

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER



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

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

Absent: Councilmember Conrado Cavazos, Jr.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabil Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Finance Manager Jean Teasdale, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, Engineer Monte Puymon, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mitchell Wilwand from Boy Scout Troup 333 led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Les Johnson, 1208 Studebaker, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with the inability to enforce sidewalk safety standards on private property. Mr. Johnson also felt that code enforcement is haphazard and inconsistent and the City doesn't have the ability to enforce current laws.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Symphony at Cordiner Hall on October 23, 2012; December 15, 2012; February 12, 2013; April 23, 2013; and May 14, 2013.

B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Annual renewal of twelve licenses:

1. Cayuse Vineyards, 17 E. Main Street.
2. El Sombrero, 428 Ash Street.
3. The Border Tavern, 604 W. Elm Street.
4. Walla Walla Country Club, 1390 Country Club Road.
5. Twenty Two Cellars, 54 W. Rees Avenue, #B.
6. Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, 6 W. Rose Street, Suite 200.
7. Sinclair Estate Vineyards, 109 E. Main Street, Suite B-100.
8. La Ramada, 1708 Isaacs Avenue.
9. Blue Mountain Casino, 2025 East Isaacs Avenue.
10. Cayuse Vineyards, 210 W. Main Street.
11. Fat Cats Bar & Grill, 430 W. Main Street.
12. Walla Walla Village Winery, 107 S. 3rd Avenue, Suite B.

C. Resolution No. 2012-69 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with HDR Engineers, Inc. and taking such further action needed therewith.

D.Resolution No. 2012-70 supporting designation of the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency as the lead agency to pursue activities necessary to form and designate a metropolitan planning organization, designating city representatives to assist and participate in such activities, and taking such further action needed therewith.

E.Resolution No. 2012-71 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements to sell power to Columbia Rural Electric Association (CREA), to purchase power from CREA, to interconnect with CREA, and taking such further action needed therewith.

F.Approval of minutes of the Work Session held September 10, 2012.

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

Councilmember Jenkins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through F. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5.ACTIVE AGENDA

A.Resolution No. 2012-72 authorizing the execution of an easement in favor of Blalock Irrigation District No. 3, and taking such further action needed therewith.

City Manager Shawa reported the Blalock Irrigation District has received grant funds to install a fish screen at their irrigation water intake on Mill Creek at the wastewater treatment plant. They need an easement from the City to bury electrical conduit along the Mill Creek levee, for a fiberglass building to contain and operate the fish screen air burst cleaning system, and for a pipe between the building and the fish screen intake. The City has been paid \$487.32 for this easement. Staff has ascertained the location of the new facilities will not impact the wastewater treatment plant.

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

Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-72. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B.Ordinance No. 2012-17 amending the 2011-2012 maintenance and operations budget.

Ordinance No. 2012-18 amending the capital improvement project budget.

City Manager Shawa reported the Transportation Benefit District had approved their budget earlier in the evening. This budget amendment will allow for the transfer of funds to begin work on the Rose Street project. Finance Manager Teasdale reported the two ordinances are related. One is for the maintenance and operations budget amendment and the other is to establish the capital improvement project.

Council clarified the Transportation Benefit District was established through a voter-approved increase in sales taxes to fix and maintain streets. The collection of this sales tax increase began July 1, 2012.

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

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-17. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-18. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C.Resolution No. 2012-73 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Duval Engineering. (Pavement evaluation study on Rose Street.)

City Manager Shawa reported this item approves a contract with Duval Engineering to analyze the pavement condition on Rose Street. There have been a number of different types of road construction on Rose Street and this evaluation will provide staff with the data to determine the best way to proceed with improvements.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Josh Wolcott, 77 Chapelwood Avenue, Walla Walla, asked for the amount of the contract. Staff responded the amount is \$49,083.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-73. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D.Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 12, 2012.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 12, 2012. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Laib.

Mayor Barrow announced that there was an oversight in not excusing the absence of Councilmember Laib at the September 12, 2012 Council meeting.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to excuse Councilmember Shane Laib from the September 12, 2012 City Council meeting. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Laib.

6.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held August 27; the Veterans Administration Memorial Ceremony held August 27; the Work Session held September 10; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 17; the Tourism Walla Walla Board meeting held September 20; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held September 24.

Councilmember Jenkins had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting held September 13; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 17; the Finance Committee meetings held September 17, September 18, September 19, September 20, September 24, and September 25; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 20; the Benton-Franklin Regional Council of Governments meeting held September 21; and the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held September 25.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Finance Committee meetings held September 17, September 18, September 19, September 20, September 24, and September 25; and the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held September 24.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the VA Medical Center Community Task Force meeting held September 13; the Finance Committee meetings held September 17, September 18, September 19, September 20, September 24, and September 25; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held September 19; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 20; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held September 25.

Mayor Barrow reported being on KUJ Radio on September 14; gave a keynote speech at the Whitman College Community Fellows on September 18; and reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held September 18; a luncheon with representatives of a Japanese economic development group held September 20; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held September 25; the Transportation Benefit District special meeting held September 26; and the Chamber of Commerce business recognition dinner.

7.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

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

City Attorney Donaldson requested consideration of Ordinance No. 2012-16-A establishing new capital projects and amending the capital improvement project budget. The City Council had adopted Ordinance No. 2012-16 on September 12 and unfortunately there was a clerical error and the list of projects in Section 3 was omitted. This amended ordinance includes the projects that were inadvertently omitted.

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. 2012-16-A. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

City Manager Shawa reported that there are potential conflicts with the October regular meeting dates. Staff has reviewed the upcoming items and believes the two regular meetings can be consolidated into one. Staff suggests that the regular meeting scheduled for October 10 be canceled and the regular meeting of October

24 be rescheduled for October 17. In addition, the second regular meeting in November is scheduled for the night before Thanksgiving. Staff recommends changing the regular meeting dates for November back to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Ordinance No. 2012-19 has been prepared for Council consideration to make these changes.

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

There was discussion on meeting dates and availability of individual members.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-19 establishing the regular meetings of the Walla Walla City Council for the month of October, 2012 and November, 2012, on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, Wednesday, November 14, 2012, and Wednesday, November 28, 2012 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Walla Walla, Washington. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

8.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Jenkins moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.