

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem the first order of business is selection of an Acting Mayor for the meeting. City Clerk Hill declared the nominations for Acting Mayor open.

Councilmember Clark nominated Councilmember Cummins to serve as Acting Mayor since he is the longest serving Councilmember.

There being no further nominations, Councilmember Cummins was declared Acting Mayor of the meeting.

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Mary Lou Jenkins, Shane Laib, Chris Plucker, and Acting Mayor Jerry Cummins.

Absent: Councilmember Conrado Cavazos, Jr. and Mayor Jim Barrow.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Jon Maland, Principal Planner, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, reported she lives in the Golden West Estates and there is only one entrance and exit off of Rose Street for the residents. Ms. Schiller suggested the City install cautionary signs on Rose Street near 9th Avenue for westbound traffic and at the Blue Mountain Mall for eastbound traffic. These signs would warn traffic that there are bicycles on the roadway and to yield to pedestrians.

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Andy Pryor, PO Box 87, Dixie, submitted signed letters requesting the City Council reconsider the number of lanes on Rose Street. These signatures were gathered at the 4th of July celebration at Pioneer Park and express concern with the removal of six sycamore trees. The action by the City Council was not in accordance with the policies in the comprehensive plan. Mr. Pryor asked this issue be placed as an item on a future agenda.

Brent Baldwin, 22 E. Tietan, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with cuts to emergency services, especially in the police department. Mr. Baldwin also acknowledged the work, expertise, and commitment of City Attorney Donaldson.

Don Ashley, 1128 SW Bade, College Place, commented on the accident data on Rose Street between 9th Avenue and Myra Road. Mr. Ashley asked the City Council to reconsider their decision to have Rose Street remain four lanes and instead use the engineer's recommended best practices for this roadway.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application for added privilege for Walla Walla's Harvest Foods, 905 S 2nd Avenue.
- B. Resolution No. 2013-85 awarding the contract for removal of the Holiday Inn sewer lift station to Harry Carlyle Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$103,297.91.
- C. Resolution No. 2013-86 declaring oil tanks surplus, authorizing their disposal, and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with A & B Asphalt for removal of the tanks, and taking such further action needed therewith.
- D. Resolution No. 2013-87 fixing a time for hearing of a petition by the YMCA (P13-010) to vacate a portion of the alley right-of-way located east of Park Street to Grove Street within Truax Block of the amended plat of Park Addition, adjacent to Lot A, B I and L of Truax Block.

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- E. Resolution No. 2013-88 authorizing the City Manager to apply for renewal of crime victim service center program grant funding, accepting the terms of a grant agreement, and taking other action related thereto.
- F. Resolution No. 2013-89 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., for the Rose Street Transportation Benefit District (TBD) project.
- G. Approval of a secondhand dealer business license for Kyla Swenson doing business as New 2 You.

Council asked who paid for the original Holiday Inn lift station and the one at Myra Road. Staff responded that the developer paid for the Holiday Inn lift station and the wastewater fund paid for the lift station at Myra Road.

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

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2013-90 approving a shoreline management substantial development permit request (P13-001) by Whitman College to re-channel College Creek near its confluence with Mill Creek and to perform other work and construct other improvements in the vicinity of 105 Shady Rill Street.

Acting Mayor Cummins polled the members of the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts. No one on the Council reported any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts.

Principal Planner Maland explained the project didn't meet the exemptions for a shoreline substantial development permit and outlined the process, notices, and hearings for the project. The only change affects approximately 25 to 30 feet of the creek.

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Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-90. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held June 24, 2013.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held June 24, 2013. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 26, 2013.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 26, 2013. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Jenkins.

D. Approval of the June 30, 2013 accounts payable register covering checks 176439 through 176826, 990559 through 990566 totaling \$3,774,116.68, and check 176360 totaling \$156.44.

Councilmember Clark moved to pay check 176360 for Jerry Cummins that was carried over from the June 26 meeting. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Acting Mayor Cummins.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve payment of the June 30, 2013 accounts payable register covering checks 176439 through 176826, 990559 through 990566 totaling \$3,774,116.68 with the exception of the check to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Laib had no meetings to report and announced that the next family movie night at Borleske Stadium would be held July 13.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Work Session held June 24; the Senior Citizens Board meeting held June 27; and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held June 27.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the special meeting held July 1, 2013.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the special meeting held July 1; the Sustainability Committee meeting held July 2; the Independence Day celebration at Pioneer Park held July 4; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held July 9; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held July 9; the Fire Pension Board meeting held July 9; and the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held July 9.

Acting Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held July 9; and the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held July 10.

It was noted that Councilmembers Laib and Jenkins were also in attendance at the special meeting held July 1.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Laib moved to make the following appointments:

- **Dona LaFran for a term expiring December 31, 2013 and Keith Weathermon for a term expiring December 31, 2014 to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.**
- **Brennan Grass for a term expiring December 31, 2015 to the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board.**
- **Norma Gruber for a term expiring December 31, 2015 to the Planning Commission.**

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

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Councilmember Laib reported the City still has vacancies on the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Sustainability Committee, and the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Laib moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.