

# WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Minutes

June 27, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Finance Manager Jean Teasdale, Human Resource Manager Jennifer Seekamp, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Association of Washington Cities Municipal Achievement Award.

Mayor Barrow passed on the Association of Washington Cities Municipal Achievement Award for Public Works for the Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Program to current Public Works Director Ki Bealey and former Public Works Director Craig Sivley. Public Works Director Bealey acknowledged the work of Engineer Michael Laughery and the many other employees responsible for the success of this program.

Mayor Barrow recognized the efforts of Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont and Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Executive Director Elio Agostini for their efforts on the Sesquicentennial Committee. Mayor Barrow presented sesquicentennial commemorative coins to City Manager Shawa and City Councilmembers.

#### **4.PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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.

#### **5.CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A.Acceptance of resignation of Barney Barnhart from the Historic Preservation Commission.

B.Washington State Liquor Control Board renewal of six licenses for:

- 1.Tru Cellars, 1007 W. Rose Street.
- 2.Kerloo Cellars, 16 N. 2nd Avenue.
- 3.Graze, 5 S. Colville Street.
- 4.Green Gables Inn, 922 Bonsella Street.
- 5.Grande Ronde Cellars, 201 W. Main Street, Suite A.
- 6.Lowden Hills Winery, 1401 W. Pine Street.

C.Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Red Reina Cuisine, 202 E. Main Street.

D.Washington State Liquor Control Board: Change of LLC member for Forgeron Cellars, 33 W. Birch Street.

E.Resolution No. 2012-47 awarding bid for construction of the Rose Street sidewalk project to Richardson Excavation for \$195,796.70. (Base bid and alternative)

F.Resolution No. 2012-48 ratifies the purchase of a 2011 Ford Transit Connect van from Legacy Ford for \$25,408.25 (price includes tax and licensing) for the Parks & Recreation Department. (\$21,250 in grant funds)

Council requested the removal of Item A for separate consideration.

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

**Councilmember Laib moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items B through F. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

A. Acceptance of resignation of Barney Barnhart from the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Councilmember Laib moved to table this item to the July 11 City Council meeting. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

## **6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Resolution No. 2012-49 accepting donation of artwork donated by ArtWalla and funded by the Sherwood Trust, and taking other action connected therewith. (Sesquicentennial art piece - "Looking Back, Looking Forward")

Parks & Recreation Director Dumont reported this art piece was submitted by ArtWalla with funding at one hundred percent by the Sherwood Trust. This piece was selected by a very public process including public voting on a display of conceptual models at the library by the three local artists chosen as finalists by ArtWalla. The piece selected is entitled "Looking Back, Looking Forward" by Squire Broel. The art committee reviewed and recommended acceptance to the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board. The Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board reviewed the ArtWalla submittal on June 4, 2012 and recommends acceptance. This art piece will be sited at the entrance to Heritage Park.

There was discussion on:

- Base containing some explanation of the components of this piece of art.
- Concerns with the placement of the art at Heritage Park due to the amount of young adult activity and ensuring protection of the art. Staff indicated the proposed artwork is bronze making it difficult to deface. Heritage Park also has the "Windows of the Past" art which is rarely marked. The police department is also doing special emphasis patrols in this area and other efforts are being made to reduce unwanted activities.
- The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation has voted to remove the information kiosk and the proposed art piece will be near where this kiosk is currently placed.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Tricia Harding, 185 Bryant, Walla Walla, representing ArtWalla, thanked City Manager Shawa for suggesting a sesquicentennial art piece and the Sherwood Trust for funding this art.

**Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-49. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

B.Ordinance No. 2012-11 amending the 2011-2012 maintenance and operations budget.

Ordinance No. 2012-12 establishing new capital projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

Finance Manager Teasdale provided an overview of the proposed 2011-2012 budget amendments.

Council asked how many additional budget amendments are proposed for 2012. Finance Manager Teasdale estimated there will be two additional budget adjustments.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-11. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-12. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

C.Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2012.

**Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2012. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Jenkins.**

## **7.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference held June 21 and June 22; the special joint meeting held June 26; the Work Session held June 26; and the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting held June 27.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held May 29; the Sasayama Sister City Committee meeting held June 4; the special joint meeting held June 26; and the Work Session held June 26.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting held June 14; the Benton Franklin Regional Council of Governments meeting held June 15; the Civil Service Commission meeting held June 20; the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 20; the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 21; the special joint meeting held June 26; and the Work Session held June 26.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 21; a tour with the Water Partnership Board held June 22; a meeting with local citizens regarding the court decision in "Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission" held June 25; the special joint meeting held June 26; and the Work Session held June 26. Councilmember Plucker also outlined the activities planned for the Fourth of July celebration in Pioneer Park.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held June 20; a meeting with representatives of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs held June 21; the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 21; the special joint meeting held June 26; and the Work Session held June 26.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held June 25; the special joint meeting held June 26; and the Work Session held June 26.

Mayor Barrow reported attendance at the Diversity Day celebration held June 17; the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditors office held June 18; the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference held June 19 through June 22; a reception for Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen held June 25; a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Owen and the Joint Legislative Committee on Economic Development regarding tourism promotion held June 26; the Coalition against Poverty meeting held June 26; the United Way Board retreat held June 26; the special joint meeting held June 26; the Work Session held June 26; and the Sesquicentennial Committee meetings held June 13 and June 17.

## **8.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

There was extension discussion on providing comments on the proposed Joint Community Development Agency budget including:

- Allowing the City Manager to work with the Joint Community Development Agency to evaluate options and determine if there is a way to purchase the "Trakit" software and the benefits of this software to the Agency.
- Reviewing the proposed increase in technology services and service center rent.
- Purchase of the "Trakit" software will save approximately \$15,000 in software maintenance fees.
- Whether the \$95,000 cost to the City can be better used by the City for its own website or other services.
- Current inefficiencies in using two separate software programs by the Agency.
- Money returned by the Agency for 2011 went to the City's fund balance. This fund balance is recommended at the fifteen percent level.
- The issue is not if the Agency should purchase the software but when this purchase should occur based on current priorities of the City. The City's budget is in a very fragile position and budgetary impacts are likely.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Dominick Elia, 302 S. Roosevelt, Walla Walla, County representative on the Joint Community Development Agency Board, commented that the Joint Community Development Agency was not required to return the money to the City or County. The establishment of the Joint Community Development Agency has saved the City \$200,000 in 2012. The purchase of this software has already been delayed once and it would be a mistake not to move forward with the purchase. The Agency has been a very successful venture between the City and the County.

There was additional discussion on the purchase of software by the Joint Community Development Agency; commenting on their proposed budget by the July 9 date; and the importance of other services provided by the City. A majority of the City Council asked that staff attempt to work out an arrangement with the Joint Community Development Agency towards the purchase of the "Trakit" software.

City Manager Shawa reported on his presentation at the Association of Washington Cities conference regarding tourism.

City Attorney Donaldson reported that Jerry Cummins became the longest serving elected official in the history of the City on June 1, 2012; reviewed the history of the City government; and outlined the terms served by James McAuliff - longest elected official in City service until 1982); Dan Swank – appointed in 1970 and served until

June, 1991; and Jerry Cummins elected in 1992. Councilmember Cummins is a strong advocate of transportation and veterans issues. City Attorney Donaldson recognized the following members of the audience: Fred Mitchell (former Councilmember), Dominick Elia (former Councilmember), Greg Tompkins (County Commissioner), Randy Grant (YMCA Director), and Lynn Cummins (spouse). City Manager Shawa has enacted Administrative Policy No. 2012-2 naming the second floor conference room as the "Cummins Conference Room."

Greg Tompkins, Chair of the Walla Walla County Commissioners, thanked Councilmember Cummins for his service and read a letter commending him for his long and meritorious service to the citizens of Walla Walla.

Dominick Elia commented on his many years serving with Councilmember Cummins on the City Council and thanked him for his work and public service.

Councilmember Cummins spoke in appreciation of the support of his family and this recognition of his service. Walla Walla is a wonderful place to live and work.

#### **9.EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Barrow announced the meeting would be recessed for a fifteen minute break and would reconvene in Executive Session 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). The Executive Session will last no more than three hours and no further business will come before the City Council in open session.

The City Council meeting was recessed at 8:36 p.m. and the Executive Session commenced at 8:55 p.m.

#### **8.ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**

