

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER



Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Mary Lou Jenkins, Chris Plucker and Mayor Pro Tem Conrado Cavazos, Jr.

Absent: Councilmember Shane Laib and Mayor Jim Barrow.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Acceptance of resignation from David Hampson from the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee and the Infrastructure Improvement Committee.

B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Lawrence Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue, Suite M.

C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Annual renewal of eleven licenses:

1. Aziz Chevron, 1916 E. Isaacs Avenue.
2. El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant, 4 W. Oak Street.
3. Sorelle Casa Fine Wines, 19 E. Birch Street, Suite 106.
4. Veterans of Foreign Wars Grant Farmer 992, 102 N. Colville Street.
5. Trio Vintners, 1102 Dell Avenue.
6. Trio Vintners, 6 W. Rose Street, Suite 101.
7. Chateau Rollat Winery, 43 E. Main Street.
8. Otis Kenyon Wine, 23 E. Main Street.
9. A Wing and A Prayer Barbecue, 201 E. Main Street.
10. Albertsons No. 225, 450 N. Wilbur Avenue.
11. Bergevin Lane Vineyards, 1215 Poplar Street, Suite B.

D. Resolution No. 2013-13 awarding the bid for construction of improvements to the water distribution garage to Wellens Farwell Construction and taking other action in connection therewith.

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos 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 D. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5.ACTIVE AGENDA

A.Public Hearing: Project performance as part of the Edith and Carrie IRRP Project.

City Manager Shawa reported the City received \$995,000 in community development block grants for the Edith and Carrie IRRP project. This was a very successful project. The grant requires the City to hold a public hearing to receive comments from citizens regarding project performance. No action is required by the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos declared the public hearing open at 7:06 p.m.

Julia Leavitt, representing Commitment to Community, 1520 Kelly Place, Walla Walla, thanked the City for the project. The neighbors are very pleased with the improvements. Ms. Leavitt commended City staff and the project engineer, Anderson-Perry & Associates.

Jake Hallopeter, Anderson-Perry & Associates, commented it was a privilege to be involved with this transformation project and reviewed the recent Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) community facilities award for the Edith and Carrie IRRP. This was the only award given this year for a community improvement project.

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos expressed his enjoyment of watching this project come to completion and the work of Commitment to Community in rebuilding a sense of community in this neighborhood.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos declared the public hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

B. Resolution No. 2013-12 authorizing the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement relating to administration of funds collected through affordable housing surcharges, and taking other action connected therewith.

Debbie Dumont, Contracts/Programs Manager, Walla Walla County Department of Human Services, reported the amendments to the existing agreement are mostly administrative and clerical changes, in addition to changes resulting from additional legislation passed since the last contract. This Interlocal agreement was adopted by the County Commissioners in December, 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-12. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held January 4, 2013.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held January 4, 2013. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 3 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Plucker and Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos.

D. Approval of the December 31, 2012 accounts payable register containing check numbers 174628 through 174995 and 990533 through 990536 totaling

\$3,479,407.75.

Councilmember Cummins moved for approval of the December 31, 2012 accounts payable register containing check numbers 174628 through 174995 and 990533 through 990536 totaling \$3,479,407.75 with the exception of the checks to Jerry Cummins and Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the check to the Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Plucker.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve payment of the check to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

6.COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Council Retreat held January 12; the Work Session held January 14; and the Senior Roundtable waffle dinner held January 15.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting held January 10; the KUJ radio show on January 11; the Council Retreat held January 12; the Public Works Trust Fund Board meeting in Olympia on January 15 and January 16; the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 17; and meetings in Olympia with State legislators and State departments on January 20 through January 23.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Council Retreat held January 12; the Work Session held January 14; the Public Library Board meeting held January 16; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 17.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Council Retreat held January 12; the Work Session held January 14; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held January 15; the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held at the Police Department on January 15; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held January 16; the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 17; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held January 22.

Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos reported attendance at the Council Retreat held January 12.

7.UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Clark asked for staff to report back on the progress made by the Aviary fundraising project and whether the absence of the Chair of this group is having an impact. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff report back on February 13.

City Attorney Donaldson introduced Resolution No. 2013-14 authorizing the City Manager to acquire property and taking such further action needed therewith. Staff needs to be in a position to be able to administratively move forward with acquisition of land for the Myra Road project and settle current offers that have been made.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-14.

Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

City Manager Shawa acknowledged the good work of Dr. Hampson on the Infrastructure Improvement Committee.

City Manager Shawa thanked Councilmember Cummins and Mayor Barrow and acknowledged the work of Jim Kuntz, Port of Walla Walla Executive Director, and Ron Dunning, Port Commissioner, for their recent legislative lobbying efforts in Olympia. Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos also acknowledged the lobbying efforts and commented on the eventual payoff of these efforts.

Councilmember Cummins moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Jim Barrow and Councilmember Shane Laib. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

8.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Plucker moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.