

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Senior Planner Jon Maland, 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. Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through September 23, 2015 as "Constitution Week in Walla Walla."

Mayor Cummins read and presented the proclamation to Chris Crowder with the Narcissa Prentis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Crowder thanked the City Council for the recognition and proclamation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Works Director Bealey reported that Engineer Dean Abrams retired today after 31 years of service and acknowledged his service to the City. There were comments regarding the Association of Washington Cities recognition program for retiring City officials.

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5. 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 Whitman College:
 - 1. Cordiner Hall/Side Lawn, 46 S. Park Street on September 24, 2015.
 - 2. Cordiner Hall/Side Lawn, 46 S. Park Street on September 26, 2015.
 - 3. Cordiner Hall/Foyer, 46 S. Park Street on September 26, 2015.
 - 4. Reid Campus Center, 280 Boyer Avenue on September 26, 2015.
 - 5. Reid Campus Center, 280 Boyer Avenue on September 25, 2015.
 - 6. Baker Center/Side Lawn, 364 Boyer Avenue on September 26, 2015.
 - 7. Baker Center/Side Lawn, 364 Boyer Avenue on September 24, 2015.
 - 8. Home of Terry & Peggy Willcutts, 1324 E. Isaacs on September 26, 2015.

- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Friends of Children of Walla Walla, GESA Powerhouse Theatre, 111 N. 6th Avenue on October 2, 2015.

- C. Resolution No. 2015-94 awarding bid to Townsend Controls & Electric LLC for the Wastewater Treatment Plant influent pump station variable frequency drives project in the amount of \$79,089.

- D. Resolution No. 2015-95 authorizing the purchase of twenty-six upgraded face pieces with radio/voice communications for self-contained breathing apparatus from L.N. Curtis & Sons for \$27,057.30.

- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held August 10, 2015.

- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 12, 2015.

- G. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 26, 2015.

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Council asked if each firefighter had his own individual face mask. Staff responded that each firefighter had their own breathing apparatus.

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 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2015-96 approving Spring Hill #4 preliminary plat (PPL-15-0001) involving approximately 6.63 acres located west of South 3rd Avenue, east of Alco Avenue and south of Bandera Drive.

Mayor Cummins polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. None of the Council had any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues to report.

Senior Planner Maland reported this is the final phase of the Spring Hill development and reviewed the history of the project. The Hearings Examiner recommends approval of the preliminary plat subject to certain conditions.

Council commented on the need for sidewalk connectivity for student safety in walking to school. There was brief discussion on the difficulty in requiring construction of sidewalks on private property that is already developed. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be asked to look at potential funding for sidewalk connectivity projects through the "safe routes to schools" grant program.

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-96.
Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.**

Council commented this is the type of development that is beneficial for the provision of City services and land use compatibility.

The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Citizens Board meeting held August 27.

Councilmember Barrow had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Plucker had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Washington State Housing Finance Commission meeting held August 27; the history of Chinatown in Walla Walla and dedication of a sign held August 28; the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 1; a tour of the Walla Walla Cannabis Company retail store on September 4; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held September 8; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held September 8. There were comments on the State of Washington being ranked number one as the friendliest for bicyclists.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held September 2; a meeting with the Council on Homelessness and the Alliance for Homelessness held September 3; a meeting with students at the Washington State University Landscape and Architect School regarding a Mill Creek visioning project held September 4; and the Public Library Board meeting held September 9.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Washington State Housing Finance Commission meeting held August 27; the PocketiNet neighborhood fiber announcement held August 27; a presentation held September 4 at the GESA Powerhouse Theatre regarding the filming of Paper Tigers at Lincoln High School; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held September 8.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Barrow extended an invitation to a memorial service for public safety agencies at Saint Patrick's Church on September 16 at 11:30 a.m.

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City Manager Shawa reported the Mill Creek Coalition continues to work towards obtaining Federal funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a study of the Mill Creek channel. There were comments by Council regarding the likelihood of funding and touring the channel.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.