

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 18, 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: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Engineer Doug Eaton, 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

Mayor Barrow invited public input. 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 H, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Community Hospice at the Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center on February 8, 2013.
- B. Resolution No. 2013-137 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended professional services agreement with Schwyn Environmental Services and taking such further action needed therewith. (Sudbury landfill remediation project)

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- C. Resolution No. 2013-138 authorizing the City Manager to close out a 2012 Justice Assistance Grant and taking other action related thereto.
 - D. Resolution No. 2013-139 authorizing the City Manager to close out a 2011 Justice Assistance Grant and taking other action related thereto.
 - E. Resolution No. 2013-140 authorizing the City Manager to accept a Transportation Improvement Board pavement preservation grant for the Rose Street improvement project and to take other action connected therewith.
 - F. Resolution No. 2013-141 authorizing the City Manager to accept a Transportation Improvement Board urban sidewalk program grant for the Rose Street improvement project and to take other action connected therewith.
 - G. Ordinance No. 2013-35 relating to cable franchises; authorizing and ratifying an extension of the Charter Cable Franchise granted pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2003-4; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
 - H. Ordinance No. 2013-36 amending the 2013-2014 maintenance and operations budget.
- Ordinance No. 2013-37 establishing new capital projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

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

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

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Provide official direction for continuing design of the lane configuration with diagonal parking on Alder Street.

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City Engineer Chavre introduced Scott Mansur, DKS Associates, participating by conference call and Adam Schmidtgall, Anderson Perry & Associates. The public input process, including the use of the Open City Hall web portal, was reviewed.

Mr. Schmidtgall reviewed the three alternatives:

- Alternative 1 consists of a travel lane in each direction with a two-way center turn lane in the middle. Angled parking would be on one side of the street and parallel parking on the other. This option provides for a high level of service for traffic at the intersections but would only add approximately 47 additional parking spaces.
- Alternative 2 consists of two travel lanes with angled parking on both side of the street. This alternative provides the greatest increase in on-street parking with as many as 80 additional spaces. This alternative is projected to result in traffic backups at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Alder Street. This back-up is likely to impact downstream traffic on Alder Street.
- Alternative 3 is a hybrid of alternatives 1 and 2, adding approximately 60 additional on-street parking spaces while still providing a high level of service by providing a left hand turn lane at 2nd Avenue.

There was discussion on:

- The need for providing areas for delivery truck loading and unloading. Currently the alternative designs are only concept level. There will likely be a slight reconfiguration of spaces to accommodate truck deliveries. Council asked staff to work with the business to determine appropriate areas for truck deliveries.
- The reduction in parking spaces if Alternative 3 is selected.
- Providing for parallel parking on Alder Street in the blocks affected by a left hand turn lane.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, had comments on truck traffic and deliveries on Alder Street. He suggested making the area along the Macy's public parking lot as a commercial loading and unloading zone.

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Charles Potts, 357 Palouse, Walla Walla, and downtown property owner, reported that trucks are making deliveries at all times of the day but could be encouraged to make deliveries in the "off hours." Mr. Potts also suggested that Colville Street be straightened out and traffic restricted from crossing Alder at this intersection. Mr. Potts expressed a preference for Alternative 2 but would also be satisfied with Alternative 3.

Jim Harold, 33 Brisbane, Walla Walla, and owner of three downtown properties, felt that looking at potential configurations was a very positive step. Mr. Harold expressed a preference for Alternative 2 since the striping is just paint but would not be opposed to Alternative 3. Other alternatives need to be studied to provide for additional growth in downtown businesses. Mr. Harold commended the work of the engineers and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation and suggested that Alder Street be reconfigured to put a median with trees in the middle of the street with parking on either side. He had concerns with the damage caused by the mature street trees and the sight restrictions to business signage they cause. Mr. Harold also felt that 20 foot wide sidewalks are unnecessary.

There was further discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of Alternatives 2 and 3; the need for additional all day parking areas; and getting businesses to change their employees parking habits.

By a show of hands, a majority of the City Council expressed their preference for Alternative 3.

- B. Resolution No. 2013-142 authorizing the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Walla Walla County and the City of College Place regarding court services.

City Attorney Donaldson reported that the consolidated District Court has been very successful for the City and the County. The City of College Place has asked to consolidate their Municipal Court with the District Court. District Court Judge Knowlton believes his court can handle the additional cases without any increase to the City or County of Walla Walla.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Greg Tompkins, Walla Walla County Commissioner, thanked City Attorney Donaldson for facilitating the process.

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**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-142.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.**

Council thanked City Attorney Donaldson, College Place City Administrator Pat Reay, and County Commissioner Tompkins for their work. This will be a positive move for the Walla Walla Valley.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-142 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Consideration of a new application to produce and process marijuana at 1491 W. Rose Street.

City Attorney Donaldson reported this is the site of the old Burbee canning company. The current zoning of the site allows for the production of marijuana but not the processing. The City has no objection to the applicant but does object to the processing use proposed by the applicants. Staff expects the Liquor Control Board will grant the license and the City's objections will be sorted out through the conditional use permit process.

There was discussion on the difference between the production and processing of marijuana. Marijuana processing facilities are only allowed in light industrial zones while production facilities are allowed in highway commercial zones. Staff encouraged citizen involvement in the development of permanent zoning regulations.

Mayor Barrow invited public input.

Ted Richerzhagen, 24 SE Sunny Drive, College Place, felt that just because the west side of the state voted to legalize recreational use of marijuana that these businesses don't have to be allowed in Walla Walla. Mr. Richardson encouraged the Council to deny a business license.

Jackie Richerzhagen, 24 SE Sunny Drive, College Place, expressed concerns with the impact of marijuana on youth and asked Council to deny the license to take a stand for the youth in the valley.

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Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, indicated she would like an opportunity for the public to offer their feedback and expressed her dislike for the proposed location.

Don Hanson, 1698 Greenbrier and property manager at the Centennial West Apartments, commented that they have worked very hard to get rid of the drug problems at the apartments and the proposed location is not a good place for this type of business.

Councilmember Laib moved to object to the location of the application for a marijuana production and processing facility at 1491 W. Rose Street with an explanatory letter and supporting materials to the Washington State Liquor Control Board. Councilmember Cavazos seconded the motion.

There was brief discussion on affirming the decision to allow production of marijuana but not processing in the zone at the proposed location; and the impact on an existing marijuana business if an incompatible use goes in after the business is permitted.

The motion to object to the location of the application for a marijuana production and processing facility at 1491 W. Rose Street with an explanatory letter and supporting materials to the Washington State Liquor Control Board unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2013.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2013. Councilmember Laib seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cavazos.

E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held December 9, 2013.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held December 9, 2013. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Cavazos and Plucker.

F. Approval of the November 30, 2013 accounts payable register containing check numbers 178191 through 178484, 178499, 990588

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through 990592, and 8118 through 8129 in the amount of \$2,783,805.53.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the November 30, 2013 accounts payable register containing check numbers 178191 through 178484, 178499, 990588 through 990592, and 8118 through 8129 in the amount of \$2,783,805.53 with the exception of the check to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Laib moved to approve payment of the check to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Mayor Barrow, with the consensus of Council, stated that all Council Member meeting reports would be deferred except for the reports by Councilmembers Cavazos and Laib.

Councilmember Laib reported attendance at the Work Session held December 9; the Chamber of Commerce recognition banquet held December 12; the Toys for Tots toy drive held December 13; and the Borleske Stadium Association board meeting held December 16.

Councilmember Cavazos had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Plucker reported the Historic Preservation Commission had submitted a letter to the Walla Walla School District asking that Lincoln High School not be demolished.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney Donaldson recognized the eight years of service by Councilmember Laib and the four years of service by Councilmember Cavazos. Councilmembers Cavazos and Laib were presented with plaques and service pins.

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Councilmembers Cavazos and Laib reviewed their highlights, disappointments, and accomplishments during their term in office; and recognized people having an impact on their service.

Councilmember Laib moved to make the following appointments:

- **Joe Fondahn to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2016;**
- **Ashley Trout to the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board for a term expiring December 31, 2016; and**
- **Laurel Sweeney to the Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2016.**

Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Laib reported that the City Council had received a copy of correspondence from Kyle Clemens, President of the 1191-W union, indicating they are not in support of contracting out the operation of the water treatment plant.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Barrow announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to evaluate the performance of public employees pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and no further business will come before the City Council in open session.

The meeting was recessed at 8:50 p.m. and Council reconvened in Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.