

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018**

- 1. Call to Order** – Mayor Brent Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Mayor Brent Gerry and Mayor Pro Tem Rich Buel were present. Council Members Richard Bloom, Fred Brink, Gail Brown, David Fetto, and John Smart were also present. Staff members present were Police Chief Ben Majetich, Community Development Director Aaron Lambert, Finance Director Jessica Platt, Public Works Director Roscoe Slade, City Attorney Bronson Brown and City Clerk Julie Richardson.

Upon motion by Councilmember Brink, seconded by Councilmember Bloom, Council unanimously excused Councilmember Ken Stoker from the meeting.

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilmember Brink led the council, staff, and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Approval of Agenda** – Mayor Gerry announced the addition of a presentation by Troy Bergland from Benton Rural Electric.

Upon motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Buel, Council unanimously approved the agenda as revised.

- 5. Presentations** – Troy Bergland, from Benton Rural Electric, presented the city with a capital credit check in the amount of \$7,318.70.
- 6. Consent Agenda** – Upon motion by Councilmember Brink, seconded by Councilmember Brown, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

a. Approve Payment of Bills

Description	Check Number(s)	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	63241-63393	\$939,801.21
Direct Deposits		\$251,244.67
Manual Payroll	16536-16542	\$4,778.86
Electronic Wire Payments	21.10.2018, 02.11.2018-22.11.2018	\$352,927.54
Accounts Receivable Write-off		\$3,940.30
Utility Account Write-off		\$3,000.65
		\$1,555,693.23

- b. Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of December 4, 2018 and Workshop of December 11, 2018**
- c. Authorize Reimbursement to Developer for Up-Sizing of Water Main – Belmont Heights Phase 4**
- d. RES - Transportation Impact Fee Mitigation Agreement – Plat of Belmont Heights & Repealing Resolutions 26-12 & 29-16.**

RESOLUTION 46-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE MITIGATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER / DEVELOPER OF THE PLAT OF BELMONT HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS 26-12 and 29-16

- e. Authorize Mayor to Execute TIB Arterial Preservation Program Grant Agreement**
- f. Authorize Engineering Services Contract for Flat Top Water & Sewer Modification Project**
- g. Approve Agreement with Elavon for Merchant Services**
- h. Approve Authorization and Agreement for Cash Management Services**
- i. RES - Authorizing Mayor to Sign the Bureau of Land Management "Application for Land for Recreation or Public Purposes"**

RESOLUTION 47-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT APPLICATION FOR LAND FOR RECREATION OR PUBLIC PURPOSES

7. **Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions, and Public Hearings – a. RES – Relating to Proposed New Police Facility and Providing for a Voted Bond Ballot Proposition for the April 23, 2019 Special Election and Approve Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel Services with Foster Pepper, LLC** - Chief Majetich presented a recommendation to approve a voted bond ballot proposition for a public vote on a bond for a new police facility scheduled for special election on April 23, 2019. Staff also recommends Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Engagement Letter for professional services with Foster Pepper, PLLC for bond council services. The resolution was presented for first reading and discussion during the December 4, 2018 City Council meeting and is presented during this meeting for action.

Responding to inquiries regarding possible land acquisition from Bureau of Land Management and how that will affect the bond amount, Chief Majetich responded that the city would propose leasing the land with the option to buy. Also, more land is needed so the city would want to purchase adjacent private property.

Councilmember Smart still has concerns about the scope of the project but supports having the public decide. He also is concerned about the cost of the special election and asked about adding it to another special election to save costs.

Chief Majetich responded that timing is very important and he did not want to conflict with the Richland School District or Benton County Fire District #4. If the bond ballot is successful, the city can use the bond funds for the special election costs.

RESOLUTION 48-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2019, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ISSUE ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING LAND, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW POLICE FACILITY, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NO MORE THAN \$12,465,000 PAYABLE BY ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES TO BE MADE IN EXCESS OF REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVIES, AND TO LEVY THOSE EXCESS PROPERTY TAXES

Councilmember Brink moved to approve resolution 47-18 relating to the proposed new police facility and providing for a ballot proposition for the April 23, 2019 special election and to approve the engagement letter for bond counsel services with Foster Pepper, LLC for the police facility bond, seconded by Councilmember Bloom. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **ORD – Amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget and RES - Amending Resolution 7-18, Interfund Loan from Water/Sewer Fund 401 to Transportation Improvement Fund 355** – Finance Director Platt presented a recommendation to approve an ordinance modifying the budget to reflect changes in the spending plans of the City, and a resolution amending Resolution 7-18 to increase the interfund loan from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to cash flow transportation projects supported by grants and local agency funds which are received on a reimbursement bases. The interfund loan will be immediately repaid once grant funds are received.

ORDINANCE 35-18 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

RESOLUTION 49-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION 7-18

Councilmember Brink moved to pass Ordinance 35-18 amending the City of West Richland 2017-2018 biennial budget and Resolution 49-18 amending Resolution 7-18, an interfund loan from the Water/Sewer Fund 401 to the Transportation Improvement Fund 355, seconded by Councilmember Fetto. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Unfinished Business** – There was no unfinished business.
9. **New Business** – There was no new business.

10. Citizens Public Comment – There were none.

11. Announcements, Reports & Comments

a. Staff Reports

Chief Majetich reported on the murder that occurred in the city on December 9th and said it was an isolated incident. He is unhappy with how the media sensationalized it with no regard for the family members. He is very proud of how the West Richland Police Department and other agencies handled everything.

Community Development Director Lambert said he is recruiting for Planning Commissioners.

b. Council Reports

Councilmember Smart received a comment from a neighbor commending the Public Works Department on the Collins Road project.


Councilmember Bloom reported on Ben Franklin Transit and said they hope to have limited service to Finley the first week of January. He also said the governor is proposing \$1 million to save the orcas. This will result in grant funding for the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board. They will be looking for organizations who have projects that need funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Buel attended the final 2018 meeting of Visit Tri-Cities, during which new bylaws were passed.


Mayor Gerry said City Clerk Richardson will be sending out City Council liaison and committee assignments that need updating. He asked Council Members to send their preferences to him or City Clerk Richardson.

12. Executive Session – There was no executive session.

13. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Julie Richardson, City Clerk