

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2013

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, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent: Councilmembers Mary Lou Jenkins and Shane Laib.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Human Resource Manager Jennifer Seekamp, Engineers Monte Puymon, Michael Laughery, and Doug Eaton, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Tom Glover, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency Director.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Recognition of Walla Walla Community College receiving the Aspen Award.

Mayor Barrow introduced Dr. Steve VanAusdale, President of Walla Walla Community College, and recognized his leadership and the staff at the Community College for their achievement in receiving the prestigious Aspen Award. Dr. VanAusdale thanked the City for the recognition and commented on this tribute to not only his staff, but also the many community partnerships. Dr. VanAusdale also recognized Jim Peterson, Vice President, for his work at the Community College. Mayor Barrow acknowledged the work of the Community College in identifying necessary skill sets and educating students for those jobs.

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- B. Proclamation declaring the month of May 2013 as "Bicycle Safety Month in Walla Walla."

Mayor Barrow read and presented the proclamation to Erendira Cruz, Chair of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Ms. Cruz thanked the City for the proclamation and encouraged citizens to review bicycle safety, especially for children. Councilmember Clark suggested some additional education and police enforcement of "rules of the road" for cyclists.

- C. Arbor Day proclamation and presentations.

Mayor Barrow read and presented the proclamation declaring April 24, 2013 as "Arbor Day in Walla Walla" to Chris Blackman, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board. Ms. Blackman thanked the City Council and introduced Mark Bohnet from the Washington Community Forestry Council. Mr. Bohnet presented the City with its 19th Tree City USA award. Mayor Barrow thanked the members of the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, Council liaison Chris Plucker, and Mr. Bohnet.

Mayor Barrow announced that the 2013 "City Arbor Day Award" is being presented to the City's Public Works Engineering Division in recognition of their efforts to include and promote the planting of trees on the public right-of-way. Mayor Barrow presented the award to City Engineer Neal Chavre and Engineers Michael Lowery, Monte Puymon, and Doug Eaton. Mayor Barrow also recognized Public Works Director Ki Bealey.

There were comments by Council in recognition of the Engineering staff's work to protect trees along street improvement projects and the efforts of the Parks & Recreation Department staff and the members of the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Bowles, 950 Bryant, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with the City's cross connection program and its current enforcement.

The following citizens and business owners expressed concerns and disagreement with the recent decision to reconfigure Rose Street from four lanes to three lanes:

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- Tim Demitor, 412 West Main Street, Walla Walla.
- Doug Luttrell, Luttrell's Auto, Walla Walla.
- Leon Olson, resident of Golden West Estates, Walla Walla.
- Arnold Ewoniuk, Grassi Refrigeration, Walla Walla
- John Davin, 401 SE Highland Park, College Place.
- Rob Ferguson, Color Press, Walla Walla.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Whitman College Alumni Association on May 15, 2013 at the Reid Campus Center.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Senior Center on May 10, 2013 at The Center, 720 Sprague Avenue.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, 6 West Rose Street on June 21, 2013.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board annual renewal of sixteen licenses:
 1. Green Lantern, 1606 E. Isaacs Avenue.
 2. Caprio Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue #P.
 3. MPM Vintners, 1102 Dell Avenue #A
 4. K Vintners, 400 W. Moore Street.
 5. K Vintners, 1015 W. Pine Street.
 6. Sweet Valley Wines, 1007 W. Rose Street.
 7. Waters Winery, 635 N. 13th Avenue.
 8. Sweet Valley Wines, 12 N. 2nd Avenue.
 9. K Vintners, 35 S. Spokane Street.
 10. Caprio Cellars, 229 E. Main Street.
 11. Bowlaway Lanes, 411 Ash Street.
 12. Ming Court, 1533 E. Isaacs Avenue.
 13. Dusted Valley Vintners, 1215 W. Poplar #D.

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- 14. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1604 Plaza Way.
- 15. Walgreens, 633 W. Tietan Street.
- 16. Stone Hut, 1427 Plaza Way.

- E. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance event at Corliss Estates, 511 N. 2nd Avenue on June 20, 2013.
- F. Resolution No. 2013-52 confirming administrative office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, for the Walla Walla Police Department.
- G. Resolution No. 2013-53 authorizing the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Walla Walla County and the cities of Prescott and Waitsburg for cooperative update of area shoreline management programs and execute amendments thereto, and taking other action connected therewith.
- H. Resolution No. 2013-54 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with URS Corporation. (Stormwater outfall inventory report and UIC Assessment work)
- I. Ordinance No. 2013-09 amending the 2013-2014 maintenance and operations budget.

Ordinance No. 2013-10 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.
- J. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 10, 2013.

Council asked for Item F to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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 J with the exception of Item F. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- F. Resolution No. 2013-52 confirming administrative office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, for the Walla Walla Police Department.

City Manager Shawa reported the Police Department has been monitoring the level of public activity of the records clerks from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Police Chief Bieber reported that during the last hour of the day, the records clerks' average about one walk in customer and 4.25 telephone calls. This activity causes interruptions to the clerks trying to get statutorily required items done.

There was discussion on:

- The nature of the work needing to be completed.
- The public perception of reducing administrative hours.
- The options that have been tried to facilitate completion of the statutorily required work.
- Ability to readdress the administrative office hours if there are major public concerns.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Craig Flowers, 1841 Fern, Walla Walla, asked about the nature of calls occurring during the last hour of the day.

Staff reported this is not a permanent change. The impact will be monitored and staff will report back. The majority of the calls occurring between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. are for other departments and agencies. It is anticipated the change in hours will be implemented June 1 after notice to the public.

Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-52. Councilmember Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Cummins.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2013-55 approving a shoreline management substantial development permit request (SHR-13-0001) by Jensen/Fey Architects for construction and site development of Lot

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Number Four of the 9th and Rose Binding Site Plan (BSP). The project includes: a phase one development of a 121 room hotel and associated site improvements and phase two development of a 111 room hotel and associated site improvements. (Closed record quasi-judicial hearing)

City Manager Shawa reported this is for construction of a Courtyard Marriott. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommends approval.

Mayor Barrow polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex parte contacts. None were reported.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-55. Councilmember Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2013-56 approving an amendment to the Garden Gates Addition Planned Unit Development preliminary plat (PPL-13-0001) involving the subdivision of Parcel "E" of survey book 12 page 57 into two lots, and parcel "D" of survey book 12 page 35 and lot 7 of the Garden Gates Addition Plat book 7, page 61, located in TR. 35 of Abbott Acres, Plat Book D page 21, in the SW ¼, NE ¼ of Section 33, T7N, R36E, WM, involving property commonly located south of Abbott Road on Paramount Street, Walla Walla County, WA. (Closed record quasi-judicial hearing)

City Manager Shawa reported this proposal would amend the current planned unit development for the location of ten units out of the maximum of thirteen dwelling units. The Planning Commission considered the request and has recommended approval.

Mayor Barrow polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex parte contacts. None were reported.

Joint Community Development Agency Director Glover reported the Planning Commission had reviewed the proposal at two meetings and recommends approval to subdivide one additional lot.

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**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-56.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Public Hearing and Resolution No. 2013-57 adopting revisions to the six year comprehensive transportation program for the City for 2013-2018.

City Manager Shawa reported this resolution will amend the current six year transportation improvement program to move forward on the Isaacs Avenue project. With the establishment of the Walla Walla Area Metropolitan Planning Organization there are tighter timelines for the use of grant funds. Staff is proposing to prepare this project in case other jurisdictions are unable to use their allocated grant funds.

There was discussion on:

- Clarifying the nature of the project to help the project qualify for funding.
- Isaacs Avenue was ranked third on the citizens' survey after Rose and Alder Streets.
- Staff is reviewing funding through the transportation benefit district and infrastructure repair and replacement program which may make Isaacs Avenue eligible to go after matching grant funds by having the design phase lined up. An alternatives analysis will also need to be prepared.
- Concerns of Whitman College with the safety of pedestrian crossings along Isaacs Avenue in the area of Whitman College.

Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing open at 8:19 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, Mayor Barrow declared the public hearing closed.

**Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-57.
Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Approval of a reserved parking program.

City Manager Shawa reported this was discussed at the Council Work Session. This is a request by 51 East Main, a new development of five luxury lodging units, to lease three dedicated parking spaces in the far

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northeast corner of the City lot off of Rose Street, east of Second Avenue. Staff recommends approval of the request, subject to the following policy guidelines and conditions:

- This specific request will be granted for a two year trial period to determine impact and feasibility.
- Provision of reserved parking should not significantly infringe upon parking access for downtown visitors.
- Reserved public spaces for the historic downtown area will be limited to the north row of parking spaces at the City's public parking facility adjacent to Rose Street.
- The reserved parking program is limited to parking for permanent and temporary residents of the historic downtown area residing in property located above street level.
- The annual rate for reserved parking will reflect the current market rate for reserved downtown parking.
- The City Manager is responsible for management of the City's reserved parking program.
- The City will be responsible for maintenance of the reserved parking spaces including striping, snow plowing and other necessary maintenance.
- Those entering into a reserved parking agreement with the City will hold the City and its agents harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney fees, arising out of or in connection with activities or operations related to the provision of reserved parking in City lots, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the City or its employees.

The plan is to start the reserved parking program May 1 and assess the impact. Staff has discussed this proposal several times with the Director of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the reserved parking program and direct staff to develop the necessary action item to initiate the program. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2013.

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Councilmember Plucker moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2013. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cavazos.

F. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held April 8, 2013.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held April 8, 2013. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cavazos.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance on the KUJ radio show held April 12; the Valley Transit Board meeting held April 18; and the Civil Service Commission meeting held April 17.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Veterans Administration homeless veterans summit held March 28; the Work Session held April 8; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held April 9; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board and Fire Pension Board meetings held April 9; the Sustainability Committee meeting held April 9; the Arbor Day celebration at Edison Elementary School held April 10; a meeting with the County Commissioners held April 16 regarding the update to the shoreline master programs; the Helpline SoupPort held April 17; the Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held April 17; the City's customer service training held April 18; the Valley Transit Board meeting held April 18; the grand opening of the new US Army Corps of Engineers Mill Creek project office held April 19; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society annual meeting held April 22.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held April 22.

Councilmember Plucker reported on his travel to Olympia with his leadership students on April 17 through April 19 and recognized the efforts by Councilmember Laib in having these students recognized by the senate and local legislators. Councilmember Plucker also reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held April 22.

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Mayor Barrow reported attendance at the Joint Community Development Agency Board meeting held April 1; the Work Session held April 8; the Fort Walla Walla Board meeting held April 1; the Arbor Day celebration at Edison Elementary School held April 10; the United Way Board meeting; the Chamber of Commerce business summit held April 12; the DWI Task Force dedication held April 13; a meeting with the County Commissioners held April 16 regarding the update to the shoreline master programs; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held April 16; the City's customer service training held April 17 and April 18; and the Helpline SoupPort held April 17.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Cummins asked for an update on the previously reported public nuisance on Division Street. City Manager Shawa reported this had been turned over to code enforcement and he will follow up.

Councilmember Cummins asked for the status of a report on the safety of City buildings and facilities. City Manager Shawa indicated he would have a report for the City Council at their next Work Session. Councilmember Clark reported the Public Library has opened another exit door to allow for additional egress in case of an emergency.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barrow announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to:

- A. Discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which the City is a party or is likely to become a party pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); and
- B. 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).

The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and will reconvene in open session. The meeting recessed at 8:52 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:36 p.m.

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City Manager Shawa introduced Ordinance No. 2013-11 authorizing the City Manager to execute a labor agreement with the Walla Walla Local 1191-W Union, Washington State Council of County and City Employees, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, and taking other action in connection therewith.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11.

Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion.

Council extended their thanks to City Manager Shawa, Human Resource Manager Seekamp and the rest of the bargaining team.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11 unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.