

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Minutes

January 14, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER



Mayor Barrow called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Conrado Cavazos, Jr., Barbara Clark, Mary Lou Jenkins, Chris Plucker and Mayor Jim Barrow.

Absent: Councilmembers Jerry Cummins and Shane Laib.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Engineer Dean Abrams, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Discuss allowing parking downtown for itinerant lodging business.

City Manager Shawa outlined the request by Ron Dunning, downtown property owner, to reserve two spaces in the "park and shop" public parking lot from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays for his lodging at 51 Main Street. There was discussion by Council on the proposal.

It was the consensus of a majority of the City Council to have Mr. Dunning approach private landowners about leasing two dedicated parking spaces for after-hour use

by his renters.

B.Conditional use request: drive-through driveway on Roosevelt Street.

Engineer Abrams described the current code requirements for a drive through lane for schools. The school at 30 N. Roosevelt is a driver education school and staff does not believe a drive through lane is necessary. Staff believes a loading/unloading zone is safer than the required drive-through lane. The current code requirements do not allow any deviation from this requirement by staff. There was discussion by Council.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to consider allowing a deviation with an indemnity or hold harmless agreement and under the provisional use of a driving school.

Mayor Barrow, for the benefit of Elio Agostini, Executive Director of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation, explained the position of the City Council as it related to the subject of dedicated parking for the itinerant lodging business at 51 Main Street. Mr. Agostini expressed his concurrence with the direction of the City Council and felt a parking structure will be required in two to five years if property owners convert upper stories into living quarters.

C.Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities 2013 scholarship program.

Mayor Barrow reviewed the letter from the Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities inviting nominations for their scholarship program. The criteria and selection of a scholarship nominee is up to the City. Mayor Barrow suggested limiting scholarship nominees to Lincoln High School.

There were comments by Council in concurrence of the suggestion to limiting scholarship applications to Lincoln High School.

Councilmember Jenkins volunteered to establish selection criteria and contact Lincoln High School.

3.Other Business

No other business was discussed.

4.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.