

**CITY OF KENNEWICK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2024**

City Council Present – In Person:

Gretl Crawford, <i>Mayor</i>	Jason McShane, <i>Councilmember</i>
Chuck Torelli, <i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>	Jim Millbauer, <i>Councilmember</i>
Loren Anderson, <i>Councilmember</i>	Brad Beauchamp, <i>Councilmember</i>

City Staff Present:

Erin Erdman, <i>City Manager</i>	Dan Legard, <i>Finance Director</i>
Steve Donovan, <i>Planning Manager</i>	Brandi Ralston, <i>Deputy City Clerk</i>
Christina Palmer, <i>Mgmt Svcs Director</i>	Dana Dollarhyde, <i>Lead Communications Specialist/Executive Assistant</i>
Lisa Beaton, <i>City Attorney</i>	
Cary Roe, <i>Public Works Director</i>	
Isaac Merkl, <i>Police Commander</i>	
Chad Michael, <i>Fire Chief</i>	
Nick Farline, <i>Parks & Planning Director</i>	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Beauchamp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: City Manager Award of Excellence: Roman Trujillo (Police).

City Manager Erdman recognized Roman Trujillo for his significant contributions to the community in 2023 and 2024. Officer Trujillo expressed appreciation for his time at KPD then also sharing his appreciation for his fellow KPD colleagues.

Recognition: City Manager Award of Excellence: Haley Pink (Parks & Recreation).

City Manager Erdman recognized Haley Pink for her significant contributions to the community in 2023 and 2024. Ms. Pink expressed appreciation for her role at the City of Kennewick and for being recognized.

Recognition: City Manager Award of Excellence: Tracy Troutman (Management Services).

City Manager Erdman recognized Tracy Troutman for her significant contributions to the community in 2023 and 2024. Ms. Troutman expressed her appreciation to the Kennewick Police Department and their partner agencies for the experience to work with them.

Recognition: Lifesaving Award Recipient Tim Hazen (Public Works).

City Manager Erdman recognized Tim Hazen for providing imperative emergency care to Richard Sexton. Richard Sexton, Kennewick thanked Mr Hazen for his actions. Mr Hazen spoke to the situation, the training he received and his appreciation that Mr Sexton has recovered.

2. VISITORS

Dara Foster, Kennewick, spoke in favor of reinstating the fireworks ban in the City of Kennewick. Ms. Foster also mentioned a spot of graffiti.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Meeting Minutes: July 2, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024, City Council regular meeting as presented.
- b. **Meeting Minutes: July 9, 2024, City Council Workshop Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, City Council workshop meeting as presented.
- c. **Claims Roster: June 2024**
Motion to approve the Claims Roster for June 2024 in the amount of \$8,009,492.66, comprised of electronic payments and check numbers 315103-315517.
- d. **Claim Roster: Toyota Center Operations and Box Office Accounts**
Motion to approve the Claims Rosters for the Toyota Center Operations and Box Office Accounts for May 2024 in the amount of \$129,279.09 comprised of check numbers 27339-27410 in the amount of \$113,506.90 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$15,772.19.
- e. **Payroll Roster: For the Pay Period Ending 06/30/2024**
Motion to approve the Payroll Roster for the pay period ending 06/30/2024.
- f. **Final Plat: Shade Tree Subdivision, Phase 1**
Motion to authorize the Mayor (or in her absence the Mayor Pro Tem) to sign the final plat of Shade Tree Subdivision Phase 1, contingent upon completion of outstanding Public Works and Planning requirements.
- g. **Contract: 2023 BST Seal Coat Project**
Motion to increase the authorized contract amount from \$646,066.47 to \$674,047.76 and accept the work of Tommer Construction for contract P2305, 2023 BST Seal Coat, in the amount of \$672,047.76.
- h. **Contract: Pedestrian Crossing Safety Project**
Motion to accept the work of Ellison Earthworks LLC for contract P2111, Pedestrian Crossing safety Project, in the amount of \$776,922.35.
- i. **Resolution: Authorized Signatories**
Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Dan Legard, Jessica Platt, and Rick Stoddard as signatories for executing financial transactions for the City of Kennewick.
- j. **Contract: Interlocal Cooperative Project Agreement with Benton PUD for the P2011 Quinault/Columbia Center Blvd. Intersection Project**
Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Benton PUD for the Quinault and Columbia Center Blvd. Intersection Improvement Project.

MOTION:	Councilmember Millbauer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Anderson
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

5. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

a. Resolution 24-11: Three Rivers Convention Center Expansion Reimbursement

Dan Legard, Finance Director, provided a staff report. There were no questions.

MOTION:	Councilmember Millbauer moved to adopt the resolution as presented.
SECOND:	Councilmember Anderson
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

6. PUBLIC HEARING: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Crawford stated Councilmember Trumbo attempted to connect via the virtual platform on several instances throughout the meeting. Due to technology issues, he was unable to establish a reliable connection. Mayor Crawford invited a motion to excuse his absence.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Trumbo.
SECOND:	Councilmember Anderson
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

a. Update: July 4 Fire & Police Activity

Erin Erdman, City Manager, provided a staff report on the police and fire activity over the July 4th holiday weekend. Ms. Erdman, Ms. Beaton, Commander Merkl, Chief Michael and Mr. Legard responded to Council questions and provided clarifying information.

Council then provided comment to the pros and cons of the City of Kennewick ordinance allowing fireworks in the City of Kennewick and the possibility of potentially amending the ordinance.

MOTION:	Mayor Pro Tem Torelli moved to evaluate changing the fireworks code.
SECOND:	Councilmember Millbauer
DISCUSSION:	None.
VOTE:	The motion failed (2-4). Councilmembers McShane, Beauchamp, Anderson, Mayor Crawford dissent.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. VISITORS:

Uby Creek, Kennewick, spoke to fire works in the City of Kennewick and thanked the Kennewick Fire Department and Kennewick Police Department for their service. Ms. Creek further thanked Ms. Erdman and Councilmembers for attending the diversity meeting and encouraged the City to provide diversity training. Last, Ms. Creek submitted written handouts which were later incorporated into the council materials.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Councilmembers and Ms. Erdman reported on their respective activities, upcoming events, and items of concern.

Mayor Crawford noted that the next regular council meeting is August 20. The August 6, 2024, meeting has been canceled to allow City Council and staff to attend the National Night Out celebration.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Crawford concluded the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brandi Ralston", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brandi Ralston, CPRO
Deputy City Clerk

At the time of publishing these minutes, the City Council meeting recording is available at:
<https://kennewickwa.new.swagit.com/videos/310441>