

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015

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, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Solid Waste Manager Damon Taam, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Traffic Safety Award.

Mayor Cummins introduced Nancy McClenny-Walters, Target Zero Manager for Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Task Force. Ms. McClenny-Walters reviewed the establishment, funding, and role of the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Task Force. The task force recognizes members that have gone above and beyond in doing something to further traffic safety. This year they are honoring Mayor Cummins for his support of funding for the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety Task Force and for being a volunteer driver for the Tippy Taxi service offered during the holiday season. Mayor Cummins thanked Ms. McClenny-Walters for the award and commented on his experiences as a volunteer Tippy Taxi driver.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any issue not on the agenda.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Whitman College, Reid Campus Center Ballroom, on April 24, 2015.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Whitman College, Sherwood Center multi-purpose gym on April 25, 2015.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Shakespeare Uncork'd Walla Walla, at the Gesa Power House Theatre, 111 N. 6th Avenue, on February 14, 2015.
- D. Acceptance of resignation of Norma Gruber from the Planning Commission.
- E. Acceptance of resignation of Ryan Schreck from the Public Library Board of Trustees.
- F. Resolution No. 2015-02 authorizing the purchase of a half ton pickup truck from Bud Clary Chevrolet of Longview for \$27,225.28 for the landfill; and a three-quarter ton pickup from Legacy Ford of Pasco for \$28,982.08 for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- G. Resolution No. 2015-09 authorizes and approves an application for the Federal Emergency Management Agency 2015 Assistance to Firefighters (SAFER) grant.
- H. Resolution No. 2015-10 authorizing amendments to the Public Works Trust Fund loan agreements to change the repayment dates.
- I. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held January 12, 2015.
- J. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 14, 2015.

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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 J. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2015-11 supporting City of Walla Walla Proposition No. 1 on the February 10, 2015 ballot which will authorize the City to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$5,830,000 maturing within a maximum term of 20 years payable from ad valorem taxes levied against taxable property in the City for the purpose of reconstructing Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool and related facilities.

City Manager Shawa reported the purpose of this resolution is to send a signal to the public that the City Council supports the project.

Mayor Cummins invited anyone in the audience wanting to speak in favor of the proposition to come forward and address the City Council. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council.

Mayor Cummins invited anyone in the audience wanting to speak in opposition of the proposition to come forward and address the City Council. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council.

Mayor Cummins invited any general comments from the audience.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, indicated his support for the project and communication efforts.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

There were comments on the community needing a pool and the Rebuild Memorial Pool committee working hard to develop a plan based on community input.

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The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11 carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Jenkins.

Council thanked the members of the Rebuild Memorial Pool for their grass root efforts.

- B. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2015-02 annexing approximately 16.39 acres generally located north of Middle Waitsburg Road and east of Lower Waitsburg Road. (MacDonald annexation)

City Manager Shawa reported this is the fourth time the City Council has touched upon this annexation petition.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the process and reported additional parcels were not included in the proposed annexation because the City has no outside utility agreements on file. None of the adjacent properties are connected to City utilities.

Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing open at 7:24 p.m.

Will MacDonald, applicant, and Paul Tomkins, surveyor, reported that a subdivision application and traffic analysis have been submitted and are running concurrent to the annexation process.

Denise Malcolm, 45 Iris Lane, Walla Walla, commented that her property is adjacent to the proposed annexation. She is not opposed to the annexation but is opposed to the proposed forty-nine lot subdivision on the site. Ms. Malcolm reviewed her concerns with the proposed development of the site being considered for annexation.

Dr. John Hoehn, property owner to the north for twenty-nine years, expressed concerns with the proposed forty-nine lot subdivision on the property under consideration for annexation; and commented that it would be unlikely he would be able to further develop his own property.

Douglas Jones, 49 Iris Lane, Walla Walla, objected to the proposed annexation and subdivision; and asked the City Council to keep the area rural.

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Lyn Hoehn, property owner on Iris Lane, expressed concerns with the existing stream and the impact of a development on the drainage in the area.

Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with increased traffic on the roads and intersections in the area, especially the Clinton/Highway 12/Lower Waitsburg Road intersection. Mr. McFarland also expressed concerns with the boundaries of the annexation and drainage in the area.

Dr. John Hoehn commented on the relationship between the proposed subdivision and the annexation.

Denise Malcolm requested that Iris Lane be developed as part of any subdivision with an additional easement on the east side.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing closed.

There was discussion on:

- Annexations and the development process, which are two separate actions. Annexations are a legislative action. Subdivisions are a separate process and would come back to the City Council at a later date as a closed record matter. The time for public testimony on a subdivision is when the application is brought before the Hearing Examiner.
- The majority of concerns raised during the public hearing pertain to the proposed development of the property and not the annexation.
- Growth north of town and whether development of this property should be allowed. This property is within the City's urban growth area. Land outside of the urban growth area has been designated as unique and prime farmland.
- Inflating the price and value of the property through the annexation process. The City does not force property owners to annex. Annexation is now a requirement if a property owner wants access to City utilities.
- Growth management is the means of controlling sprawl and protecting farmlands.
- The development process includes a review of impacts to: City services, environmental conditions, and transportation/traffic.

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Traffic engineers determine the impact of future developments on infrastructure and recommend mitigating transportation measures. Mitigation costs are borne on a proportionate share based on the projected impact resulting from the development.

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02.
Councilmember Pomraning seconded the motion.**

Councilmembers Morgan and Plucker explained they would be voting no due to concerns on the impact to adjacent property owners and potential negative financial implications for the City for increased traffic at the Highway 12/Clinton Street intersection.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02 carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmembers Morgan and Plucker.

Council encouraged the owner and developer to work with the adjacent neighbors regarding access and other concerns.

C. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held with State legislators on January 5, 2015.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held January 5, 2015. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 3 abstentions by Councilmembers Jenkins, Pomraning, and Plucker.

D. Approval of minutes of the retreat held January 10, 2015.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the Council retreat held January 10, 2015. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Plucker.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at a Metropolitan Planning Organization subcommittee meeting held January 16; the Isaacs Avenue corridor tour held January 20; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held January 21; the Isaacs Avenue corridor public

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input session held January 21; and the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held January 22.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Isaacs Avenue corridor walking tour and public input session held January 20; the Civil Service Commission meeting held January 21; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held January 27.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held January 26; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held January 27.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held January 15; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held January 20; the Isaacs Avenue corridor study public outreach meeting held January 20; and meetings with State legislators in Olympia on January 26 and January 27.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Citizen Board meeting held January 22.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Tourism Walla Walla Board meeting held January 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 15; the Isaacs Avenue corridor walking tour held January 20; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held January 27.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 15; the Emergency Management Board meeting held January 20; the Public Works Board meeting held January 21 through January 23; and meetings with State legislators in Olympia on January 26 and January 27.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council had comments on the following:

- Proposed carbon tax and the sale of carbon credits generated by the Sudbury Road landfill.
- Televising City Council meetings.
- Re-establishment of the utility bill insert newsletter.

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City Manager Shawa reported that the meetings held in Olympia with State legislators went very well. There was brief discussion on the strategies employed by the City in meeting with legislators from around the state.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Plucker moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.