

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, Crime Prevention Specialist Vicki 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.

Mayor Cummins, with the consent of Council, removed Active Item 6B, Update on Aviary Project, from the agenda due to staff illness.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Cummins read and presented a proclamation declaring October, 2015 as "Crime Prevention Month in Walla Walla" to Vicki Ruley, Crime Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Ruley thanked the City Council for the recognition and was commended for her work.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Carson, 705 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, had comments on strengthening/enforcing a noise ordinance, also due to environmental concerns, regarding car mufflers, requiring electric lawnmowers, and operation of leaf blowers.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Accept resignation of Chris Blackman from the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New application for Cielo, 1491 W. Rose Street.
- C. Approval of request from Walla Walla Airport Manager Jennifer Skoglund for a legislative letter regarding the need to increase the passenger facility charge for airports to have the ability to collect from passengers for FAA safety, security and infrastructure projects.
- D. Resolution No. 2015-102 awarding the bid for the Fairway sewer lift station access project to Humbert Asphalt in the amount of \$52,125.41.
- E. Resolution No. 2015-103 authorizing the purchase of a truck with service body and crane from Cobalt Truck Equipment for \$128,779.
- F. Resolution No. 2015-104 awarding the bid for the replacement of aeration basin valves at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Big D's Construction for \$62,231.99.
- G. Resolution No. 2015-105 authorizing a contract for ambulance services with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- H. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held September 21, 2015.
- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 23, 2015.

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

Council recognized Chris Blackman for her service on the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

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

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2015-101 confirming the sale of \$5,560,000 principal amount of the City's Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015; confirming the redemption provisions and interest rates; and providing for other matters related thereto.

Deputy City Manager McCarty reported a special election was held in February, 2015 for bonds to rebuild the Memorial swimming pool. This measure was approved by the citizens and a very successful bond sale was held September 23. The City has maintained a AA bond rating. The total cost of issuance was lower than projected with a true interest cost of 2.48 percent by Piper Jaffray & Company.

There was brief discussion on the City's AA bond rating and the efforts to improve and maintain this rating.

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

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-101. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Update on the Aviary project. This item was removed from the agenda due to staff illness.
- C. Approval of minutes of the special Work Session held September 30, 2015.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the minutes of the special Work Session held September 30, 2015. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Jenkins.

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D. Approval of the accounts payable register dated September 30, 2015 containing check numbers 185518 through 185836, 990705 through 990708, and 8545 through 8561, totaling \$3,359,089.10.

Councilmember Plucker moved to approve payment of the accounts payable register dated September 30, 2015 containing check numbers 185518 through 185836, 990705 through 990708, and 8545 through 8561, totaling \$3,359,089.10, with the exception of the checks to Allen Pomraning and Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve payment of the checks to Allen Pomraning and Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Plucker and Pomraning.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting held September 28; the special Work Session held September 30; the Work Session held October 12; and the Early Learning Coalition luncheon held October 14.

Councilmember Jenkins reported attendance at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held September 24; the Senior Citizens Center Board meeting held September 28; and the Work Session held October 12.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Finance Committee meeting held September 28; a meeting of the Mill Creek coalition held September 29; the special Work Session held September 30; the Walla Walla County Commissioners meeting held October 7; and the United Way Board meeting held October 7.

Councilmember Plucker reported attendance at the special Work Session held September 30; and the Work Session held October 12.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon held September 30; the special Work Session held September 30; the candidates' forum sponsored by the American Association of University Women held October 4; the Sustainability

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Committee meeting held October 6; the Work Session held October 12; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee held October 13.

Councilmember Pomraning reported attendance at a meeting held September 25 with the Veterans Memorial Golf Course operators; the Chamber of Commerce luncheon held September 30; the special Work Session held September 30; a walk of the Mill Creek channel with Washington State University engineering students on October 1 and October 2; the candidate's forum held October 5; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting held October 7; and the Work Session held October 12.

Mayor Cummins reported attendance at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon held September 30; the special Work Session held September 30; the signing of the documents for the Memorial Swimming pool bonds held October 5; the VA Long Term Care Home barbecue held October 6; a meeting with John Colton, Eastern Washington aide for Senator Murray, held October 7; the Work Session held October 12; the Early Learning Coalition luncheon held October 14; and the Balloon Stampede reception held October 14.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Shawa reported on the need for a special Work Session on October 26 to review the 2016 general fund budget modification. Council asked for a list of upcoming meeting dates. Councilmember Barrow reported he would not be in attendance at the Council meetings on October 26 or October 28.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.