

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 22, 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: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Senior Planner Jon Maland, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Project Engineer Dean Abrahams, 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. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Presentation of Anderson-Perry & Associates 2015 Scholarships

Councilmember Morgan reported the selection committee had a difficult time selecting the two scholarship recipients; and commented on the outstanding qualifications and focus on engineering by the applicants.

Mayor Cummins presented the scholarship certificates to Colleen Gibbons (Yvonne Gibbons accepting) and Alex Newton. Mayor Cummins recognized Jake Hollopeter and Anderson Perry & Associates for their involvement in the community.

Yvonne Gibbons, on behalf of Colleen Gibbons, thanked the City Council and Anderson Perry & Associates for awarding the scholarship to Colleen.

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Alex Newton thanked the City Council and Anderson Perry & Associates for the opportunity to continue pursuing a career in the engineering field.

Jake Hollopeter, Anderson Perry & Associates, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to give back to the Walla Walla community.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz Street, Walla Walla, commented on the changed date of the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Festival and suggested holding public hearings before changing dates of events.

Bob Radke, 2048 Blue Creek Road, Walla Walla, asked about the status of a proposed smoking ban in public parks. The process and proposal was discussed.

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 Tero Estates, 6 W. Rose; Suite 103.
- B. Resolution No. 2015-65 ratifying the submission of an application for a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant program (for Police programs).
- C. Resolution No. 2015-66 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Whitman College to transfer ownership of a section of sewer.
- D. Resolution No. 2015-67 setting a public hearing date for the Hardy & Son's annexation request (4.5 acres off of 3rd Avenue).
- E. Ordinance No. 2015-15 amending the 2015-2016 Biennium Operations and Maintenance Budget; and

Ordinance No. 2015-16 establishing new capital projects and amending the capital improvement project (CIP) budget.

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- F. Ordinance No. 2015-17 amending Municipal Code Section 12.32.030 regarding street cuts.

Council asked for a clarification on the proposed amendment regarding street cuts. City Manager Shawa explained staff's recommendation to cut the words "with hot asphalt mix" from the Code to provide protection to streets repaired by other means.

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through F. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2015-68 authorizing an agreement with Blue Mountain Action Council for Commitment to Community (C2C) neighborhood collaboration services.

City Manager Shawa reported the current biennium budget provides \$50,000 for 2015 and 2016 for expanded services by Commitment to Community.

Deputy City Manager McCarty explained the amount of funds that were allocated to Commitment to Community and the work done by Commitment to Community in certain neighborhoods. The proposed contract will expand the services to additional neighborhoods.

There was discussion on:

- Use of Community Development Block Grant funds for Commitment to Community program support is separate from this proposed agreement.
- Formation and composition of block watch groups.
- Selection of neighborhoods for working with Commitment to Community.

Nancy Jacobson, Commitment to Community Director, explained how she envisions meeting the goals for the proposed services and activities.

Mayor Cummins invited public input.

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Dr. Don Ashley, 1120 SW Bade Street, College Place, questioned if the programs are voluntary as some people may feel unsafe in participating. Staff responded the programs are voluntary and low key. Involvement is generally brought in at the neighborhood's request.

Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-68. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Jenkins.

- B. Resolution No. 2015-69 approving the final plat of the Iron Gate Subdivision involving approximately 5.68 acres of property commonly located east of Cottonwood Road and north of Whistling Duck Road. (Quasi-judicial closed record)

Mayor Cummins polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts. None were reported.

Senior Planner Maland provided the background on the application.

Council asked if there was any opposition during the preliminary plat application process. Staff reported there is no record from the County of any testimony provided on the preliminary plat application.

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-69. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Resolution No. 2015-70 approving a Shoreline Management Substantial Development permit request 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; (618 Winery Place). (Quasi-judicial closed record)

Mayor Cummins polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts. None were reported.

Senior Planner Maland provided the background on the application.

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Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-70. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held June 8, 2015.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held June 8, 2015. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Jenkins and Morgan.

E. Gentlemen of the Road Stopover Tour.

Parks and Recreation Director Dumont provided an overview on the Gentlemen of the Road stopover tour attended in Waverly, Iowa.

Councilmember Plucker, in attendance at the event in Waverly, Iowa, gave an update on what to expect in Walla Walla and expressed confidence in the event producers and opportunity to positively showcase our community.

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

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Gentlemen of the Road Stopover Tour planning meeting on May 28; the Anderson Perry & Associates Scholarship selection committee meeting on May 29; the Finance Committee meeting on June 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting on June 19; and the State Auditor's exit conference on June 19.

Councilmember Jenkins had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting on June 15; and the Gentlemen of the Road Stopover tour in Waverly, Iowa.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Washington Park Splash Pad ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 11; the Civil Service Commission meeting on June 17; and the Diversity Day celebration on June 21.

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Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Transportation Benefit District meeting on June 10; the Washington Park Splash Pad ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 11; the Star Gala on June 14; the Good Roads Committee meeting on June 17; and the reception for the new director of the Sherwood Trust on June 18.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium new flag pole unveiling on June 5; the Washington Park Splash Pad ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 11; the Good Roads Committee meeting on June 17; the reception for the new director of the Sherwood Trust on June 18; the Valley Transit Board meeting on June 18; the Public Works Board meeting on June 19; the State Auditor's exit conference on June 19; the Diversity Day celebration on June 21; and the Walla Walla Housing Authority Board meeting on June 22.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Jenkins moved to reappoint Shenally Bodden as the resident commissioner on the Housing Authority Board for a term expiring June 30, 2018. Councilmember Plucker seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

There was discussion regarding the private use of fireworks on the 4th of July due to the extreme heat and dry conditions. The City is asking citizens to use extra caution and continues to educate residents on the types of fireworks that are legal to use.

Council commented that residents can assist their neighbors during extreme weather events and agencies are working to establish cooling centers.

Staff reported just under 16,000 tickets have been sold for the Gentlemen of the Road stopover tour in Walla Walla.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.