

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cummins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Fulton Community Room, Police Department, 54 E. Moore Street.

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Dick Morgan, Chris Plucker, Allen Pomraning, and Mayor Jerry Cummins.

Absent: Councilmember Mary Lou Jenkins.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Assistant Development Services Director Brian Walker, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

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

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamation declaring June 15, 2014 as "Diversity Day in Walla Walla."

Mayor Cummins read and presented the proclamation declaring June 15, 2014 as "Diversity Day in Walla Walla" to Dr. Steve Rubin, president of the Diversity Coalition. Mr. Rubin invited everyone to celebrate diversity day at Pioneer Park on June 15.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: special occasion license for Blue Mountain Humane Society at the GESA Powerhouse Theatre, 111 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue on June 27, July 19, August 23, and September 27, 2014.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: new application for Russell Creek, 26 E. Main Street, subject to applicant obtaining necessary permits from the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Change of location for Lawrence Cellars from 1102 Dell Avenue #M to 1485 W. Rose Street.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Assumption of license for TAJ Food Mart, 5 W. Morton Street.
- E. Resolution No. 2014-61 awarding the contract for installation of emergency communication system improvements and taking such further action needed therewith. (Agreements with City of Richland, Franklin County, and various vendors for a total amount not to exceed \$33,306 for the remote system access and reporting for WESCOM 911 Dispatch)
- F. Resolution No. 2014-62 ratifying submission of an application for a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program and taking other necessary action with respect to such grant program.
- G. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 14, 2014.

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 Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

### 6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2014-11 annexing approximately 183 acres of property being generally located on the south side of

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Abbott and east of Howard Street and Cottonwood Road to the south boundary of Tablerock Subdivision, and taking such other action related thereto. (Pipeline Annexation)

City Manager Shawa reviewed:

- This is the opportunity for the City Council to hear from the public regarding the proposed annexation.
- If the City Council approves the ordinance, the effective date will be July 1, 2013.
- Utility rates for the annexed properties will drop July 1. Property owners will see this reduction on the bill they receive in August.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will update the map data and WESCOM (dispatch) will implement dispatching protocols effective July 1.
- The City will begin the required annexation census count about June 20, 2014.
- The annexation is approximately 184 acres containing 261 parcels with 228 residences. The estimated population in the area is 553 residents. Outside utility agreements are on file for over ninety percent of the properties.
- Financial impacts to the City and property owners.
- Services that will remain the same or similar.

Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing open at 7:19 p.m.

Steve Milistefr, 257 Austin, Walla Walla, asked if the City would take over payment of the power for the street lights and maintenance of the stormwater swales and retention basins on July 1. City staff responded affirmatively. Mr. Milistefr reported there are 58 lots in their subdivision and 52 homes are in favor of the annexation. Mr. Milistefr also inquired whether a home owner's association will be required to be maintained. Staff indicated this is not a City decision but will depend on the development requirements of his subdivision.

Carol Merritt, 409 Coyote Ridge, Walla Walla, indicated it was her understanding when she purchased her home that the property would be annexed to the City and she is in support of the annexation.

Paul Jenes, 205 Coyote Ridge, Walla Walla, President of their homeowner's association, spoke in support of the annexation on behalf of their homeowners.

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There being no further public testimony, Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

**Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-11.  
Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2014-12 adopting interim amendments to Title 21 of the Municipal Code regarding flood plains and land use matters.

City Manager Shawa reported that this interim flood plain ordinance is required to address the flood plain areas within the newly annexed territory.

Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing open at 7:29 p.m.

Lucy Henderson, 336 S. Palouse, Walla Walla, asked how this ordinance fits with the update of the shoreline master program. City Attorney Donaldson responded that this flood plain ordinance does not affect the shoreline master program. The only waterway affected by the shoreline master program is Mill Creek. Amendments to the critical areas ordinance may be necessary as a result of this annexation.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

There was brief discussion on the impact of the flood plain ordinance on flood insurance rates.

**Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-12.  
Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2014-13 adopting interim amendments to Ordinance No. 2013-30 and Title 20 of the Municipal Code regarding zoning and land use matters to address Initiative 502 (recreational marijuana) and related regulatory matters.

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City Attorney Donaldson reported the interim zoning ordinance adopted by the City Council anticipated applicants would first obtain their State license. This is not the case and so local applications do not contain complete information. Ordinance No. 2014-13 adds requirements for additional information to fully address potential impacts on surrounding properties for recreational marijuana businesses. Permanent zoning amendments are still being processed. This amendment will not allow outdoor grow operations until they are addressed in the permanent regulations.

Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing open at 7:38 p.m.

Lucy Henderson, 336 S. Palouse, Walla Walla, had two main concerns with recreational marijuana businesses and asked the City Council to impose a moratorium or ban them from locating within the City limits. Ms. Henderson shared statistics provided by the Municipal Research and Services Center on the cities around the state that have imposed moratoriums or bans on recreational marijuana businesses.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing closed at 7:41 p.m.

There were comments by Council regarding the corrective actions proposed by this ordinance.

**Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-13. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 12, 2014.

**Councilmember Plucker moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held May 12, 2014. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Barrow.**

E. Approval of the May 31, 2014 accounts payable register containing check numbers 180070 through 180377; 990620 through 990622; and 8247 through 8269 totaling \$1,949,390.15.

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Councilmember Plucker moved to approve payment of the May 31, 2014 accounts payable register containing check numbers 180070 through 180377; 990620 through 990622; and 8247 through 8269 totaling \$1,949,390.15. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

### 7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the citizens' "Rebuild Memorial Pool" committee meeting held June 3.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Work Session held June 9; and the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held June 9.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at a meeting hosted by the Chamber of Commerce regarding anti-social behaviors in the downtown area held May 30; the Battle of the Badges baseball game held May 31; the CDBG Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee meeting held June 3; the Twilight Farmers Market held June 5; the Work Session held June 9; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held June 10; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held June 10; and the Sustainability Committee meeting held June 10.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held May 27; the meeting hosted by the Chamber of Commerce regarding anti-social behaviors in the downtown area held May 30; the Water Partnership Board meeting held June 3; a meeting with the City Manager held June 6; and the opening game of the Walla Walla Sweets held June 9.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the KUJ Radio show on May 30; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting held June 4; the Work Session held June 9; and the Public Library Board meeting held June 10.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at a downtown walk-around with the City Manager on May 30; the Relay for Life held May 30; the Public Works Trust Fund Board meeting held June 4; the Work Session held June 9; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held June 10; the AMVETS meeting held June 10; and the dedication of the Highway 12 overpass in Burbank in memory of Deputy Sheriff Mike Estes held June 11.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Morgan moved to reappoint/appoint the following:

- Ron Weber to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2020;
- **Elio Agostini and Alex DeMambro to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms expiring June 30, 2017;**
- Steven Woolley to the Walla Walla Housing Authority Board for a term expiring June 30, 2019;
- Shenally Bodden as a resident commissioner to the Walla Walla Housing Authority Board for a term expiring June 30, 2015;
- Clayton Hudiburg to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2017; and
- Kurt Othberg to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2017.

Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Barrow indicated that he was deferring a motion to rescind the interim zoning ordinance regarding recreational marijuana businesses until the full City Council is in attendance.

Councilmember Morgan asked for a report on whether there are actions or safety issues the City Council can address for pedestrian safety within the City. There were comments on the need for the police to complete investigating current incidents; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee testing pedestrian crossing flags. It was the consensus of Council to have a Work Session with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee to discuss pedestrian safety.

There was discussion and a consensus of Council to have an item placed on a future Work Session regarding gang activity within the City.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Morgan moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.