

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 23, 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, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: Councilmember Tom Scribner.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Communications Manager David Brauhn, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Walla Walla Firefighters Benevolent Association at Whitman College Sherwood Center on April 23, 2016.
- B. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Change of location application for Project Logan from 1102 Dell Avenue to 1015 W. Pine Street.

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- C. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for The Ox & Cart, 7 ½ 1st Avenue.
- D. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Seven Hills Winery, 212 N. 3rd Avenue.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-41 authorizing a professional services agreement with HDJ Design Group in the amount of \$35,867 for the Wilbur/University Pedestrian and Stormwater Improvements project.
- F. Resolution No. 2016-42 awarding the base bid for the 2016 cured in place pipe lining projects to Columbia Pumping and Construction in the amount of \$63,388.39.
- G. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 24, 2016.

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 G. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2016-43 awarding the bid for the Rebuild Veterans Memorial Pool project to Chervenell Construction Company in the amount of \$5,875,000 plus tax.

City Manager Shawa reported this action would award the base bid and the added alternate for the regenerative pool filters. The bid is substantially higher than estimated but staff does not believe there is any advantage in rejecting bids and rebidding the project. The City is looking to raise a total of \$1,500,000 from the philanthropic community to cover the ancillary components such as slides, water toys, shade structures, etc. The Sherwood Trust has approved a grant of \$500,000 and \$100,000 has been given from an anonymous donor. Staff hopes to have a report back to Council by no later than the beginning of August with the pool opening slated for Memorial Day weekend, 2017.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-43.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Ordinance No. 2016-04 authorizing an interfund loan of \$1,250,000 for the pool construction fund.

City Manager Shawa reported the approval of the pool construction contract requires an interfund loan. The City will be contributing \$800,000 towards the project from other general revenue sources. This funding will not affect the City's ending general fund balance.

There was discussion on the repayment of interest.

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

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-4.
Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2016-44 awarding the bid to Premier Excavation for the Blue Street Improvement project in the amount of \$369,970.88.

City Engineer Chavre reviewed the improvements for this project on Blue Street between Isaacs and University. There was brief discussion on sidewalks and sidewalk improvements in the project area.

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

**Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-44.
Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Resolution No. 2016-45 approving an amendment to the Garden Gates Addition Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Plat (PPL-16-0002) involving the subdivision of lots 12 and 13, except for

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the south 87 feet of lot 12 in two lots of a replat of a portion of Garden Gates Planned Unit Development according to the official plat recorded in Book 7 of Plats, Page 70, involving property commonly located south of Abbott Road on Paramount Street.

Senior Planner Maland described the proposed amendment. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval. There was discussion on the expiration of the five-year moratorium on street cuts on Paramount Street; the maximum number of allowed dwellings for a cul-de-sac; and placement of utilities before a street is constructed.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Eric David Malcolm, advocate for the homeless, expressed concerns with people living on the streets and sidewalks.

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-45. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Barrow.

- E. Resolution No. 2016-46 setting the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 52 acres adjacent to Myra Road and Futura Road.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported this resolution sets the date for a meeting to consider an annexation request and reviewed the area. There are a number of outside utility agreements in the area and staff will have a recommendation for a modified boundary. There was discussion on allowing sufficient notification to property owners that may be included in a modified annexation boundary. Staff recommended that the date for the meeting be changed from April 13 to April 27 to address Council's concern regarding adequate notification to affected property owners.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-46 with an amendment to set the meeting date for April 27, 2016. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- F. Resolution No. 2016-47 setting the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition of approximately four acres located south of Reser Road.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported this resolution sets the date of April 27 for a meeting to consider an annexation request and reviewed the area. There were comments on the need for a better traffic circulation plan in the area as part of any proposed development plan; whether the date of the meeting should be amended; and if this was a property that had objected to being included in the pipeline annexation.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-47. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- G. Consideration of a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 106 acres located east of Cottonwood Road and west of Kendall Road.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported this is the meeting date set to consider this ten percent annexation petition. Staff is asking for a continuance to address future development concerns with the potential purchaser and property owner of this property. The annexation petitioner has also requested an extension to May 25.

Councilmember Barrow moved to table consideration of a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 106 acres located east of Cottonwood Road and west of Kendall Road to May 25, 2016. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- H. Ordinance No. 2016-5 amending the Municipal Code related to City departments and investment policies.

City Manager Shawa reported this revision in investment policy had been discussed with the Finance Committee. The amended policy would allow for a broader investment of City funds in accordance with State law and Government Finance Officers Association guidelines.

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Finance Director Teasdale reported the original investment policy was approved in 1999. This amended policy would allow for the investment of City funds in areas other than just the local government investment pool. The policy conforms to best practices and addresses safety and liquidity while increasing internal controls and minimizing the risk of fraud. The policy has been approved by the City Attorney and the Finance Committee.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-5. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

There were comments on the need to formalize the process for reviewing policies on a more frequent basis.

- I. Resolution No. 2016-48 designating Zions First National Bank as a depository bank for the City and authorizing execution of a custodial agreement.

City Manager Shawa reported this is an associated action to the approval of the investment policy. A custodial bank is required to hold the investments. Zions Bank was the least costly for the best qualified bank.

Finance Director Teasdale reviewed the qualifications of Zions Bank within the State of Washington. There was discussion on the rate of return for investments within the Local Government Investment Pool; giving up some liquidity for a higher rate of return; and how investment decisions will be determined. There were no local banks available or willing to serve as a custodial depository.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-48. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote by Mayor Pomraning.

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- J. Approval of the February 29, 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 187357 through 187731, 990735 through 990736, and 8612 through 8631 totaling \$2,617,083.66.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the February 29, 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 187357 through 187731, 990735 through 990736, and 8612 through 8631 totaling \$2,617,083.66 with the exception of the checks to Jim Barrow, Allen Pomraning, and Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins and Allen Pomraning. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Cummins and Mayor Pomraning.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the check to Jim Barrow. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Barrow.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting with staff regarding the landfill master plan held March 16; the Healthy Youth School to Work Committee meeting held March 17; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held March 22; and the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting held March 23.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting held March 23.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting held March 23.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Public Works Board meeting held March 18; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held March 22; the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting held March 23; and the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held March 14.

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Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held March 14; the Work Session held March 14; the family reading night at the Public Library held March 15; the Civil Service Commission meeting held March 16; a meeting with staff regarding the landfill master plan held March 17; and the Big Ideas Talk at the Public Library held March 18.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the Work Session held March 14; the Valley Transit Board meeting held March 17; a Habitat for Humanity house dedication held March 19; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held March 22; a meeting with members of the Sherwood Leadership group held March 23; and the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting held March 23. Mayor Pomraning also announced he had submitted an application to serve on the Association of Washington Cities Board of Directors.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Shawa commented on the water system brochure that will be sent to all utility customers; and the Big Ideas Talk at the Public Library on March 24.

City Manager Shawa reported this is the last City Council meeting for Deputy City Manager McCarty prior to his retirement and reviewed a few of Mr. McCarty's recent accomplishments on behalf of the City. City Manager Shawa presented Deputy City Manager McCarty with a plaque in recognition of his fifteen years of service. Deputy City Manager McCarty thanked the City for the recognition and commented on the value placed on public service and the current outstanding financial position of the City.

Council recognized and commended Deputy City Manager McCarty on his work for the City and ancillary duties.

Councilmember Cummins moved to have staff draft and send a letter of support for Mayor Pomraning's application for the Association of Washington Cities Board position for District 2. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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Councilmember Clark extended an invitation to attend a presentation on April 1 by the Chair of the Board of the Opportunity Village, a small house for homeless project, in Eugene, Oregon.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.