

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Mary Lou Jenkins, Dick Morgan, Chris Plucker, Allen Pomraning, and Mayor Jerry Cummins. (Councilmember Plucker arrived at 7:33 p.m.)

Absent: Councilmember Jim Barrow.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Public Library Director Beth Hudson, Human Resource Manager Pam Taylor, Engineer Dean Abrams, Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Police Chief Bieber provided brief background information and introduced Nick Johnson, Walla Walla's newest police officer.

Brent Cummings, Afterschool Ambassador with the Afterschool Alliance, provided an overview of their program and invited the City Council to attend their "Lights On" event at Garrison Middle School on October 23, 2014. They are celebrating with a high altitude weather balloon launch from five schools.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for the Walla Walla Symphony at the Marcus Whitman Hotel on October 25, 2014.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application for added privilege for Walla Walla Country Club, 1390 Country Club Road.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Whitman College at the Reid Campus Center on October 25, 2014.
- D. Resolution No. 2014-96 reappointing Bill Clemens to the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency Board.
- E. Resolution No. 2014-93 awarding the bid to HD Supply for various no-lead brass water fittings in the amount of \$36,388.30.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 2014.

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

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through F. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2014-92 authorizing a reimbursement agreement with Walla Walla County for the relocation of its transmission water main as part of the Wickersham Bridge replacement project along Mill Creek.

City Manager Shawa reported the design contract has been awarded to Anderson-Perry & Associates at the last meeting. The City has a franchise agreement with Walla Walla County. This franchise requires the relocation of the City's water line within the County right-of-way. Estimated project cost is \$400,000. This reimbursement agreement will allow the County to bid and manage the project at an estimated administrative cost of \$3,000. This will be a significant savings over having to bid the project separately as a City project. Staff recommends approval.

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

Council asked to be informed if the project is delayed.

**Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-92.
Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2014-94 amending the Provenance Planned Unit Development by reducing the required minimum side yard setbacks for residential structures from ten feet to five feet.

Mayor Cummins polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts.

Councilmember Morgan reported he had appeared before the Planning Commission as a private citizen since his property borders the Provenance Planned Unit Development. Councilmember Morgan indicated he would be abstaining from participation or voting on this issue.

There were no other conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts reported.

Principal Planner Maland reported this is a requested amendment to the Provenance Planned Unit Development to amend the side-yard setbacks. The site plan review committee and Planning Commission have both reviewed the proposal and recommend approval. This amendment will not affect the front or rear yard setbacks or the critical area buffers.

There was brief discussion on monitoring the development and ensuring that building and development requirements are met.

**Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-94.
Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.**

- C. Resolution No. 2014-95 approving the final plat to the Sunset Lodge North Planned Unit Development involving approximately 7.6 acres located north of Lodge Drive and west of Stevens Street.

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Mayor Cummins polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts. There were no conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts reported.

Principal Planner Maland reviewed the history for this planned unit development and the provision for a surety bond for any future required improvements. This proposal has been reviewed by the site plan review committee with a recommendation of approval. Staff believes that all property line disputes with neighboring properties have been resolved.

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-95. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held September 8, 2014.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held September 8, 2014. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting held September 24; the Tourism Walla Walla Board meeting held September 29; the Special Council meeting held September 29; the oath of office ceremony for Police Officer Nick Johnson held October 1; and the DeSales Sausage Festival held October 4.

Councilmember Plucker arrived at 7:33 p.m.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting held September 25; the Special Council meeting held September 29; and the DeSales Sausage Festival.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Special Council meeting held September 29; and the Sustainability Committee meeting held October 7.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Special Council meeting held September 29; the Metropolitan Planning Organization

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meeting held October 1; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation subcommittee meeting held October 3; and the Public Library Board of Trustees meeting held October 8. Councilmember Pomraning also reported participation on an election process/campaign financing panel with Whitman College students held October 7.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Special Council meeting held September 29.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Special Council meeting held September 29; and the Public Works Trust Fund Board meeting held October 1. Mayor Cummins also reported testifying at the Port of Walla Walla public hearing on the purchase option for the downtown property and participated on an election process/campaign financing panel with Whitman College students held October 7.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Jenkins moved to waive the residency requirement on the Sustainability Committee for one specific position for an interested person that works within the City limits in a sustainability-related job but does not reside within the City limits. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.

Councilmember Jenkins clarified that this motion will not affect the general residency requirement; it is just an exception for one specific person.

There was discussion with Councilmembers expressing their viewpoints on allowing non-City residents to have a vote on matters affecting City policies.

The motion to waive the residency requirement on the Sustainability Committee for one specific position for an interested person that works within the City limits in a sustainability-related job but does not reside within the City limits failed with 3 yes votes by Councilmembers Clark, Jenkins and Morgan and 3 no votes by Councilmembers Plucker, Pomraning, and Mayor Cummins.

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Councilmember Morgan encouraged participation in the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event on October 15 at noon starting in Heritage Park. This event is to raise awareness of the negative impacts of domestic violence.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.