

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Mary Lou Jenkins, Dick Morgan, Allen Pomraning and Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Clark.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Chris Plucker and Mayor Jerry Cummins.

Due to the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Morgan nominated Barbara Clark to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Barrow seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Barbara Clark was declared Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Human Resource Manager Pam Taylor, Assistant Development Services Director Brian Walker, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Joint Community Development Agency Staff: Jon Maland, Principal Planner.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, thanked the City for the crosswalk improvements on Isaacs Avenue for Whitman College pedestrians. Mr. McFarland expressed concerns with conflicting signage and illegal pedestrian activity on Isaacs Avenue between North Main and Valencia Streets.

Mike Potter, 422 Mojonier Road, Walla Walla, Manager of the Farmer's Co-Op, commented on a letter he had sent to the City Council asking for changes to the sign code provisions regarding electronic signs and reader

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boards. Mr. Potter also asked that enforcement of the provisions of the sign code be performed fairly and uniformly instead of on a written-complaint only basis.

There were comments by Council on having staff review the sign code provisions after the City's Development Services Department is re-formed in January 2015.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New/amended application for the Courtyard by Marriott Walla Walla, 550 W. Rose Street.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho event at the Charles Smith Tasting Room, 35 S. Spokane Street, on September 5, 2014.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application in lieu of current privilege for Octane, 526 Wellington.
- D. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Change of location for Lodmell Cellars, 6 W. Rose Street.
- E. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application in lieu of current privilege for Doubleback, 229 E. Main Street.
- F. Resolution No. 2017-79 authorizing amendments to a professional services agreement with Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc., for the Alder Street project. (Increases City Manager signatory authority by \$25,000)
- G. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held July 31, 2014.
- H. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held August 11, 2014.

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

Councilmember Pomraning moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through H. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New applications for Downtown Farmers Market – Saturdays at 4th and Main Street and Thursdays on South 1st Avenue.

Councilmember Barrow reported that he would be abstaining on this issue since he is a member of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation's Board of Directors.

City Manager Shawa reported this item was considered by the City Council on August 13. The City Council delayed action until the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation's Board had reviewed and indicated their support of the proposed liquor licenses. A 20-day extension had been requested and granted by the Liquor Control Board. The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board has approved of the proposal to allow beer and wine tastings at the Farmers Market, subject to the conditions required by the Liquor Control Board.

There were comments by Council on the proposed liquor licenses for the Downtown Farmers Markets.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Pomraning moved to approve the Washington State Liquor Control Board new applications for the Downtown Farmers Market on Saturdays at 4th and Main Streets and Thursdays on South 1st Avenue. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Barrow.

- B. Second public hearing and Ordinance No. 2014-24 amending the rezoning map, and taking such other action related thereto.
(Application P14-048: Grudzinski/Myra Road Properties LLC – assigns

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a commercial designation to approximately 23.24 acres within the urban growth area.)

City Manager Shawa reported this is the required second public hearing on this application. This prezone will be consistent with the County's action to rezone the property that is within the City's urban growth area. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark declared the public hearing open at 7:37 p.m.

City Attorney Donaldson reported this action aligns with action by the County and is consistent with surrounding land uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark declared the public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-24. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Ordinance No. 2014-25 amending the Walla Walla Municipal Code to require property to be annexed to the City prior to connection to City utilities.

City Manager Shawa reported this action would require property to be annexed to the City before connection to City utilities. Staff made some very minor amendments after the Planning Commission reviewed the action. There are also several properties for which the City made a commitment to serve and annexation petitions have been filed. These commitments to provide utility services will be honored, along with service to undeveloped lots in established subdivisions.

There was brief discussion on future claims based on water availability; providing services in case of a septic failure; and obligations if a plat is abandoned.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this item.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-25. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 2014.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 13, 2014. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Barrow.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Tourism Walla Walla Board meeting held August 21; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held August 21.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the dedication of the pedestrian crosswalk improvements at 9th and Cherry Street on August 22.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held July 28; the Finance Committee meeting held August 4; the Watershed Partnership Board meeting held August 5; the Work Session held August 11; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held August 12; a presentation by the Mill Creek Channel Coalition to Congress woman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers held August 19; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held August 21; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held August 25; and a presentation by the Mill Creek Channel Coalition to Senator Patty Murray's aide held August 25.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Good Roads Committee meeting held August 20; the Red Badge Foundation meeting at the public library held August 21; a meeting regarding micro cells held August 25; and a question and answer session regarding the Metropolitan Planning Organization held August 27.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark reported attendance at the Senior Center salmon dinner held August 15; the Civil Service Commission meeting held August 20; a meeting with Whitman College freshmen on sustainability held August 22; and the Georgetown University Energy Prize committee meeting held August 26.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council and staff commended the library for pursuing and starting the innovative Red Badge program for veterans.

Regulation of vacation rentals by owners will be on City staff's work plan for 2015.

The Blue Mountain Humane Society has kittens available for adoption that have been fostered in local homes.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Clark announced the Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). There will be no further business to come before Council in open session and the Executive Session will last no longer than two hours. The meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.