

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 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, Mary Lou Jenkins, Shane Laib, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Water Distribution Supervisor Adrian Sutor, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, Engineer Monte Puymon, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Davis, property owner of 740 Whitman Street, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with the continuing code enforcement violations at 712 Whitman Street and asked the City to take action.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Annual renewal of fourteen licenses:
  - 1. Apex Food, 410 Alder.
  - 2. Foundry Vineyards, 1111 Abadie.
  - 3. Walla Walla Sweets, Borleske Stadium.
  - 4. Amaurice Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue #L.
  - 5. Delmas, 1102 Dell Avenue.

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6. Foundry Vineyards, 1102 Dell Avenue.
  7. Mullan Road Cellar, 1102 Dell Avenue.
  8. Tulpen Cellars, 1102 Dell Avenue #F.
  9. Aloha Sushi, 7-1/2 S. 1st Avenue.
  10. Sweet Basil Pizzeria, 5 S. 1st Street.
  11. Journeys Pub, 119 W. Alder Street, Suite 102.
  12. Saffron Mediterranean Kitchen/Pho Sho, 125 W. Alder Street.
  13. Stardust Lanes, 330 South 2nd Avenue.
  14. South Fork Grill, 1129 South 2nd Avenue #D.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Sweet Onion Marketing Committee for an enclosed two block area on Main Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on July 20 and July 21.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Historic Architecture Development dba Kirkman House Museum at the Gesa Powerhouse Theatre, 111 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue on May 30, May 31, and June 1.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance function at Charles Smith Wines, 35 S. Spokane Street on June 22, 2013.
- E. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho at the Gesa Powerhouse Theatre on June 7 and June 9, 2013.
- F. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for the American Red Cross at the Gesa Powerhouse Theatre on June 8, 2013.
- G. Resolution No. 2013-65 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a supplemental agreement, change orders and amendments to a professional services agreement with HDJ Design Group, PLLC and taking such further action needed therewith.  
(Myra Road SR-125 to Garrison Creek)

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- H. Resolution No. 2013-66 declaring a fire department cargo trailer surplus and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of it and taking further action needed therewith.
- I. Resolution No. 2013-67 awarding bid to provide water system parts to Ferguson Waterworks. (No lead compliant brass fittings)
- J. Resolution No. 2013-68 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Shaw Environmental, Inc. and taking such further action needed therewith. (Sudbury Road Landfill gas field and flare operations and maintenance)
- K. Resolution No. 2013-69 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an on call professional services agreement with Schwyn Environmental Services and taking such further action needed therewith. (Landfill on-call services)
- L. Resolution No. 2013-70 approving the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and taking other action connected therewith.
- M. Resolution No. 2013-71 rejecting all bids for the Orchard Street sidewalk improvement project and taking such further action needed therewith.
- N. Ordinance No. 2013-14 temporarily amending Municipal Code Section 3.05.120 regarding allocation of investment income and taking other action in connection therewith.
- O. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 2013.

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

There was brief discussion on the rejection of the single bid for the Orchard Street sidewalk project and the turnaround time to rebid the project; and the reduction in greenhouse gases at the landfill does not accumulate carbon credits.

**Councilmember Laib moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through O. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2013-72 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement for a community solar project, and taking such further action needed therewith.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported this item had been previously discussed at a Council Work Session. This action will allow a lease agreement for property located at the wastewater treatment plant for a community solar project.

There was discussion between Council, Frederic Liebrand representing Community Solar Project, and Willy Breshears, CH2M Hill wastewater treatment plant manager, on:

- Payment of start-up fees and financing for the community solar project.
- Shareholder donation of profits for educational scholarships.
- Concerns with placement on public property for private gains. Tax write offs only apply if the solar energy is used for a public purpose and for the public good. The positive return on investment is due to current State incentives.
- Money saved from the electrical generation will be deducted from the current power bill for the wastewater treatment plant.
- Typographical error in draft contract should read "Twenty-five thousand" rather than "Ten thousand."

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

**Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-72. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion.**

There were comments by Council that in addition to the electrical generation, the City will gain experience in solar energy and there is a strong public benefit in learning, transition and climate change.

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**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-72 carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Plucker.**

- B. Resolution No. 2013-73 awarding the contract for improvements to the City Hall electrical system to Walla Walla Electric.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported these are improvements in the basement area of City Hall to bring the building into compliance with the electrical code. The funding for the project will be from the police station bond.

There was discussion on whether the use of bond funds is appropriate for a project that will benefit the entire building, not just the area formerly occupied by the police department.

**Councilmember Laib moved to table Resolution No. 2013-73 to the June 12 City Council meeting. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Council suggested inviting members of the police station citizens committee to attend on June 12 for their input on this proposal.

## **6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association board meeting held May 20; and the Work Session held May 20. Councilmember Laib also reported the season opener for the Walla Walla Sweets is June 5. Mayor Barrow suggested a press release be issued if fireworks are a planned activity as part of the season opening game.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Work Session held May 20.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 16; the Borleske Stadium Association board meeting held May 20; the Work Session held May 20; and the Washington State Public Works Board & Community Economic Revitalization Board Southeast Regional Academy held May 22.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Work Session held May 20. Councilmember Plucker also extended an invitation to the open

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house for the Crew Space lab at the Public Library on May 31; and the Aviary Community Day on May 25.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held May 14; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held May 14; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held May 15; the Dan Brown streaming lecture at the Public Library held May 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 16; the third Big Ideas Conference at the Public Library held May 16; and the Work Session held May 20. Councilmember Clark also asked whether the police were able to perform any extra patrols for cyclists not following the rules of the road.

Councilmember Cavazos reported attendance at the Work Session held May 20.

Mayor Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held May 16; the Work Session held May 20; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held May 21; and the Washington State Public Works Board & Community Economic Revitalization Board Southeast Regional Academy held May 22.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Laib moved to appoint Kurt Othberg to the Infrastructure Improvement Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2015. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was discussion on code enforcement and current efforts at 712 Whitman Street. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff schedule a Work Session on what can be done regarding code enforcement and mitigating violations. Council also asked to be kept apprised of any actions by the Joint Community Development Agency affecting businesses within the City limits.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported:

- Activities for Public Works week are going very well.
- The Veterans Home site will be blessed on May 28 at 1:30 p.m. followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the rehabilitation center.

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- The City was not successful in receiving the grant for the water meter reading system.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Councilmember Laib moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**