

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Work Session Minutes**  
**September 30, 2015**  
**USACE Mill Creek Project Office, 3111 Reservoir Road**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cummins called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Dick Morgan, Chris Plucker, Allen Pomraning and Mayor Jerry Cummins.

Absent: Councilmember Mary Lou Jenkins.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mill Creek tree removal project.

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Vail, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, introduced his staff and reviewed the scope and purpose of the project to remove vegetation along the Mill Creek levee.

There was discussion on the project and need for the vegetation removal to ensure adequate inspection and maintenance of the levees owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and whether a project delay or consideration of variances were feasible alternatives.

A walking tour of the project site and scope was provided. Councilmember Pomraning was unable to participate in the walking tour of the project site and left the meeting at approximately 5:05 p.m. Councilmember Clark left the walking tour at approximately 5:20 p.m.

At the conclusion of the walking tour, a majority of the City Council indicated support for preparation of a letter for the Mayor's signature thanking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the educational presentation and acknowledging the scientific rationale for the decision.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

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**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.