

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent: Councilmember Shane Laib.

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, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Engineer Mike Laughery, Public Safety Communications Manager Steve Ruley, Dispatcher Tina Bobbitt, Dispatcher Jennifer Hartzell, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through September 23, 2012 as "Constitution Week."

Mayor Barrow read and presented the proclamation to Chris Crowder, Regent of Narcissa Prentiss Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Crowder thanked the City for the proclamation and recognition.

B. August 19, 2012 Letter of Commendation recognizing outstanding efforts of WESCOM dispatchers.

Mayor Barrow indicated Item B would be delayed until immediately after the Consent Agenda to allow Sheriff Turner additional time to attend the meeting to commend the three dispatchers.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barrow invited public input 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 O, as follows:

A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: change of location application for Trio Vintners from 33 W. Birch Street, Suite A, to 1102 Dell Avenue.

B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: special occasion license for Walla Walla Catholic Schools at DeSales High School, 919 E. Sumach on October 5 through October 6, 2012.

- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: special occasion license for Whitman College at Harper Joy Theater Foyer on September 28, 2012.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: special occasion license for Whitman College at Baker Faculty Center on September 28, 2012.
- E. Washington State Liquor Control Board: special occasion license for Whitman College at Fouts Center for Visual Arts on September 29, 2012.
- F. Washington State Liquor Control Board: special occasion license for Whitman College at Reid Center/Young Ballroom on September 29, 2012.
- G. Washington State Liquor Control Board: change of corporate officers for Mr. Eds Restaurant, 2555 Isaacs Avenue.
- H. Washington State Liquor Control Board: new application for K Vintners at 1015 W. Pine Street.
- I. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Annual renewal of six licenses:
1. Golden Horse Restaurant, 628 W. Main Street.
 2. Lodmell Cellars, 6 W. Rose Street, Suite 104.
 3. Phoumys Southeast Asian Cuisine, 1528 Isaacs.
 4. Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1604 Plaza Way.
 5. The Brik, 1415 Plaza Way, Walla Walla.
 6. Doras Deli & Mini Mart, 1303 S. 3rd Avenue.
- J. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application for added privilege for the Green Lantern, 1606 E. Isaacs.
- K. Resolution No. 2012-64 authorizing the City Manager to execute a local agency federal aid project prospectus and local agency agreement to receive Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for improvements at the Alder Street at Colville Street and 1st Avenue intersections, and taking other necessary action with respect to such program.

L.Resolution No. 2012-65 authorizing the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of certain surplus property of the City. (Ozone monitors, monitor enclosure, sample conditioner)

M.Resolution No. 2012-66 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. and taking such further action needed therewith. (Update to Walla Walla County Solid Waste Management Plan)

N.Resolution No. 2012-67 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with HDJ Design Group, PLLC, and taking such further action needed therewith. (Survey and design services for the Pleasant, Home and Fern Streets infrastructure repair and replacement project.)

O.Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 22, 2012.

Mayor Barrow 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 O. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Mayor Barrow read the letter of commendation from Sheriff Turner for the work of WESCOM dispatchers Jennifer Hartzell, Jennifer Etchamendy, and Tina Bobbitt and thanked them for their professionalism and service. Certificates of commendation will be prepared and presented to them. Steve Ruley, Public Safety Communications Manager, thanked the City for the recognition and commented this is the kind of work his staff performs every day.

6.ACTIVE AGENDA

A.Public hearing and Resolution No. 2012-68 adopting revisions to the six-year comprehensive transportation program for the City for 2012-2017.

City Manager Shawa reported this item directly relates to Item K approved on the Consent Agenda. Staff is asking the City Council to hold a public hearing to update the six-year transportation improvement program with greater detail on the Alder Street at Colville and 1st Avenue intersection improvement project.

Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing open at 7:14 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing closed.

Council asked for a brief description of the project amendment. City Engineer Chavre reported this amendment will adjust and more accurately reflect the funding levels for the intersection improvements on Alder Street at Colville Street and 1st Avenue. These improvements will include new traffic signals, bulb outs, and audible pedestrian crossing signals.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-68. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B.Ordinance No. 2012-15 amending the 2011-2012 maintenance and operations budget.

Ordinance No. 2012-16 establishing new capital projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

City Manager Shawa reported this is a routine budget adjustment to mainly account for unanticipated revenue and associated expenses.

Deputy City Manager McCarty highlighted the following adjustments to the 2011-2012 maintenance and operations and capital improvement project budgets:

- \$400,000 in revenue for the cemetery from the Lamar bequest.
- Upgrade of the radio system for dispatch.
- Bookkeeping and capital improvement project adjustments.

Council asked for a footnote on the two-page budget summary to separately identify the \$400,000 bequest to the cemetery.

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

Councilmember Jenkins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-15. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-16. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C.Approval of the accounts payable register dated August 31, 2012 containing check numbers 173295 through 173694 and 990512 through 990517 in the amount of \$5,928,622.72.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the accounts payable register dated August 31, 2012 containing check numbers 173295 through 173694 and 990512 through 990517 in the amount of \$5,928,622.72 with the exception of the checks to Jerry Cummins and Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Clark 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 Jerry Cummins and Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by

Councilmembers Cummins and Plucker.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held August 13, 2012.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held August 13, 2012. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cavazos.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting held August 23; the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 4; the Work Session held September 10; and the Walk against Drunk Drivers held September 10.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) organizational meeting held August 23; a trip to review LT2 water treatment facilities on August 27; the Finance Committee meeting held September 5; and the Work Session held September 10.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held August 27; the Finance Committee meeting held September 5; the Work Session held September 10; and the Farmers Market on September 8.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 4; the Finance Committee meeting held September 5; the Work Session held September 10; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held September 11; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held September 11.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held August 27; and the Work Session held September 10.

Mayor Barrow reported welcoming the Sasayama Sister City delegation on August 29 and August 30; and attendance at the Joint Community Development Agency Board meeting held September 4; the Work Session held September 10; the Association of Washington Cities legislative subcommittee meeting held September 10; the Transportation Improvement Advisory Committee meeting held September 10; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held September 11; and the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held September 11.

Councilmember Clark commented that members of the Sasayama, Japan delegation participated in the Fair parade and also performed a dance at the fair.

8.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A.Approval of check number 172987 in the amount of \$10,000 to Shakespeare Walla Walla.

Councilmember Clark moved to remove this item from the table for consideration. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve payment of check number 172987 in the amount of \$10,000 to Shakespeare Walla Walla. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Clark asked if staff would work to have the electronic version of the agenda packet returned to its previous format. City Clerk Hill reported the software vendor will be contacted and the format changed.

City Manager Shawa commended the Finance Division for utilizing the City credit card to pay invoices. The issuing bank offers one percent cash back and the City has received approximately \$18,000 for using the credit cards to pay bills.

9.EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barrow announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the City, litigation or potential litigation involving the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session is anticipated to last no longer than two hours and no further business will come before the City Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

10.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.