

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cummins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Solid Waste Manager Damon Taam, Sustainability Coordinator Melissa Warner, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Councilmember Barrow reported on his recent trip to the Umbria region of Italy to explore a "friendship" with Cannara, Italy, due to the agricultural similarities between this area and Walla Walla. Michael Locati from the Walla Walla Italian Heritage Association and Councilmember Barrow were hosted by the Umbria government and factory owners that had previously visited Walla Walla. A pact of friendship had been prepared and signed. Councilmember Barrow presented Mayor Cummins with a City key from Cannara, Italy, for public display.

- A. Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through September 23, 2014 as "Constitution Week in Walla Walla."

Mayor Cummins announced that the recipient was unable to attend the meeting so the reading of the proclamation will be dispensed with.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shane Laib, 1048 Frankland, Walla Walla, Chair of the Friends of the Pioneer Park Aviary, reported they had attained over \$210,000 in cash and pledges so they are withdrawing their request for a 60-day extension. Mr. Laib recognized his Board Members in attendance and thanked the community for their pledges and support of the aviary. The Council thanked the Friends of the Pioneer Park Aviary for their support of the aviary.

Clayton Hudiburg, 627 Washington Street, Walla Walla, Acting Chair of the Sustainability Committee, asked for consideration by the City Council of opening membership on the Sustainability Committee to citizens outside of the City limits that have a financial stake in the City or sustainability.

Mary Lou Yocum, 660 Pleasant Street, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with unleashed dogs in Pioneer Park.

Allen Key, A. Key Excavating, Ferndale Road, Milton-Freewater, Oregon, commented that he was the sole bidder on the 2014 stormwater CIP project. City staff will be recommending this bid be rejected due to it being the sole bid and over the engineer's estimate for the project. Mr. Key expressed concerns with the City rejecting bids from local contractors.

Mayor Cummins reported that Charter Communications had requested that Active Agenda Items C: Ordinance No. 2014-26 authorizing and ratifying an extension of the Charter cable franchise granted pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2003-4; and Resolution No. 2014-85 approving the transfer of control of the City's cable service provider to Comcast Corporation, be removed from this agenda. Council consented to the removal of Active Agenda Item C.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Palencia Wine Company, 9 South First.

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- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Project Logan, 1102 Dell Avenue. (Subject to applicant securing necessary permits from the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Change of location for Plumb Cellars, 39 E. Main Street.
- D. Resolution No. 2014-80 authorizing the purchase of a cab and chassis truck with aerial man-lift body for \$133,550 from Titan Truck Equipment of Spokane. (Street traffic signal maintenance)
- E. Resolution No. 2014-81 authorizing amendment #2 to the contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to finalize the financial assurance plan/post closure plan for the Sudbury Road landfill in the amount of \$9,735.
- F. Resolution No. 2014-82 fixing a time (October 22, 2014) to determine whether the City will accept, reject, or geographically modify a proposed annexation of approximately 15 acres of property, being generally located north of Middle Waitsburg Road and east of Lower Waitsburg Road and to determine other matters related thereto.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through F. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2014-83 authorizing an amended professional services agreement with Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc. for design, bidding and construction phase services as part of the Mill Creek water transmission main relocation at Wickersham Bridge.

Staff reviewed the need to relocate the City's water transmission line located within the County's right-of-way at Wickersham Bridge. There was discussion on the process used for selection of an engineer for this project;

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why this is a City project since it is within the County right-of-way; and advisability of having the same engineering firm representing both the City and County.

Mayor Cummins invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-83. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2014-84 approving the 2014 update of the sustainability plan for city operations and taking other necessary action with respect thereto.

Staff reviewed the work plan and goals. Part of this action will be to shift goal setting from the Sustainability Committee to City staff. This will require establishing an internal process for identifying sustainability-oriented goals and progress. Council asked to be kept informed of the goals and progress.

Mayor Cummins invited public input.

Sandra Cannon, 803 Valencia, Walla Walla, member of the Sustainability Committee, reported the goals include continuing to track electricity and natural gas usage at City Hall, Public Library, and Service Center administrative buildings by both dollar amounts and quantities; and to create an internal process to establish sustainability-oriented goals.

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-84. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Removed from the agenda at the request of Charter Communications.
- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 27, 2014.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 27, 2014. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the

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motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Plucker and Mayor Cummins.

- E. Approval of the accounts payable register for July 1 through July 31, 2014 containing check numbers 181013 through 181396, 990636 through 990640, and 8294 through 8313 in the amount of \$5,377,762.33.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve payment of the accounts payable register for July 1 through July 31, 2014 containing check numbers 181013 through 181396, 990636 through 990640, and 8294 through 8313 in the amount of \$5,377,762.33 with the exception of the check to the Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve payment of the check to Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Jenkins.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wilbur Street project held September 10; the Planning Commission meeting held September 8 as a private citizen; and a vacation to Washington D.C.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting held August 28; and the Boards & Commissions Committee meeting held September 8.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council interviews for food bank director held August 29; and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wilbur Street project held September 10. Councilmember Barrow also reported he represented the City, at no cost to the City, in the Umbria region of Italy from August 31 through September 8.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the agenda setting meeting held September 3; the Work Session held September 8; and the

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Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held September 8.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Work Session held September 8; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held September 9; the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 9; and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wilbur Street project held September 10.

Councilmember Pomraning reported he represented the Metropolitan Planning Organization at the Walla Walla County Fair; and attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held September 3; the Wheelin' Walla Walla event on September 6; the Work Session held September 8; the Planning Commission meeting held September 8; and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wilbur Street project held September 10. Councilmember Pomraning also reported meeting on September 5 with students from Washington State University College of Engineering and Architecture for renderings of the Mill Creek basin.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held September 2; the Good Roads nominating committee meeting held September 3; the Work Session held September 8; and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Wilbur Street project held September 10.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council and staff discussed the fundraising efforts by the Friends of the Pioneer Park Aviary and securing the cash from the pledges prior to commencing construction and before entering into negotiations for a lease or operation of the facility. Staff indicated their understanding of the Council's direction that no work on the capital project begins until the funds are in the City's account.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to appoint Mary Lou Yocum to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2017. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Barrow distributed a graphic listing prepared by Baker Boyer Bank of awards and recognition attained by Walla Walla. This flyer

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was distributed at recent meetings regarding the importance of the rehabilitation of the Mill Creek channel.

Council discussed the request made by the Sustainability Committee to open up membership to people living outside of the City limits with a financial stake in the City or sustainability efforts. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have the Council committee on boards, commissions and committees review and bring back a recommendation to the City Council on whether to allow non-City residents to serve on the Sustainability Committee.

Council commented on the need to address the problem of dogs off-leash and illegal bicyclist behaviors. It was the consensus of a majority of Council for staff to prepare a report on current enforcement statistics and police department philosophies on the enforcement of laws regarding dogs at-large, bicyclists, and skateboarders and bicyclists on the sidewalks downtown.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.