

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER



Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Mary Lou Jenkins, Chris Plucker and Mayor Pro Tem Conrado Cavazos, Jr.

Absent: Councilmember Shane Laib and Mayor Jim Barrow.

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos 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 D, as follows:

A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Brady Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue.

B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Midsummer Musical Retreat, Baker Faculty Center on July 31 through August 3.

C. Resolution No. 2012-42 authorizing the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of certain surplus property (vehicles).

D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 9, 2012.

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

Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through D. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2012-43 adopting the City of Walla Walla statement of its vision, mission and values.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported this will be the first time a mission and vision has been adopted for the City, in addition to updating the values, principles and philosophies previously adopted by the City Council. This mission, vision, and values statement will be used for strategic planning and budgeting.

Councilmember Clark reported the Sustainability Committee had expressed concerns with the substitution of the word "stewardship" for "sustainability." The definition of "sustainability" contains a value for future generations which is missing from the definition of "stewardship."

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos invited public input.

Sandra Cannon, 803 Valencia, Walla Walla, representing the Sustainability Committee, requested the word "stewardship" be changed to "sustainability" for consistency with previous decisions of the City Council such as formation of the Sustainability Committee. The word is also imbedded throughout the City's comprehensive plan. There are specific components of the definition that are missing from the word "stewardship." The Sustainability Committee feels the word "sustainability" should be included in the City's mission, vision, and values.

There was discussion on:

- Whether the views expressed by Ms. Cannon are those of the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Cannon indicated the Sustainability Committee voted in support of including the word "sustainability" in the values.
- Definition of "sustainability" used by the Sustainability Committee is "We manage and balance our economic, environmental, and social resources to meet today's needs without compromising the needs or the ability of future generations to meet their needs." Sustainability is a three-legged stool balancing economics, social equity, and ecology.
- A group of approximately twenty-five City employees recommended changing the word "sustainability" to "stewardship" because they unanimously felt that stewardship was a current value held by employees while sustainability had a

- more negative connotation and was a “buzz” word rather than a value.
- Council felt it was important to engage in some sort of dialog with the employees regarding supporting the use of the word “sustainability” as a value rather than “stewardship” in order to move forward in unanimity.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-43. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion.

Councilmember Clark moved to amend the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-43 by replacing the word “stewardship” in the values with the word “sustainability” and changing the definition to “We manage and balance our economic, environmental, and social resources to meet today’s needs without compromising the needs or the ability of future generations to meet their needs.” Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion.

There was discussion on tabling the motions to allow an opportunity to obtain feedback from the employees with involvement from the Sustainability Committee.

Councilmember Clark moved to table Resolution No. 2012-43 to the June 13, 2012 City Council meeting with the intent of continuing discussion with employees and staff about the change from sustainability to stewardship and the values that are embodied in each one. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Center at the Park Senior Citizens spaghetti dinner held May 11; the Work Session held May 14; and the special joint meeting with the City of College Place held May 14.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 14; the Work Session held May 14; the special joint meeting with the City of College Place held May 14; the VA Medical Center Task Force meeting held May 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 17; the Benton-Franklin Regional Council of Governments meeting held May 18; and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting held May 21.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at a tour of Commitment to Community neighborhoods held May 10; the Work Session held May 14; the special joint meeting with the City of College Place held May 14; and the Public Library Board of Trustees meeting held May 16.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Work Session held May 14; the special joint meeting with the City of College Place held May 14; the VA Medical Center Task Force meeting held May 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 17; and a dinner with a delegation from Tongling, Anhui Province, China. The representatives from Tongling are interested in a friendship relationship with the City of Walla Walla and presented the City with a plaque as a gesture of this friendship.

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos had no meetings to report.

7.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Cummins asked when the software acquisition proposed by the Joint Community Development Agency will be brought before the City Council for consideration. Deputy City Manager McCarty reported that City Manager Shawa has been handling this issue and is looking into how it will fit in the budget next year.

Councilmember Cummins moved to excuse the absences of Councilmember Laib and Mayor Barrow. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported:

- There are tentative plans for representatives of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs to be in Walla Walla the week of June 11. The State Veterans Home to be constructed at the VA Medical Center will be a State project and permitting will be done through the Joint Community Development Agency.
- A return delegation from Liaoyuan, Jilin Province, China, is visiting to film at the VA Medical Center and Fort Walla Walla Park. General Wainwright was the highest ranking prisoner held in the prisoner of war camp in Liaoyuan by the Japanese during the war.

8.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The City Council was presented with a demonstration of the new ladder truck by the Fire Department at the conclusion of the meeting.