

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 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	Police Chief Ben Majetich
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink	Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Councilmember Richard Bloom	Community Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Councilmember David Fetto	Associate Planner Elisha Ransom
Councilmember May Hays	Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
Councilmember Ken Stoker	HR Manager Selena Smathers
Councilmember Kate Moran	City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Councilmember John Smart	City Attorney Bronson Brown

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** –

Mayor Pro Tem Brink led the council, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 4. Approval of Agenda** –

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Bloom. Council unanimously approved the agenda.

- 5. Presentations**- Police Chief Ben Majetich introduced the public and City Council to the City's two newest officers, Officer Jared Haulk, who comes to West Richland from Walla Walla, and Jason Johnson, who previously worked in Louisiana.

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

- a. Payment of Bills**

- b. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting on April 5, 2022**

- c. RES. 23-22 - Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Security & Improvement Agreement**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A SECURITY AND IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT.

- d. Motion To Approve Final Plat of Height at Red Mountain Phase 4**

- e. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the One Washington Memorandum Of Understanding Between Washington Municipalities**

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Brink 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 - Vacating portion of Desert View Drive Road Rights-of-Way**

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Ordinance 06-22, which would vacate a portion of Desert View Drive (formerly Bernice Road).

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

There were no comments

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:18 p.m.

- b. ORD. 06-22 – Vacating portion of Desert View Drive Road Rights-of-Way**

ORDINANCE NO. 06-22 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND VACATING A PORTION OF THE DESERT VIEW DRIVE (FORMERLY BERNICE ROAD) ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ESTABLISHED BY THE PLAT OF HEMMINGER'S ACRES RECORDED IN VOLUME 3 OF PLATS AT PAGE 88, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NUMBER 220017, RECORDS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

Mayor Pro Tem Brink moved to adopt Ordinance 06-22 vacating a portion of Desert View Drive (formerly Bernice Road) Road Right-of-Way established by the Plat of Hemminger's Acres recorded in Volume 3 of Plats at Page 88, under Auditor's file number 220017, records of Benton County, Washington, be vacated and the road right-of-way so vacated is hereby surrendered and all right or title of the City of West Richland and the public in and to that portion of said road right-of-way so vacated shall and does hereby vest in the owners of the abutting property owners, all in the manner provided by law, described in Exhibit "A" as shown in Exhibit "B", containing 7,513 square feet, more or less conditioned on the City retaining a utility easement over the entire boundary of the road row to be vacated, described in Exhibit "C" as shown in Exhibit "D", containing 7,513 square feet, more or less and further conditioned on the owner(s) of Lot 11, Block 13, Plat of Hemminger's Acres dedicating Road Right-of-Way to the City of West Richland via the recording of a statutory warranty deed as described in Exhibit "E" as shown in Exhibit "F". Councilmember Bloom seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 06-22.

c. Public Hearing—Amendment to 2022-2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 24-22, amending the City's 2022-2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program adding the SR 224 Pathway Project.

Mayor Brent Gerry opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

There were no comments

Mayor Brent Gerry closed the hearing at 6:27 p.m.

d. RES. 24-22 - Amending 2022 – 2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2022-2027 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Councilmember Moran moved to approve Resolution 24-22, Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 24-22.

e. RES. 25-22-Amending the 2021/2022 Salary Schedule to Add Engineering Tech II & III

HR Manager Selena Smathers presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Resolution 25-22, which would amend the 2021-2022 Salary Schedule to add Engineering Tech II and III.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2021-2022 BIENNIUM

Councilmember Bloom moved to approve Resolution 25-22, Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 24-22.

f. Motion authorizing Mayor to execute WSDOT Participating Agreement for SR 224 / Red Mountain Transportation Improvement Project.

Public Works Director Roscoe Slade presented a staff report for the approval of the WSDOT Participating Agreement for SR 224 / Red Mountain Transportation Improvement Project, which would transfer the responsibility for the design, road right-of-way acquisition, environmental permitting, construction inspection and construction administrative tasks associated with the

\$26M SR 224 I Red Mountain Transportation Improvement Project to the City of West Richland.

Councilmember Bloom moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the WSDOT Participating Agreement for the SR 224 I Red Mountain, Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

g. ORD. 07-22- Amending the 2021/2022 Biennial Budget

Finance Director Erin Gwinn presented a staff report for the proposed adoption of Ordinance 07-22, which would amend the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget to add the engineering position for the SR 224

project.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-22 - 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 07-22, Councilmember Smart seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 07-22.

9. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business – There was no new business.

11. Citizen Public Comments –

Robert Norris – Tennessee Walker Lane – Congratulated Chief Majetich on his upcoming retirement and complimented the re-opening of the raceway. Had a question about vacating easements and locating where they are located, specifically on his property on Tennessee Walker.

Mayor Gerry responded that his question is administrative in nature, and that Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall will work with him.

12. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Community Development Director Mendenhall addressed Mr. Norris, indicating he can reach him at his desk on Wednesday morning, and they can set up a time to meet. He also provided his contact information.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Moran thanked Eric for his response on an email she had received on her personal email account. She reminded the public to please use the City email account so it is easier to track for records requests. She inquired about the tabled discussion about the change of the form of government, and indicated she hoped it would be discussed at the retreat. She mentioned that the previous retreat was on a Friday and the current retreat is scheduled for a Tuesday and she wasn't asked about her schedule as part of planning the retreat.

Mayor Gerry indicated that the retreat was scheduled around the Consultant's schedule and 30 days' notice was provided to Council.

Councilmember Moran indicated that not everyone on the Council retired and maybe the retreat could be held on a weekend. She also requested that the packets be changed into a searchable PDF.

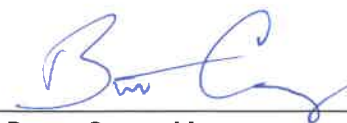
Councilmember Bloom reported that the transit is now mask-less and he is expecting information on the candidates for the new general manager soon.

Councilmember Stoker indicated he would be traveling the first two weeks of May and will be unavailable. He also reported that the link to his email on the website goes to former Councilmember Buel.

Mayor Gerry announced that there will be a Special Meeting on Monday, May 23rd, to swear in the City's new Police Chief after Chief Ben Majetich's retirement on May 20th. The new Chief will be Captain Thomas Grego.

13. Executive Session – The Council adjourned to an executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(c) - to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale, for 20 minutes, beginning at 7:34pm.

14. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk

