CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL
Workshop
August 13, 2024

City Council Present – In Person:

Gretl Crawford, *Mayor*
Chuck Torelli, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Loren Anderson, *Councilmember*
Brad Beauchamp, *Councilmember*
Jason McShane, *Councilmember*
Jim Millbauer, *Councilmember*
John Trumbo, *Councilmember*

City Staff Present:

Dan Legard, *Acting City Manager*
Cary Roe, *Deputy City Manager*
Anthony Muai, *Planning Director*
Christina Palmer, *Mgmt Svcs Director*
Laurencio Sanguino, *Assistant City Attorney*
Chris Guerrero, *Police Chief*
Chad Michael, *Fire Chief*
Nick Farline, *Parks Director*
Chad Crouch, *Human Resources Director*
John Cowling, *Public Works Director*
Michael Heffner, *Deputy Fire Chief*
Robert Ball, *Deputy Fire Chief*
Isaac Merkl, *Police Commander*
Haley Pink, Recreation Supervisor
Krystal Townsend, *City Clerk*
Dana Dollarhyde, *Lead Communications Specialist/Executive Assistant*

1. **CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

2. **UPDATE: BENTON PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (PUD).** Mr. Legard spoke to the importance of the partnership between the City of Kennewick and Benton PUD and introduced Rick Dunn, General Manager of Benton PUD. Mr. Dunn provided an insightful, detailed presentation addressing the status of energy production, consumption, and concerns. Mr. Dunn responded to Council questions. **No final disposition of this matter taken.**

3. **WATER FOLLIES AFTER ACTION REPORT.** Mr. Farline introduced panelists Nick Craighill, Hector Cruz and Barb Keltch from Water Follies, together with Haley Pink, Chief Guerrero and Chief Michael. The panelists spoke to the preparation, staffing, resources, attendance, concerns, and success of this year's Water Follies event. Council asked clarifying questions. **No final disposition of this matter taken.**

4. **LETTER OF SUPPORT: SALVATION ARMY PROPOSED TRI-CITIES SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY CENTER.** Chief Heffner presented information regarding an opportunity to positively impact the expansion of services to the community via an expanded Tri-Cities Salvation Army Community Center. Chief Heffner described the project's goals and scope and explained a letter of support has been drafted on behalf of the Council. Chief Heffner further explained this letter of support aligns with Council's stated goals and unless there was objection, the letter would be signed by the Mayor and sent along before the August 15 deadline. Several Councilmembers spoke in favor of the letter/project; none spoke in opposition. **No vote taken; a consensus was reached and the letter will be sent.**

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(C) - TO CONSIDER THE MINIMUM PRICE OF REAL ESTATE OFFERED FOR SALE OR LEASE.** In open session, at 7:54, p.m., Mayor Crawford announced Council would adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), until 8:04 p.m.

   Just before 8:05, p.m. Mayor Crawford returned to Chambers and announced the Executive Session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c), would extend until 8:12 p.m.

   At 8:12 p.m., Mayor Crawford and Councilmembers returned to Chambers.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Krystal Townsend

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City Clerk

At the time of publishing these minutes, the City Council meeting recording is available at:
http://kennewickwa.v3.swagit.com/videos/312358