smathers
City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Police Chief Thomas Grego

Absent:

Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember John Smart (5:35pm)

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to excuse Councilmember Bloom. Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved excusing Councilmember Bloom.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **ORD. 21-22-** Creating a policy to modify the designated operating hours when needed.
- b. Motion to authorize the Police Chief to execute Lease Agreement for 6 vehicles
- c. Motion to authorize amendment #4 to Bombing Range & Keene Road Intersection Project's Engineering Services Contract

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

4. Citizen Public Comment - none

5. Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Public Hearings

a. Closed Record Hearing for PLAT-011-2022 Riesling Estates —Preliminary Plat

City Attorney Brown stated, "The purpose of this closed record hearing is for the City Council to consider the pertinent facts, applicable law and to make a final decision on the preliminary plat of Riesling Estates Preliminary Plat. The Appearance of Fairness Doctrine applies to this hearing. That document requires that this hearing be fair, in form, substance and appearance. The hearing must not only be fair, it also must appear to be fair. Therefore, at this time I would like to ask a few questions of the Council.

Has any member of the Council engaged in communication with opponents or proponents regarding this issue outside of the public hearing process? *There were none.*

Will any member of the Council obtain any financial benefit or suffer a financial loss as a result of the outcome of this hearing? *There were none.*

Is there any member of the Council who believes that he or she cannot hear and consider this application in a fair and objective manner? *There were none.*

Associate Planner Elisha Ransom presented the staff report.

b. Motion to approve — PLAT-011-2022 Riesling Estates —Preliminary Plat

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve Preliminary Plat No. PLAT-011-2022, Riesling Estates, based upon the listed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Conditions of Approval as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Stoker seconded the motion.

Council held a discussion on the length of the cul-de-sac and the number of entrances to the development.

Council unanimously approved the motion.

6. New Business

a. Mayor’s Proposed 2023/2024 Budget Presentation

Mayor Brent Gerry read his 2023/2024 Budget Message and then Finance Director Erin Gwinn provided Council with an explanation of the budget materials that they had been provided at the meeting. She requested that Council direct any questions to her and reported that there are two upcoming public hearings regarding the budget, one on November 1st and one on November 15th, after which Council can adopt the budget. Mayor Gerry also mentioned there would be a workshop on November 8th to discuss other revenue sources for the city.

Councilmember Smart arrives to the meeting. (5:35pm)

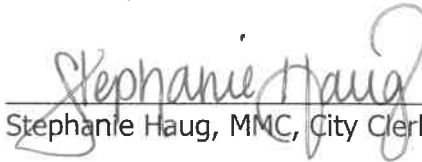
Councilmember Stoker thanked Mrs. Gwinn for the budget worksheet format, and indicated it was much clearer and easier to follow.

Mayor Gerry reported he will be gone from the November 1st meeting, as he will be in Vienna, Austria for ECA.

7. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 5:38 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk