

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 17, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Sustainability Coordinator Melissa Warner, Crime Prevention Specialist Vicki Ruley, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency (JCDA) staff present: Tom Glover, Executive Director, Jon Maland, Senior Planner, and Jennifer Ballard, Associate Planner.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3.PRESENTATIONS

A.Presentation of the American Planning Association Great Places in America Award.

JCDA Executive Director Glover introduced Jon Maland, Jennifer Ballard, and Jennifer Northam of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation. Ms. Ballard and Ms. Northam were instrumental in submitting the application for this award. Senior Planner Maland described the attributes of great neighborhoods and presented the Great Places in America award for the Downtown Walla Walla neighborhood to Mayor Barrow and Jennifer Northam.

Mayor Barrow recognized and commended the efforts of the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency staff and Jennifer Northam of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

B.Proclamation declaring the month of October, 2012 as "Crime Prevention Month in Walla Walla."

Mayor Barrow read and presented the proclamation declaring October 2012 as "Crime Prevention Month" to Police Chief Bieber and Crime Prevention Specialist Ruley. Ms. Ruley commented on the greatness of the Walla Walla community and collaboration. Chief Bieber commended Ms. Ruley for her work and quality of programs.

4.PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barrow invited public comment on any item 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 M, as follows:

- A. Acceptance of resignation of Coralee Mackey from the Sustainability Committee.
- B. Appointment of Nate Carlile representing the Hampton Inn and Craig Barnett representing the Super 8 Motel to the Hotel & Motel Commission.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Sigma Chi Gamma Epsilon Chapter function at Whitman College Reid Campus Center on October 20, 2012.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for The Den Pizzeria, 119 E. Alder Street.
- E. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Journeys Pub, 119 E. Alder, Suite B.
- F. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Catholic Daughters of the Americans at St. Patricks Parish, 408 W. Poplar on November 3, 2012.
- G. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Change of location for Trio Vintners from 102 S. 2nd Avenue to 6 W. Rose Street.
- H. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Symphony on November 17, 2012 at the Marcus Whitman Hotel.
- I. Resolution No. 2012-74 appointing members to the Board of the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency. (Reappoints Jim Barrow and Bill Clemens)

J.Resolution No. 2012-75 authorizing a contract for public safety radio system upgrades and repair to Valence Wireless & Communications and taking such further action needed therewith. (Radio tower on City Hall)

K.Resolution No. 2012-76 authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County, the cities of College Place, Prescott and Waitsburg to prepare a joint city-county solid waste management plan and taking other action related thereto.

L.Ordinance No. 2012-20 regarding establishment of an infrastructure improvement committee and other matters related thereto.

M.Approval of minutes of the Work Session held October 8, 2012.

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

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

6.ACTIVE AGENDA

A.Resolution No. 2012-77 awarding the bid for the fire station #1 roof replacement to Elsom Roofing, Inc. and taking such further action needed therewith.

City Manager Shawa reported the roof at fire station #1 is leaking. It is possible to repair but would cost one-third of a new roof and would have no guarantee or warranty. The replacement roof will be paid from one time sales tax revenues and will have a fifteen year warranty.

There was discussion on:

- Length of the fifteen year warranty and why it wouldnt be warranted for twenty-five to thirty years like most residential roofs. Staff explained this is a flat roof and is over twenty-two years old. A standard warranty period for a commercial roof is fifteen years. It would cost an additional \$5,000 to go to a twenty-year warranty period.
- Cost to change from a flat roof to a pitched roof. Staff indicated they had no knowledge of the cost to change to a pitched roof. The new material for a flat roof is superior to the existing material so changing the structure was not an option that was reviewed.

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. 2012-77. Councilmember Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B.Resolution No. 2012-78 authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement for funding from the FY 2012 statewide stormwater grant program and taking other necessary action with respect to such program.

City Manager Shawa reported earlier this year a landscape architect had prepared some conceptual landscaping designs for the 13th Street corridor. The City has been awarded a \$290,000 grant for landscaping and bio-swales for stormwater containment along this corridor. The City has contracted with Anderson-Perry for the bio-swale filtration system design.

There was discussion on:

- The budget for the project. City Manager Shawa reported staff will budget the appropriate amount to match the grant which is a not to exceed amount of \$290,000.
- Feasibility of the City doing the landscape work for less than \$96,000. City Manager Shawa reported the City doesnt have the staff to perform the work and a design for stormwater other than bio-swale filtration would be

necessary. Public Works Director Bealey reviewed the funding sources involved for the entire 13th Street corridor. The Department of Ecology will review every step of this project and will only fund eligible components.

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

Councilmember Clark expressed her appreciation for completion of the corridor with low impact landscaping and stormwater containment.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-78. Councilmember Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C.Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 2012.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 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 accounts payable register dated September 30, 2012 containing check numbers 173695 through 174035 and 990518 through 990520 totaling \$2,377,667.07.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the accounts payable register dated September 30, 2012 containing check numbers 173695 through 174035 and 990518 through 990520 totaling \$2,377,667.07 with the exception of the checks on behalf of Shane Laib, Barbara Clark, Jim Barrow, Chris Plucker, Conrado Cavazos and Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks on behalf of Shane Laib and Barbara Clark. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Clark and Laib.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks on behalf of Jim Barrow and Conrado Cavazos. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Cavazos and Mayor Barrow.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve payment of the checks on behalf of Jerry Cummins and Chris Plucker. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Cummins and Plucker.

7.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at a meeting with City Manager Shawa held September 28 regarding a review of the lodging tax funds; the Work Session held October 8; the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Goodwill store held October 11; and was on KUJ radio on October 12.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting held September 27; the Public Works Trust Fund Board meetings held October 4 and October 5; the Finance Committee meetings held October 9 and October 10; the Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting held October 11; and the Good Roads Committee meeting held October 17.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting held September 27; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Committee held

October 1; the Water Partnership Board meeting held October 2; the Association of Washington Cities Regional meeting held October 4; the Work Session held October 8; and the Finance Committee meetings held October 9 and October 10.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Finance Committee meetings held September 27, October 9 and October 10; the Sustainability Committee meeting held October 1; the Association of Washington Cities Regional meeting held October 4; the celebration of the completion of the library mural held October 6; the Work Session held October 8; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held October 9; the VA Task Force meeting held October 11; a meeting with proponents of Initiative 502 held October 13; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held October 17; and welcomed the Philanthropy Northwest Conference on October 1, including a performance with the Frenchtown Dance Troupe.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the Association of Washington Cities regional meeting held October 4; and the Work Session held October 8.

Mayor Barrow reported attendance at the Transportation Improvement Committee meeting held September 27; a walkabout on Main Street on October 5; the Association of Washington Cities Regional Meeting held October 4; a presentation to AmeriCorps volunteers on October 5; the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new library mural held October 6; the Work Session held October 8; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held October 16; the Joint Community Development Agency Board meeting held October 17; and a budget review meeting with City Manager Shawa held October 17.

8.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Laib asked for an update on the status of curb painting. City Manager Shawa reported he has not had an opportunity to research the feasibility of organizing volunteers to do this work.

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

9EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barrow announced the City Council would be recessing to 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), and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

No further business will come before the City Council in open session and the Executive Session will last no more than one and a half hours. The meeting was recessed at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

10.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.