

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 13, 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, Shane Laib, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent: Councilmember Mary Lou Jenkins.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabil Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Public Library Director Beth Hudson, Human Resource Manager Jennifer Seekamp, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Engineer Doug Eaton, Engineer Monte Puymon, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barrow read and presented the proclamation declaring June 17, 2012 as "Diversity Day in Walla Walla" to Stephen Rubin. Dr. Rubin thanked the City Council for the proclamation and issued an invitation to attend the Diversity Day celebration on June 17 at Pioneer Park.

4.PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

5.CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Annual renewal of fifteen licenses:

1. Apex Food, 410 Alder Street.
2. Foundry Vineyard, 1111 Abadie.
3. Walla Walla Sweets, Borleske Stadium, 409 E. Rees.
4. Amaurice Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue #L.
5. Rasa Vineyards, 1102 Dell Avenue #I.
6. Tulpen Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue #F.
7. Foundry Vineyards, 405 N. Woodland Avenue.
8. Delmas, 1007 W. Rose Street.
9. Aloha Sushi, 7 ½ S. 1st Avenue.
10. Sweet Basil Pizzeria, 5 S. 1st Avenue.
11. Sapolil Cellars, 15 E. Main Street.
12. Lane 17 Bar & Grill (Bowlaway Lanes) 411 Ash Street.
13. Saffron Mediterranean Kitchen – Pho Sho, 125 W. Alder.
14. Stardust Lanes, 330 S. 2nd Avenue.
15. South Fork Grill, 1129 S. 2nd Avenue #D.

B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Shakespeare Uncorkd Walla Walla, 111 N. 6th Avenue on June 23 through

June 24, June 27 through July 1, and July 4 through July 8, 2012.

C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Assumption of license for Sorelle Casa Fine Wines, 19 E. Birch Street, Suite 106.

D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Change of location for Dama Wines from 45 E. Main Street to 1102 Dell Avenue (winery).

E. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application/location for Dama Wines, 51 E. Main Street (tasting room).

F. Resolution No. 2012-44 authorizing the City Manager to execute a local agency federal aid project prospectus and local agency agreement to receive funds for the Orchard Street sidewalk improvement project and taking other necessary action with respect to such funding program.

G. Resolution No. 2012-45 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with USKH, Inc., for the Orchard Street sidewalk improvement project.

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

There was discussion on the scope of the Orchard Street sidewalk improvement project, current lack of funds for complete of the entire project on both sides of Orchard Street, and staff efforts to secure grant funding for this project.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through G. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council asked for an update on the status of grant applications for the Orchard Street sidewalk project in six months.

5.ACTIVE AGENDA

A.Public Hearing and Resolution No. 2012-46 adopting a revised and extended six year comprehensive transportation program for the City of Walla Walla for 2013-2018.

City Manager Shawa reported State statutes require local agencies to hold a public hearing and consider their six-year transportation plan.

Engineer Eaton reported the Revised Code of Washington requires the annual consideration and adoption of a six-year transportation improvement program. Projects must be included on this six-year transportation improvement program to be eligible for State or Federal funding. Mr. Eaton reviewed changes from last years program including: the addition of two projects and a change in the scope of two other projects. The 13th Avenue "gap" project is currently under construction and is not required to be on the plan for 2013 since it will no longer need allocated funds. The Yellowhawk Creek Bridge on Sturm is being moved to the long-range plan since it is not on an arterial roadway and does not meet funding requirements.

This transportation program is divided into five sub programs and is consistent with the comprehensive plan. The establishment of the City of Walla Walla Transportation Benefit District provides additional funding for street projects and these projects are included in the six-year plan. There is no financial impact by adoption of the six-year transportation improvement program. Due to population changes in the 2010 census, the entire Walla Walla area is elevated to a different status with changes to State and Federal funding allocations.

There was discussion on:

- Process for approval of projects if the City Council approves the six-year transportation program.
- Section of waterline on Orchard Street requiring replacement.

Mayor Barrow opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. There being no comments from anyone in the audience, Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-46. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B.Resolution No. 2012-43 adopting the City's statement on its mission, vision and values.

City Manager Shawa reported this item was tabled from the May 23 City Council meeting. Staff had suggested substituting the word "stewardship" for "sustainability," although staff has indicated they can support either option.

There was discussion on procedural requirements in dealing with the tabled motion and amendment.

City Clerk Hill read the tabled amended motion as follows:

A 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 Clark suggested a change to the values to read "stewardship for sustainability" defined as "We responsibly plan, 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."

It was clarified that the original amended motion, tabled from the May 23 City Council meeting, must be addressed before consideration is given to any additional amendments.

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.” failed to carry with 0 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Councilmember Clark moved to amend Resolution No. 2012-43 by replacing “stewardship” with “stewardship for sustainability” defined as “We responsibly plan, 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.”

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

There was discussion on the proposed amendment and the benefits of including sustainability in the actual values.

The motion to amend Resolution No. 2012-43 by replacing “stewardship” with “Stewardship for Sustainability” defined as “We responsibly plan, 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.” failed to carry with 2 yes votes by Councilmembers Clark and Plucker and 4 no votes by Councilmembers Cavazos, Cummins, Laib, and Mayor Barrow.

City Attorney Donaldson reported the proposed Resolution No. 2012-43 contained in the agenda packets had been slightly modified from the version considered on May 23. The revised resolution contains the preferred language.

The motion to adopt the original Resolution No. 2012-43 tabled at the May 23 City Council meeting failed to carry with 0 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the substituted Resolution No. 2012-43 as contained in the agenda packets. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C.Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 14, 2012.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held May 14, 2012. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cavazos.

D.Approval of minutes of the special joint meeting held May 14, 2012.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the special joint meeting held May 14, 2012. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cavazos.

E.Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 23, 2012.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 23, 2012. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Laib and Mayor Barrow.

F.Approval of the accounts payable register dated May 31, 2012 containing check numbers 172116 through 172490 and 990500 through 990502 in the

amount of \$2,082,615.77.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the accounts payable register dated May 31, 2012 containing check numbers 172116 through 172490 and 990500 through 990502 in the amount of \$2,082,615.77 with the exception of the checks to A Wing & A Prayer BBQ and Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve payment of the checks to A Wing & A Prayer BBQ and Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Cummins and Laib.

6.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the Tourism Walla Walla Board meeting held May 17; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held May 21; the Columbia Rural Electric Association groundbreaking on their new facility held May 22; and the Sesquicentennial Committee meetings held May 25 and June 13.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Finance Committee meetings held May 30 and June 7; and the dedication of the new Highway 12 overpass in Burbank held June 5.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held May 29; the Finance Committee meetings held May 30 and June 7; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held June 4; and the Water Partnership Board meeting held June 5.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Library working group meetings held May 24, May 29, June 2, and June 13; a dinner with a delegation from Liaoyuan,

Jilin Province, China, held May 24; the Sustainability Committee meeting held May 29; the Finance Committee meeting held May 30; the Fire Pension Board meeting held June 6; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held June 6; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held June 12. Councilmember Clark also reported:

- The delegation from Liaoyuan, Jilin Province, China had extended an invitation to the Mayor to visit and presented the City with a book containing examples of cut paper art.
- The Library working group was unable to agree on a consolidated model for library services so no recommendation will be forthcoming from this group. The Rural Library District has decided to construct and operate an urban area library. The other models reviewed are not financially feasible to support two urban area libraries and are not consistent with this decision by the Rural Library District. This issue will be brought before the City Council at a future Work Session.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held May 29.

Mayor Barrow reported on a visit from a Chinese delegation interested in establishing an ongoing student exchange with the high school; and also reported attendance at the Walla Walla High School Senior Awards ceremony held May 21; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held May 22; the Sesquicentennial Committee meetings held May 25 and June 13; a meeting with representatives of the State Auditors office held May 29; the Emergency Management Board meeting held May 30; a meeting with representatives of Walla Walla County and the Port of Walla Walla held June 1; the Joint Community Development Agency Board meeting held June 4; a meeting with citizens regarding a resolution of support for reenactment of Federal legislation regarding banking regulations; the Fire Pension Board meeting held June 6; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held June 6; and the dedication of the Highway 12 interchange in Burbank held June 5.

7.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Laib moved to reappoint Barry Gould and appoint Linda Newcomb to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2015. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion.

Council asked if the Boards & Commissions Committee had met to review the applications. Councilmember Laib indicated the information was provided to the committee with no further input. The committee did not formally meet.

The motion to reappoint Barry Gould and appoint Linda Newcomb to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2015 unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Mayor Barrow noted the Municipal Code requires the City to seek applicants for the Historic Preservation Commission with professional expertise in several different disciplines. Ms. Newcomb, as an architect, fulfills this requirement.

Councilmember Cummins asked about the status of glass recycling due to a recent article in the Union Bulletin. City Manager Shawa reported the glass recycling stations are still in existence but the current direction is to discontinue glass recycling unless staff is otherwise directed by the City Council. Public notices will go out to inform the public of the discontinuance of this service. It is anticipated glass recycling service will cease the end of July or beginning of August. Council commented this is a good opportunity for a private venture if a use for this glass can be identified.

City Manager Shawa indicated a special joint meeting with the Walla Walla County Commissioners is necessary prior to the end of the month. City Attorney Donaldson reported the City had a successful cleanup of the Blue Mountain Mall property. The next step is recouping the taxpayer money expended on this cleanup through imposition of a special assessment and staff is recommending a special meeting to impose this special assessment. Staff is skeptical of the current bankruptcy proceedings by the owners of the mall property. It is possible the scheduled

foreclosure sale in July will proceed. It is recommended the special assessment be imposed prior to any foreclosure action by other creditors.

There was discussion on possible dates and times. Consensus of the City Council was to schedule a special meeting for June 26, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Councilmember Cummins moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Jenkins. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

9.EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barrow announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session immediately following the conclusion of the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4(b)). No further business will come before the City Council in open session and the Executive Session is anticipated to last no more than two hours.

The meeting was recessed at 8:38 p.m. and the City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

10.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.