

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation declaring April 13, 2016 as "Arbor Day."

Mayor Pomraning read and presented the proclamation declaring April 13, 2016 as "Arbor Day" to Parks & Recreation Director Dumont and City Arborist Kyle Clemens. Tom Byers, Chair of the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board, thanked the City Council for the recognition and introduced Ken Armstrong of the Washington Community Forestry Council. Mr. Armstrong presented the City with its 22nd Tree City USA award.

Council thanked the members of the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board for their support of Arbor Day.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, commented on the need for picnic tables, especially at Heritage Square and Crawford Park.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2016-49 fixing May 11, 2016 as the time for public hearing on a petition to vacate the alleyway south of the 500 block of West Poplar Street. (Providence Health and Services – Saint Mary Medical Center)
- B. Resolution No. 2016-50 declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the disposal.
- C. Resolution No. 2016-51 accepting the risk mitigation grant from the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) in the amount of \$30,000.
- D. Resolution No. 2016-52 awarding the bid to Wilson Brothers, Inc. for the 2016 Chase Avenue Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvement project for \$132,805.71.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-53 awarding the 2016 sidewalk grinding project contract to Precision Concrete Cutting in the amount of \$51,035.20.
- F. Resolution No. 2016-54 awarding the bid for the Rose Street, Isaacs Avenue and Plaza Way pedestrian improvement project to Moreno & Nelson Construction in the amount of \$120,188.
- G. Resolution No. 2016-55 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Walla Walla Emergency Services Communications (WESCOM) Interlocal cooperation agreement.
- H. Resolution No. 2016-56 authorizing a \$30,000 expenditure for a Pacific Power street light system asset audit.

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Council asked that Item H be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

There was brief discussion on public notification and process for disposal of surplus property.

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 Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

AA. Resolution No. 2016-56 authorizing a \$30,000 expenditure for a Pacific Power street light system asset audit.

City Manager Shawa reported this is the first step necessary to determine feasibility of purchasing the street lights from Pacific Power to convert to LED. If the City Council approves this purchase the data will be analyzed and brought back for a future decision on whether to pursue purchase and conversion.

There was discussion on the length of time necessary to conduct the system audit and potential impact on the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, asked if the adverse health impacts of LED lighting had been researched. Staff responded this will be reviewed as part of the process.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-56. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

A. Ordinance No. 2016-06 amending the 2015-2016 maintenance and operations budget; and

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Ordinance No. 2016-07 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

Finance Director Teasdale provided an overview of the proposed budget amendments.

There was brief discussion on the adjustment to the Community Development Block Grant program and ending general fund balance requirements.

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. 2016-06. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Finance Director Teasdale reviewed the adjustments to the capital projects.

There was discussion on:

- Project budgeting and committed cash.
- Irrigation of trees at the landfill and cost.
- Removal of dead trees at the landfill.

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. 2016-07. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 9, 2016.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 9, 2016. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.

C. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held March 14, 2016.

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Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held March 14, 2016. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.

D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2016.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2016. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Scribner.

E. Approval of the accounts payable register dated March 31, 2016 containing check numbers 187732 through 188137; 990737 through 990741; and 8632 through 8665 totaling \$2,454,229.47.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the accounts payable register dated March 31, 2016 containing check numbers 187732 through 188137; 990737 through 990741; and 8632 through 8665 totaling \$2,454,229.47 with the exception of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Clark 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 Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Washington State Housing Commission meeting held March 24; the presentation on Opportunity Village held at the United Methodist Church on April 1; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held April 4; the Planning Commission meeting held April 4; and the Work Session held April 11.

Councilmember Morgan thanked his colleagues for covering his other meetings while he is serving in Olympia.

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Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Work Session held March 14; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held March 15; the Visit Walla Walla special board meeting held March 17; an organizational meeting for the Cannara Sister City Committee held March 24; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held March 29; the Finance Committee meeting held April 4; the Water Partnership Board meeting held April 5; the agenda preparation meeting held April 6; the Work Session held April 11; the joint meeting of the Infrastructure Improvement Advisory Committee, Transportation Improvement Committee, and Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held April 12; and the Helpline Soupport fundraiser held April 13.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held March 28; the VA Medical Center 50th Anniversary recognition of the Vietnam War held March 29; the Finance Committee meeting held April 4; the Isaacs Avenue railroad crossing meeting held April 4; the Work Session held April 11; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held April 12; and the Helpline Soupport fundraiser held April 13.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting held March 24; the Finance Committee meeting held April 4; the Sustainability Committee meeting held April 5; the retirement celebration for Deputy City Manager McCarty held April 7; the Work Session held April 11; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held April 12; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 12; the Fire Pension Board meeting held April 12; the Arbor Day celebration held April 13; and the Helpline Soupport fundraiser held April 13.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum open house held April 10; and the Fort Walla Walla Board meeting held April 12. The Public Library Board meeting scheduled for April 13 had been cancelled.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the agenda preparation meeting held April 6; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held April 6; the retirement celebration for Deputy City Manager McCarty held April 7; the guitar festival held April 10; the Work Session held April 11; the Arbor Day celebration held April 13; the Helpline Soupport fundraiser held April 13; and the meet and greet for Port of Walla Walla Executive Director candidates held April 13.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council inquired about the status of the Pioneer Park Aviary project. Staff reported that construction is complete and a ribbon-cutting will be scheduled after the birds have been moved. Staff plans on continuing to operate the aviary.

There was discussion on a request by the Sustainability Committee to allow at least one non-City resident to be a member.

Councilmember Cummins moved to have the Mayor appoint an ad hoc committee of the Council to bring back a recommendation on residency requirements for membership on all City committees. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.

Councilmember Clark moved to amend the motion to have the current Council Committee on Boards and Commissions review and bring back a recommendation on residency requirements for membership on all City committees. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The amended motion carried with 4 yes votes by Councilmembers Clark, Morgan, Moss, and Scribner and 3 no votes by Councilmembers Barrow, Cummins, and Mayor Pomraning.

The amended main motion to have the current Council Committee on Boards and Commissions review and bring back a recommendation on residency requirements for membership on all City committees carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Barrow.

Councilmember Moss moved to request staff to provide a report on the impact of the revised City investment policy in the spring of 2017. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council discussed whether the public reading of the Consent Agenda should be dispensed with or not. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to continue the public reading of the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Clark distributed the website address to view the presentation regarding the Opportunity Village in Eugene, Oregon.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pomraning announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session will last no longer than two hours and no further business will come before the Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 8:59 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.