

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 23, 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, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Andy Coleman, Project Engineer Monte Puymon, 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. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Cummins read and presented the proclamation declaring October, 2015 as "Children's Resilience Month" to Sergio Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez thanked the City Council for the proclamation and commented on the Children's Resilience Initiative.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following expressed concerns with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mill Creek levees vegetation removal plan:

- Bob Carson, 705 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla.
- Paul Treman, 845 Fern Court, Walla Walla.
- Chris Howard, 734 University Street, Walla Walla.
- Mary Gibson, 938 Home, Walla Walla.
- Mike Denny, 1354 SE Central Avenue, College Place.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council asked that Item B be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A, and C through I, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 323 Catherine Street, on October 10, 2015.
- C. Resolution No. 2015-97 awarding a contract to Sargent Engineers, Inc. for inspection of Non-bridge City structures over Mill Creek in the amount of \$34,892.
- D. Resolution No. 2015-98 sets October 28, 2015 as the meeting date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 71 acres north of Highway 12 and west of Lower Waitsburg Road. (Ann Evans)
- E. Resolution No. 2015-99 awarding bid for the re-roofing of the Pioneer Park bandstand to S & K Mountain Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$25,319.25.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 9, 2015.
- G. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Symphony at Cordiner Hall on October 6, November 17, December 12, April 15, 2016 and May 10, 2016.
- H. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Symphony at the Reid Center on November 7, 2015.
- I. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center on October 16, 2015.

Mayor Cummins invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

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Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A, and C through I. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- B. Accept resignation of Jane Kreitzberg from the Infrastructure Improvement Committee; and Ordinance No. 2015-22 amending Municipal Code Section 2.25.240 to remove special membership qualifications for Infrastructure Improvement Committee members.

City Manager Shawa explained why the Infrastructure Improvement Committee was formed to address citizen concerns.

City Clerk Hill reported this item is bringing forth a recommendation from Ms. Kreitzberg to remove the special membership requirements for an accountant on the committee. Since the IRRP program has been established for several years, staff felt this recommendation was valid to assist with recruitment efforts.

Councilmember Barrow moved to accept the resignation of Jane Kreitzberg from the Infrastructure Improvement Committee, with regrets; and to defer action on Ordinance No. 2015-22 until the committee has had an opportunity to review the membership issue. Councilmember Pomraning seconded the motion.

Mayor Cummins invited public input.

Dominick Elia, 302 S. Roosevelt Street, Walla Walla, Chair of the Infrastructure Improvement Committee, publicly thanked Ms. Kreitzberg for her valuable service on the committee and commented that there had been no consultation with the committee regarding membership.

The motion to accept the resignation of Jane Kreitzberg from the Infrastructure Improvement Committee, with regrets; and to defer action on Ordinance No. 2015-22 until the committee has had an opportunity to review the membership issue, unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- A. Resolution No. 2015-100 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Walla Walla County for adult custody facilities (jail).

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Police Chief Bieber reviewed the provisions of the proposed five-year jail contract with Walla Walla County. There was brief discussion on the circumstances that may warrant housing an offender elsewhere.

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

Councilmember Plucker moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-100. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2015-23 amending the 2015-2016 maintenance and operations budget; and

Ordinance No. 2015-24 establishing new projects and amending the 2015-2016 capital improvement project budget.

Finance Director Teasdale reviewed the proposed amendments to the maintenance and operations budget and the capital improvement projects budget. There was brief discussion on the estimated funds necessary to cover the aviary construction costs and the solid waste enforcement grant.

Mayor Cummins invited public input.

Dominick Elia, 302 S. Roosevelt Street, Walla Walla, asked about the revenue generated from the Gentlemen of the Road tour event. Staff reported this revenue is the advance from Madison House Presents to cover the cost of additional City services for the event.

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-23. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Pomraning moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-24. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- C. Approval of the accounts payable register dated August 31, 2015 containing check numbers 185150 through 185517; 990701 through 990704; and 8525 through 8531 in the amount of \$2,473,941.39.

Councilmember Plucker moved approval of the accounts payable register dated August 31, 2015 containing check numbers 185150 through 185517; 990701 through 990704; and 8525 through 8531 in the amount of \$2,473,941.39. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 17; the Finance Committee meeting held September 21; and the Work Session held September 21.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Senior Citizens Board meeting held August 27; and the Work Session held September 21.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Charter Communications media interview held September 18; the Finance Committee meeting held September 21; the Work Session held September 21; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 22.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the Work Session held September 21.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 14; the Civil Service Commission meeting held September 16; and the Work Session held September 21.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at the Heart to Heart fundraiser held September 12; the Planning Commission meeting held September 14; a girl scout troop tree planting ceremony at Pioneer Park held September 15; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held September 16; the Charter Communications media interview held September 18; the Metropolitan Planning Organization long-term transportation plan meeting held September 21; and the Work Session held September 21.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Early Learning Coalition meeting held September 10; the Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase held September 16; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 17; the Charter Communications media interview held September 18; the Work Session held September 21; the Walla Walla School District Equity and Access meeting held September 22; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 22.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mill Creek vegetation removal plan along the levees and sending a letter to ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a delay until the review of the vegetation management policies is complete.

Mayor Cummins invited public input.

Chris Howard spoke in support of a letter requesting a delay until the review of the vegetation management policy is completed.

Councilmember Barrow moved to direct staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature to ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to delay implementation of the Mill Creek levees vegetation removal project until the vegetation management policy review is completed. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

There were comments on having a presentation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the project.

The motion to direct staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature to ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to delay implementation of the Mill Creek levees vegetation removal project until the vegetation management policy review is completed unanimously carried with 7 yes votes.

Council asked for an update on the aviary project at a future meeting.

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City Manager Shawa provided an update on the mall redevelopment project. City Attorney Donaldson reported the mall owners are in regular contact with code enforcement.

City Manager Shawa and Finance Director Teasdale reported the bonds for the reconstruction of Memorial pool were sold at an interest rate of 2.48 percent. This is very good news for the City taxpayers.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cummins announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss, with legal counsel, litigation or potential litigation to which the city is, or is likely to become a party under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and no further business will come before the City Council in open session.

The meeting was recessed at 8:24 p.m.

Councilmember Jenkins was excused from attendance at the Executive Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Barrow moved to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.