

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 27, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pomraning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Dick Morgan, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Transportation Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilmember Barrow led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Pomraning presented Councilmember Cummins with the gavel used during his term as Mayor on a gavel stand and thanked him for his service. Councilmember Cummins commented on the benefits of having Council work together as a team.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Norm Ostermann, 1032 Pomona, Walla Walla, encouraged the City to regulate vacation home rentals.

Eric David Malcolm, General Delivery, Walla Walla, thanked the Council for the placement of portable toilets downtown and recognized the service of Jerry Cummins.

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, commented on the lack of an indoor waiting station for people using buses in the community.

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Denice Folsom, 45 Iris Lane, Walla Walla, expressed concerns regarding the approval of the LWR Commercial Latercomers Agreements at the last City Council meeting; the grading being done at the construction site; a shared easement with Betty Walker; the potential residential development adjacent to Iris Lane; and traffic impacts in the area. Ms. Folsom suggested an update of the City's comprehensive plan is necessary.

There were brief comments and discussion on lack of a system for tracking vacation rental housing and the concerns regarding the LWR Commercial development.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Assumption of license for Salumiere Cesario, 12 E. Main Street.
- B. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New application for Grant William Sullivan, 123 E. Main Street.
- C. Resolution No. 2016-06 awarding bid and authorizing a contract with Premier Excavation & Paving for the Chestnut Street infrastructure repair and replacement project in the amount of \$1,562,272.77.
- D. Resolution No. 2016-07 revising the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 31 acres (area includes the Valley Acres and Clearview Estates subdivision and a portion of Taumarson Road) to February 10, 2016.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-08 authorizing an amendment to the contract with New World Systems to add the mobile application for fire/emergency medical services.
- F. City Council appointments and declaration of remote interests.

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G. Accept resignation of Pamela Elliott from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

H. Approval of minutes of the Council Retreat held January 9, 2016.

Councilmember Moss requested Item F be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

There was brief discussion on the Chestnut Street infrastructure repair and replacement project.

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

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through E, G, and H. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

Mayor Pomraning reported that Consent Agenda Item F would be taken up as Active Agenda Item D.

A. Resolution No. 2016-09 authorizing an amendment to the contract with Early Repass Golf for operation and maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Golf Course.

City Manager Shawa reported this was covered in detail at the January Work Session. The golf course operators have lost money and have requested the elimination of the lease fee. Staff recommends approval.

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

There was discussion on including a re-opener clause in case the number of golf rounds played increases. Staff indicated that the game of golf is on a downward trend and that to become profitable, the number of golf rounds would have to double, which is unlikely to happen during the remaining term of the agreement.

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**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-09.  
Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.**

There were additional comments by Council regarding the proposed contract amendment.

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

- B. Resolution No. 2016-10 approving a shoreline substantial development variance permit for site development and construction of a 8,150 square foot office building for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) on approximately .74 acres located at 1371 West Pine Street, north of Mill Creek.

Mayor Pomraning polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts. No member of Council had any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts to report.

Senior Planner Maland provided an overview of the application. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 11, 2016. Both the Planning Commission and staff recommend approval.

There was discussion on the potential social impacts to the relocation of the Department of Social and Health Services office from the downtown area; and enhancements to the Mill Creek channel.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-10.  
Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Approval of the December 31, 2015 accounts payable register containing check numbers 186576 through 187002, 990719 through 990730, and 8595 through 8597 in the amount of \$8,363,256.89.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the December 31, 2015 accounts payable register containing check numbers 186576 through 187002, 990719 through 990730, and 8595 through 8597 in the amount of \$8,363,256.89 with the exception of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

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**Councilmember Clark moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.**

D. City Council appointments and declaration of remote interests.

Councilmember Moss reported that he had a meeting schedule conflict as it pertains to him serving on the Senior Center Board.

There was discussion on the disclosure of remote interests.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to appoint the following City Council representatives to boards, commissions, and committees; and provide declaration of remote interests:**

<b>Voting Membership:</b>	
Blue Mountain Action Council	Jim Barrow
Borleske Stadium Association	Jerry Cummins Barbara Clark
Downtown Development Association	Allen Pomraning
Firemen's Pension Board	Allen Pomraning Barbara Clark
Good Roads Transportation Assoc; Dist. 5 (3 counties).	Jerry Cummins Allen Pomraning, Alternate
Infrastructure Improvement Committee (IRRP)	Jim Barrow
LEOFF Board	Barbara Clark Allen Pomraning
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee	Tom Scribner
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Allen Pomraning Jerry Cummins, Alternate
Mill Creek Committee	Jim Barrow
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Steve Moss
Valley Transit	Jerry Cummins Jim Barrow Dick Morgan
VA Medical Center Task Force	Jerry Cummins Tom Scribner, Alternate

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Volunteer Firemen's Board	Allen Pomraning Barbara Clark
Water Management Board (AKA: Watershed Management Partnership)	Jim Barrow
Walla Walla County Emergency Management Board	Allen Pomraning Jim Barrow, Alternate
<b>External liaison:</b>	
Blue Mountain Humane Society	Dick Morgan
Criminal Justice Committee	Dick Morgan
Downtown WW Foundation	Jim Barrow
Sasayama Sister City Affiliation	Steve Moss
Cannara Sister City Affiliation	Jim Barrow
Walla Walla Housing Authority	Jerry Cummins
Walla Walla Valley Pioneer & Historical Society	Dick Morgan
Council on Homelessness	Steve Moss
<b>Ex Officio/No vote liaison:</b>	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Barbara Clark
Civil Service Commission	Barbara Clark
CDBG Citizen Advisory Group	Barbara Clark
Hearings Examiner	Tom Scribner
Historic Preservation Commission	Dick Morgan
Hotel & Motel Commission	Tom Scribner
Library Board	Tom Scribner
Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board	Steve Moss
Planning Commission	Steve Moss
Sustainability Committee	Barbara Clark
Transportation Improvement Advisory Committee	Tom Scribner
Visit Walla Walla (Tourism Board)	Dick Morgan
Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee	Steve Moss
<b>Council Committees:</b>	
Boards and Commissions	Dick Morgan, Chair Barbara Clark Tom Scribner

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Finance Committee	Jim Barrow, Chair Jerry Cummins Dick Morgan
Legislative Committee	Jerry Cummins, Chair Jim Barrow Allen Pomraning

**Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a community investor meeting dealing with youth issues.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla annual meeting held January 21; the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 21; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 26.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held January 19; the commendation of service to Dr. Dan Laisure by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers held January 21; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held January 21; the Visit Walla Walla annual meeting held January 21; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 26.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Town Hall legislative phone conference held January 19; the commendation of service to Dr. Dan Laisure by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers held January 21; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held January 25; and the equity and access school district program held January 26.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Big Idea Talk at the Public Library held January 14; a block watch meeting held January 19; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held January 25; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 26.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting held January 27.

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Mayor Pomranning reported attendance at the Emergency Management Board meeting held January 19; the Library Board meeting held January 20; the commendation of service to Dr. Dan Laisure by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers held January 21; the Visit Walla Walla annual meeting held January 21; a meeting with Mayor George of Dayton held January 22; LEOFF 1 Disability and Fire Pension Board training held January 25; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 26.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Cummins asked for an update on the stormwater rate assessment methodology review and suggested monthly reports be provided by the Police Department on their violent crime reduction efforts. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council to ask staff for quarterly reports from the Police Department.

Mayor Pomranning asked for Council volunteers to serve as liaison to the Center at the Park (Senior Center) Board; and invited Council to forward any items for discussion with Whitman College President Kathleen Murray prior to February 11.

City Manager Shawa reported the appointment of Chris Owen as the City's Technology Services Director effective February 1; and the retirement of Deputy City Manager McCarty effective April 11, 2016.

City Attorney Donaldson recognized the many years of service of Robert Van Dorn as the criminal defense attorney.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pomranning announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session:

- To discuss with legal counsel representing the City, litigation or potential litigation involving the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i);
- To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); and
- To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

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The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and no further business will come before Council in open session. The meeting recessed at 8:31 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.**