

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER



Mayor Barrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Conrado Cavazos, Jr., Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Mary Lou Jenkins, Shane Laib, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent:None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabil Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Public Library Director Beth Hudson, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Assistant Development Services Director Brian Walker, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Jon Maland, Principal Planner, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Laib led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Presentation to Kaileb Crewse in recognition of his "Little Free Library."

Mayor Barrow presented a certificate to Kaileb Crewse in recognition of his establishment of his "Little Free Library" and commended his efforts to promote his love of reading. Kaileb recognized the efforts of his mother and other family members in helping establish his "Little Free Library." Council commented on the benefit of this offering to the neighborhood.

B. Proclamation declaring the week of April 8 through April 14, 2012 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators" week in Walla Walla.

Mayor Barrow read and presented the proclamation declaring the week of April 8 through April 14, 2012 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators" week in Walla Walla to Police Chief Bieber. Chief Bieber thanked the City Council for the recognition and recognized our dispatchers as the unsung professionals and heroes in emergency situations.

C. Awards and presentations for Arbor Day 2012 in Walla Walla.

Mayor Barrow reported Arbor Day was celebrated at Berney School with a tree planting ceremony and read the proclamation declaring April 11, 2012 as "Arbor Day" in Walla Walla. Mayor Barrow presented the proclamation to John Christy, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board. Mr. Christy thanked the City Council for the proclamation and recognized Councilmember Plucker, Council liaison to the Board, and Chris Blackman, Board member. Mr. Christy extended an invitation to the tree planting event on April 14 at Berney Elementary School and introduced Brian Cramer, member of the Washington Community Forestry Council.

Mr. Cramer presented the City with its 18th "Tree City USA" award, described the standards met in attaining this award, and commented on the importance of growing and maintaining the urban forest. Mr. Cramer indicated he was very impressed with the size and preservation of trees in Walla Walla. Mayor Barrow thanked Mr. Cramer for the recognition.

Mayor Barrow announced the City annually nominates local organizations, individuals, or businesses in the community for the City's Arbor Day award. This award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the health and growth of our urban forest. The 2011 City Arbor Day Award is presented to the Walla Walla Public School District for hosting the annual Arbor Day tree planting and educational program for more than 10 years and for planting canopy trees on public school grounds. Mayor Barrow presented the Arbor Day award to Mick Miller, Walla Walla Public School District Superintendent. Mr. Miller thanked the City Council for the award and commented on the value of the partnership between the School District and the City.

Mayor Barrow extended thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department, the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board, the Washington Community Forestry Council, and the Walla Walla Public School District. There was brief discussion on how many other Washington cities have attained their 18th consecutive Tree City USA Award.

Mayor Barrow invited public comments on any item not on the agenda. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through H, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Washington Vintners, 511 N. Second Avenue.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application for added privilege for Walla Walla Harvest Foods, 905 S. 2nd Avenue.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application in lieu of current privilege for Escalante Spirits, 935 N. 9th Avenue.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application for added privilege for Rite Aid, 2028 E. Isaacs Avenue.
- E. Resolution No. 2012-28 authorizing the purchase of a mower and a utility vehicle, declaring property surplus, and taking other action in connection therewith.
- F. Resolution No. 2012-29 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., to execute amendments, modifications, and change orders thereto, and taking such further action needed therewith. (Edith and Carrie IRRP project construction management)
- G. Approval of minutes of the Special Work Session held March 19, 2012.
- H. Approval of minutes of the Special Work Session held March 28, 2012.

Council asked that Item H be amended to correctly reflect Jim Barrow as Mayor instead of Mayor Clark.

Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through H with the amendment to Item H as noted. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5.ACTIVE AGENDA

A.Resolution No. 2012-25 authorizing the purchase of two police vehicles from Bud Clary Auto Dealerships of Longview, Washington for \$50,821.60.

City Manager Shawa reported Police Chief Bieber has reviewed this proposed purchase and determined the appropriateness of the vehicles for the department. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Barrow invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

Councilmember Laib moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-25. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B.Public Hearing: Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant closeout.

City Manager Shawa reported the grant requires a public hearing be held so the project can be closed out. This was grant funding received by the City and passed through to the Walla Walla Housing Authority. The grant funds were used for the purchase and rehabilitation of two foreclosed properties. These properties are currently used as housing for homeless veterans.

Renee Rooker, Executive Director of the Walla Walla Housing Authority, thanked the City for the opportunity to partnership in this grant program. The Housing Authority purchased two foreclosed houses and converted the properties into housing for ten homeless veterans. This was a very successful program.

Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing open at 7:35 p.m. There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Council expressed their appreciation to the Walla Walla Housing Authority for their work and taking two vacant, foreclosed properties and turning them into homes for veterans.

No action was taken.

C.Public Hearing: Vacation petition of a north/south alley right-of-way between Jefferson and Burns Streets. (VAC-11-0002)

Principal Planner Maland reported a petition for the vacation of the north/south alley right-of-way between Jefferson and Burns Streets had been received on December 12, 2011. This petition was reviewed by the Site Plan Review Committee and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing open at 7:39 p.m. There being no public testimony, Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Laib moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to proceed with the vacation process after the petitioner obtains an appraisal and remits to the City one-half of the appraised value of the property. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D.Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 2012-08 adopting interim amendments to Title 20 of the Municipal Code regarding land use and related matters.

City Attorney Donaldson reported part of the requirements under the growth management act is to review the comprehensive plan and development

regulations. The Department of Commerce considers the City to be compliant with the comprehensive plan requirements and critical areas ordinance but non-compliant with the requirement to adopt development regulations that are consistent with and implement the updated comprehensive plan. The City must be in compliance with the growth management act to apply for a public works trust fund loan. The proposed interim zoning ordinance will bring the City back into compliance with growth management act requirements pending adoption of permanent amendments to the City's subdivision and zoning codes. Staff has requested an expedited review and will bring forth a final ordinance for Council consideration on April 25. Staff recommends the City Council conduct the public hearing and approve the revised interim zoning ordinance.

Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing open at 7:45 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-08. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2012.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2012. Councilmember Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Laib and Plucker.

F. Approval of the accounts payable register dated March 31, 2012 containing check numbers 171251 through 171701, and check numbers 990496 and 990497 totaling \$2,149,735.55.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the accounts payable register dated March 31, 2012 containing check numbers 171251 through 171701, and check numbers 990496 and 990497 totaling \$2,149,735.55 with the exception of the checks

to Jerry Cummins and Shane Laib. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins and Shane Laib. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Cummins and Laib.

6.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the retirement celebration for Police Chief Fulton held March 30; the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting held April 6; and the special Work Session held April 11.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held April 3; a tour of Commitment to Community projects held April 6; the Work Session held April 9; the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held April 11; and the special Work Session held April 11.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the retirement celebration for Police Chief Fulton held March 30; the Finance Committee meeting held April 2; the Work Session held April 9; and the special Work Session held April 11.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held April 2; the Water Partnership Board meeting held April 3; the Finance Committee meeting held April 4; the Work Session held April 9; and the special Work Session held April 11.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the library "working group" meeting held April 2; the Sustainability Committee meeting held April 3; the Finance Committee meeting held April 4; the Work Session held April 9; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held April 10; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 10; the Arbor Day celebration held April 11 at Berney School; and the special Work Session held April 11.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the retirement celebration for Police Chief Fulton held March 30; and the special Work Session held April 11.

Mayor Barrow reported attendance at the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting held April 6; the Work Session held April 9; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 10; the Arbor Day celebration held April 11 at Berney School; and the special Work Session held April 11.

7.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Laib asked staff to perform a review of street lights for lights that are not working or still on during daylight hours.

Councilmember Cummins asked for a recap of the legislative issues affecting the City. City Manager Shawa reported the Association of Washington Cities is reviewing the impact of the State legislatures final budget on cities. The State legislature suspended liquor excise tax payments to cities. The impact to the City of Walla Walla is the loss of \$80,000 for 2012 and 2013. There will be a slight increase in liquor board profits for public safety which will be distributed based on 2011 revenues and will be spread statewide based on population. A report from the Association of Washington Cities on other impacts will be forthcoming.

Mayor Barrow invited Council participation in the "Every 15 Minutes" presentation at Walla Walla High School on April 13.

There was discussion on registering Councilmembers for attendance at the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference. Councilmembers are asked to confirm their attendance with Carol Pritcher.

Councilmember Cavazos asked for consideration of installation of a bus shelter at the Center at the Park Senior Center. Council representatives on the Valley Transit Board made note of the request.

City Manager Shawa reminded the City Council that training is scheduled for April 16 at 4:00 p.m. on use of Ipads and the paperless agenda packet system.

Mayor Barrow acknowledged the efforts of staff and the Historic Preservation Commission for the Sesquicentennial trolley track commemorative keepsake. City Manager Shawa reported these pieces were produced at a cost of \$10 per keepsake.

8.ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further business, Councilmember Laib moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.
Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**