

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

**June 26, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**



Mayor Barrow called the meeting to order at 3:30 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Manager Jean Teasdale, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present:Walla Walla County Commissioners Perry Dozier, Jim Johnson, Chair Greg Tompkins, and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners Connie Vinti.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A.Hearing, action, and final action to create or perfect a special assessment against property commonly referred to as the former Blue Mountain Mall site for reimbursement of costs incurred to remove and abate nuisances on those premises.

- a. Hearing
- b. Walla Walla County Resolution No. 12-186 - a matter regarding levy of a special assessment for reimbursement of the cost of removing and abating nuisances and to defray the cost thereof, and action connected therewith.
- c. City of Walla Walla Resolution No. 2012 -50 levying a special assessment for reimbursement of the cost of removing and abating nuisances and to defray the cost thereof, and taking other action connected therewith.

City Attorney Donaldson reported this special joint meeting was called to consider imposing a special assessment against the Blue Mountain Mall property for nuisance abatement work in the amount of \$195,607.48. City Attorney Donaldson showed pictures of the property before and after the abatement work; described the work completed on the property; and reviewed the timeline of actions in attempting to work with the property owners for compliance. The property owners had filed a second bankruptcy proceeding. This bankruptcy proceeding was dismissed on June 22, 2012 and notice of dismissal was provided for the record.

City Attorney Donaldson commended the work of Brent Baldwin, Joint Community Development Agency Code Enforcement Officer; Ki Bealey, Public Works Director; Monte Puymon, Engineer; and Larnie Opp with Opp & Seibold Construction.

There were comments on:

- Removal of vagrants from the property.
- Securing the site for safety.
- Money owed for the completed work.
- Ongoing maintenance to keep the site from becoming a nuisance.
- Foreclosure sale has been set for July 13, 2012.
- Collection of the special assessment.

Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing open at 3:50 p.m.

Brent Baldwin, Joint Community Development Agency Code Enforcement Officer, recognized and commended the work of City Attorney Donaldson and Assistant City Attorney Frederickson.

There being no further comments, Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing closed at 3:51 p.m.

**Councilmember Laib moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-50. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Commissioner Dozier moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-186. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 3 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

### **3.ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.**