

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2015**

**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.

Absent: Councilmember Jim Barrow.

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Neil Chavre, Public Safety Communications Manager Steve Ruley, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

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

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Cummins read and presented a proclamation to City Engineer Chavre declaring the week of February 22-28, 2015 as "Engineers Week."

**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:

- A. Accept resignation of Helen Davis from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

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- B. Vacating seat held by Alexa Morlang on the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee under Municipal Code Section 2.25.050-Absenteeism.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Camp Fire Walla Walla event at Foundry Vineyards, 1111 Abadie Street, on March 7, 2015.
- D. Resolution No. 2015-12 authorizing the City Manager to apply for a USDA Community Facilities grant and authorizing acceptance of the grant (US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant for two additional remote radio sites for WESCOM.)
- E. Resolution No. 2015-13 authorizing Amendment #2 to the professional services agreement with Anderson-Perry Associates for the unforeseen design work on the 2015 Rose Street Transportation Benefit District project in the additional amount of \$37,963.
- F. Resolution No. 2015-14 setting March 25, 2015 as the public meeting date to consider the 10% Notice to Commence Annexation petition submitted by Hardy & Sons Inc., for an area approximately 4.5 acres north of Whitney Road and west of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- G. Resolution No. 2015-15 authorizing Amendment #6 to the professional services agreement with Anderson-Perry & Associates to allow for limited construction engineering services and materials testing on the Downtown Alder Street Improvements project in the additional amount of \$69,322.

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

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Public Hearing and Ordinance 2015-03 annexing approximately 5.1 acres of property generally located south of Taumarson Road and west of Plaza Way (Campbell Annexation).

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Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the background of the application. The right of way along Taumarson Road has been included in the annexation. The area is within the Urban Growth Area and is pre-zoned R-96. Staff recommends approval of the annexation.

Council asked about resolution of the Taumarson Road right of way issue. Staff responded that the City will be responsible for the maintenance of Taumarson Road from Plaza Way and adjacent to the annexed area.

Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing open at 7:13 p.m.

Barbara Rutzer, 1381 Barleen Drive, Walla Walla, asked if there would be any traffic studies done at Taumarson Road and Plaza Way. Development Services Director Chamberlain explained that the proposed annexation area is vacant property. Traffic studies will be required as part of any development application for the property.

Mayor Cummins declared the public hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

**Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-03. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2015-16 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Anderson-Perry and Associates for design of the 2016 Alder Street Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Plan (IRRP) Project (between Merriam and Roosevelt) in the amount of \$246,311.

City Engineer Neil Chavre reviewed the project area along Alder Street between Merriam and Roosevelt Streets. There were questions on whether the contract included gathering public input. City Engineer Chavre responded that the contract does include gathering public input.

**Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-16. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2015-17 adopting the 2015 Tourism Promotion Area Business Plan and authorizing the City Manager to execute

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contracts and agreements associated with that plan. (The tourism promotion area assessment is estimated to generate approximately \$240,000 in 2015.)

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported there are two main sources of revenue for tourism promotion; one is lodging tax revenues and the other is the Tourism Promotion Assessment. The Hotel and Motel Commission unanimously recommends approval of the tourism promotion area business plan through a contract with Tourism Walla Walla.

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

**Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-17. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Approval of the December 31, 2014 accounts payable register containing check numbers 182353-182725, 182728-182751, 182755-182785, 182787-182791, 990653-990662, 990664, and 8367-8375 totaling \$7,099,695.87.

**Councilmember Plucker moved to approve payment of the accounts payable register dated December 31, 2014 containing checks numbers 182353-182725, 182728-182751, 182755-182785, 182787-182791, 990653-990662, 990664, and 8367-8375 totaling \$7,099,695.87. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- E. Approval of the January 31, 2015 accounts payable register containing check numbers 182726-182727, 182752-182754, 182786, 182792-182987, 990663, 990665-990666 and 8376-8399 totaling \$1,945,986.54.

**Councilmember Plucker moved to approve payment of the January 31, 2015 accounts payable register containing check numbers 182726-182727, 182752-182754, 182786, 182792-182987, 990663, 990665-990666 and 8376-8399 totaling \$1,945,986.54 with the exception of the check to Chris Plucker. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

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**Councilmember Morgan moved to approve payment of the check to Chris Plucker. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Plucker.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held February 4; and the Work Session held February 9.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Citizens Board meeting held January 22; and the Work Session held February 9.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Joint Community Development Agency Board meeting held January 20; the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held February 2; and the Work Session held February 9.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held February 3; the Work Session held February 9; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held February 10; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held February 10.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held February 4; a meeting with staff of the Parks and Recreation Department held February 5; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee meeting held February 6; the Metropolitan Planning Organization modeling committee meeting held February 9; and the Work Session held February 9.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Public Works Board meeting held February 6; the Work Session held February 9; the Walla Walla High School Enrichment Program held February 9; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held February 10.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Jenkins moved to reappoint Tom Byers to the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board for a term expiring**

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**December 31, 2017. Councilmember Pomraning seconded the motion.  
The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Council asked for a report on the implications of a potential water shortage.

Council thanked the public for the support of the pool bond and recognized the efforts of the Rebuild Memorial Pool Committee, and especially the efforts of Ann North-Jones, Brad Daly, Becky Kennedy, Tracy Hickman; Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board members and Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont.

Council suggested that city residents could show their library card to receive a City resident discount at the pool.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.**