

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
December 14, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cummins called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. in the Olin Hall auditorium (Olin 130) on the Whitman College campus.

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Mary Lou Jenkins, Dick Morgan, Chris Plucker, Allen Pomraning and Mayor Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Plucker arrived at 4:09 p.m.

Absent: Councilmember Jim Barrow.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Communications Manager David Brauhn, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. World War II Memorial at Fort Walla Walla.

Don Shack reviewed plans for a World War II Memorial at the Myra Road and The Dalles-Military Road intersection. This memorial had been promised to veterans in 1946. Mr. Shack asked the City to contribute \$35,000 towards construction of this \$400,000 memorial. Construction is estimated to be completed in phases over three years.

There was brief discussion with members of the audience regarding the erection of barriers, the flagpole, and selection of the eighty-nine names of veterans from Walla Walla that lost their lives in World War II.

B. Mill Creek visioning presentation.

Professor Michael Sanchez, Washington State University School of Design and Construction Landscape Architecture, reported he had given students a project to envision the portion of Mill Creek running through the downtown area in a more ecological sense using four lenses: cultural, economic, social, and ecological. These visions and concepts were reviewed by individual students.

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There was discussion among the Council, audience, students and Professor Sanchez on:

- Interaction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Professor Sanchez reiterated this is a visioning project and no concrete plans have been developed.
- Flow capacity of streams.
- Anticipated cost and source of funding.
- Incorporating concepts into plans currently under development by Whitman College.
- Meeting with stakeholders.
- Incorporating sustainable materials into plans.
- Impact of the Olmsted Brothers on landscape design in Walla Walla.
- Potential next steps in the planning and visioning process.
- Improving the flow of Mill Creek.
- History of flooding in the area and ensuring the flood channel has adequate capacity.
- Feasibility of using beams with hanging vines and floating gardens.
- Having students meet with stakeholders to better understand the physical parameters of the Mill Creek channel.
- U bridges over Mill Creek to enhance views.

Council thanked Professor Sanchez and his students for their visionary efforts; Whitman College for hosting the meeting; and Andrew Reckers for making the meeting arrangements.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.