

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 25, 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. (Councilmember Plucker arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Butenhoff, 956 Abbot Road, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with Walla Walla's animal control policies including: how loose dogs are handled by the Blue Mountain Humane Society, unwarranted vaccinations, and why dog owners are not contacted when contact information is available. Mr. Butenhoff also requested a change to the no dogs in Mountain View cemetery policy; and installation of a four-way stop at Fern and Abbott.

Kevin Frahm, 835 Whitman Street, Walla Walla, was concerned with the potential movement of the traffic light at Alder and Clinton Streets to Alder and Division Streets and its impact on traffic patterns.

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Danza Classical Ballet Foundation at the Gesa Power House Theatre, 111 N. 6th Avenue, on March 21, 2015.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for the Moms' Network of Walla Walla at the Gesa Power House Theater, 111 N. 6th Avenue, on March 7, 2015.
- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Miss Walla Walla, 925 W. Main Street.
- D. Resolution No. 2015-18 declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of the items.
- E. Resolution No. 2015-19 awarding the bid for the 2015 Sewer Capital Improvement Projects on Stanton Street between University Street and Boyer Avenue; and in the alley north of Alder Street between Palouse Street and Park Street, to Sharpe & Preszler Construction Company, Inc. of Kennewick, in the amount of \$242,037.04.
- F. Resolution No. 2015-20 approving an easement in Washington Park for Columbia Rural Electric Association for installation of new electrical service, at no cost, for the splash pad donated by the noon Rotary Club.
- G. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 28, 2015.

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 G. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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Mayor Cummins thanked Columbia Rural Electric Association for their contribution of the electrical service at an approximate value of \$10,000 and the Noon Rotary Club for the purchase and installation of the splash pad at Washington Park valued at approximately \$400,000.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2015-21 authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services with Walla Walla County, for approximately \$1,406,386 in emergency medical service levy funds for ambulance services.

City Manager Shawa explained this Interlocal agreement allows the receipt of Emergency Medical Service levy funds. The shares are determined by a formula based on one-third property assessed value; one-third population; and one-third calls for service. Staff recommends approval.

Council asked if this number was an optimistic estimate and, if it was not reached, would there be a negative impact on ambulance services. City Manager Shawa explained the amount is based on one-hundred percent property tax collections which are not feasible. Variations in the tax collections are not drastic and will not impact ambulance services.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-21. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2015-22 approving a Shoreline Management Substantial Development permit for Chris Hopkins and Susan Eddy to construct a 3,750 square foot steel building with a future addition of 5,000 square feet and related site improvements within 200 feet of Mill Creek (622 Winery Place).

Senior Planner Maland provided a brief background on the application. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of the permit.

There was discussion on:

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- Requirements for landscaping or pedestrian paths adjacent to Mill Creek. Staff explained this particular property is not adjacent to Mill Creek and reviewed the process and criteria for subdivisions and provisions of the Shoreline Master Plan.
- An update to the joint Shoreline Master Plan is currently underway. A draft is anticipated to be submitted to the Department of Ecology, with public meetings scheduled in May. The proposed amended plan will likely come before the City Council later this year or early 2016.
- The proposed Shoreline Management Substantial development permit would cover both the 3,750 foot building and the 5,000 square foot future addition.
- The site is zoned heavy industrial.

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

Councilmember Plucker arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-22. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Plucker.

C. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held February 9, 2015.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the Work Session minutes of February 9, 2015. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention from Councilmember Barrow.

D. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 11, 2015.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held February 11, 2015. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Barrow.

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6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Auditor's exit conference held February 12; the Tourism Walla Walla Board meeting held February 19; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held February 19.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Center fundraising dinner held February 17; and the Senior Center Board meeting held February 23.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Board retreat held January 30; the Mill Creek Coalition meeting held February 18; the Blue Mountain Action Council board meeting held February 19; a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director on February 23; and the Infrastructure Improvement Advisory Committee meeting held February 23.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held February 19; and was interviewed by former student Lauren Bergman regarding a program called "Know your Government".

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Watershed Partnership annual snowpack measuring on February 25; and the Civil Service Commission meeting held February 25.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Auditor's exit conference held February 12; a meeting with Dan Calzaretta, Executive Director, regarding the Willow Charter School on February 12; the Mill Creek visioning group meeting held February 13; the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 18 and February 19; and a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding policy issues on February 20.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Auditor's exit conference held February 12; the swearing in ceremony for Police Officer Luke Watson held February 17; the Valley Transit Board meeting held February 19; a meeting with the editor of the Union Bulletin regarding Alder Street held February 19; and the Housing Authority Board meeting held February 23.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Morgan thanked staff for their thorough report regarding the City's water availability in case of a drought.

Councilmember Barrow asked when data would be available regarding the number of complaints made regarding activity in Heritage Park, and the number of dog violations. City Manager Shawa responded the City planned on discussing chickens and dogs at the March Work Session and Heritage Park at the April Work Session.

Councilmember Jenkins expressed concern with the apparent use of an elderly gentleman for panhandling in the cold and asked about regulating panhandling. City Attorney Donaldson responded that panhandling is a protected activity. The City can only legally prohibit aggressive panhandling. Elder abuse should be reported to the police when witnessed.

Councilmember Clark provided copies of an informational booklet on substance abuse education for youth and families.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.