

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 25, 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: Acting City Manager Jim Dumont, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Development Service Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Partners in Learning, Presentation to the City by Walla Walla School District Board President Cindy Meyer.
- B. Presentation of Anderson Perry & Associates Scholarships to Jacob Edstrom and Connor Ferguson.
- C. Blue Mountain Action Council video presentation by Ted Koehler and John Anthony regarding housing and helping those in need in our area.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Knudson, 250 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla, thanked Council for reviewing ways to increase diversity on the City Council, including the potential for electing members by wards or voting districts.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Stephens introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through P, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion license for Star Project at Blanchet Hall, St. Patrick's church on June 12, 2016.
- B. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Application in lieu of current privilege for Early-Repass Golf, 201 E. Rees Avenue.
- C. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance at Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center on June 17.
- D. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance at Whitman College, Cordiner Hall, on June 17.
- E. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Wine Alliance at Whitman College, Reid Center, on June 17.
- F. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion license for the Walla Walla Wine Alliance at Foundry Vineyards banquet room on June 18.
- G. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion license for Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance at the Marc Restaurant Empire Room on June 18.
- H. Resolution No. 2016-67 authorizing the purchase and installation of batteries for WESCOM remote simulcast sites.
- I. Resolution No. 2016-68 authorizing the purchase and implementation of necessary equipment, labor and associated costs for the addition of a remote radio site for WESCOM in an amount not to exceed \$333,083 from Tait America.

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- J. Resolution No. 2016-69 authorizing the purchase of a new parking enforcement vehicle for the Police Department for \$33,940 from White Bear West, Inc.
- K. Resolution No. 2016-70 authorizing the purchase of a replacement truck for the Water Distribution Division in an amount not to exceed \$51,136.
- L. Resolution No. 2016-71 authorizing a contract with Building Dynamics as the City's representative during the construction of Veterans Memorial Pool.
- M. Resolution No. 2016-72 accepting a remedial action grant from the Department of Ecology for the Sudbury Road landfill in the amount of \$1,264,000.
- N. Resolution No. 2016-73 continuing consideration of a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 106 acres located east of Cottonwood Road and west of Kendall Road (Bachtold Annexation) to June 29, 2016.
- O. Ordinance No. 2016-10 rescheduling the June 2016 City Council meeting dates.
- P. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 11, 2016.

Council asked that Items J and O be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through P, excluding Items J and O. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- O. Ordinance No. 2016-10 rescheduling the June 2016 City Council meeting dates.

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There was discussion on the need to reschedule the June 22 meeting date due to the potential of a lack of quorum.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-10 to reschedule the June 22 City Council meeting to June 29. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion.

There was additional discussion regarding changing meeting dates.

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

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-10 to reschedule the June 22 City Council meeting to June 29 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to reschedule the June 8 City Council meeting to June 15. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

There were comments on whether a change to the June 8 meeting date was necessary.

The motion to reschedule the June 8 City Council meeting to June 15 failed to pass with 1 yes vote by Councilmember Cummins and 6 no votes.

- J. Resolution No. 2016-69 authorizing the purchase of a new parking enforcement vehicle for the Police Department for \$33,940 from White Bear West, Inc.

There was discussion on the cost for this right-hand drive vehicle and the problems with the current electric vehicle.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, commented that he believes there is a less costly right-hand drive vehicle and asked whether the revenue from parking tickets is more than the cost for the vehicle.

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Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-69. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Scribner.

A. Ordinance No. 2016-09 Adopting the Shoreline Master Program.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the shoreline master program and proposed updates. This shoreline master program only applies to the portion of Mill Creek within the City limits.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Judith Johnson, 209 N. Clinton, Walla Walla, felt a thirty-five foot buffer is ecologically insufficient and asked for a hundred foot setback. Ms. Johnson suggested more time and effort should be put into restoring Mill Creek.

Steven Pao, 334 Woodland Avenue, Walla Walla, requested replacing the word "shall" with the word "may" under proposed Regulation L.

There were comments by Council regarding the need to submit the revised shoreline master program to the Department of Ecology. A hundred foot setback would greatly impact property owners and future development.

Mayor Pomraning expressed concerns with the low public participation rate on this issue and felt more public discussion was necessary. There were comments by staff regarding the extensive public process employed for this update and the unlikelihood of additional input if action were delayed.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-09. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Mayor Pomraning.

B. Public Hearing and Ordinance 2016-11 annexing approximately 81 acres generally located west of Lower Waitsburg Road and north of Highway 12. (Evans Property)

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the area proposed for annexation and the annexation process. Public hearing notice was

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provided as required. The property is pre-zoned R-96. Any development application for the property would require a traffic impact study.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open.

Jim Hayner, legal representative for Ann Evans, asked the City Council to approve the annexation.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, had comments regarding the future plans for an overpass in the area and the potential impact on this property.

Denice Folsom, 45 Iris Lane, Walla Walla, expressed her disillusionment with involvement in the public process and her feeling that no one is listening to the concerns of the area residents.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing closed.

There was additional discussion regarding the proposed annexation of the property and process for development.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-11.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

The meeting was briefly recessed to acknowledge Boy Scout members in attendance.

- C. Ordinance No. 2016-12 amending Chapter 2.25 of the Municipal Code relating to appointments and residency on advisory boards, commissions, and committees.

The Sustainability Committee has asked the City Council to revise the Municipal Code to allow a limited number of non-City residents to serve. Council expressed their opinions on whether to allow non-City residents to serve on City advisory boards, commissions, and committees.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

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R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, spoke in support of allowing non-City residents to serve on City committees.

Dorothy Knudson, 250 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla, spoke in support of allowing non-City residents to serve on City committees.

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, felt that committee membership should be limited to City residents.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-12. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass with 3 yes votes by Councilmembers Clark, Moss and Scribner and 4 no votes by Councilmembers Barrow, Cummins, Morgan and Mayor Pomraning.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 9, 2016.

Councilmember Scribner moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held May 9, 2016. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held May 12; the Chamber of Commerce roundtable held May 13; a tour of the Fire Stations held May 16; the Community Council visioning session held May 23; and the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held May 24.

Councilmember Morgan had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the entrance conference with members of the State Auditor's office held May 25.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 16; the ceremony for the aquifer storage and recharge project held May 17; a block watch meeting for the Tietan Park neighborhood held May 18; the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 19; the Housing Authority Board meeting held May 23; a meeting regarding funding future infrastructure held in Ritzville on May

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24; the entrance conference with members of the State Auditor's office held May 25; and an informal meeting with John Colton, Senator Murray's staff member, on May 25.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 16; the ceremony for the aquifer storage and recharge project held May 17; the Civil Service Commission meeting held May 18; the Community Council visioning session held May 23; and the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held May 24.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the ad-hoc Anderson Perry Scholarship review committee meeting held May 13; and the Chamber of Commerce meeting held May 24.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the Chamber of Commerce business luncheon held May 13; a meeting with the Mayor of Dayton held May 13; the ad-hoc Anderson Perry Scholarship review committee meeting held May 13; the oath of office ceremony for a new police officer held May 16; the ceremony for the aquifer storage and recharge project held May 17; the agenda preparation meeting held May 18; the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 19; the Historical Preservation Commission meeting held May 23; the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held May 24; and the entrance conference with members of the State Auditor's office held May 25.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There were comments on:

- Lack of a quorum for the second Council meeting in June necessitating the rescheduling of this meeting.
- Ongoing nuisance with an open foundation in the area of Park and L Streets.
- Rapid response by staff to a sign obstruction at Whitman and Division Streets.

Acting City Manager Dumont informed Council that Mr. Shawa has selected Troy Bell for the Deputy City Manager position. Mr. Bell has accepted and will be starting sometime in July pending background and

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credit checks; and construction is underway at the Veterans Memorial Swimming pool project.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Morgan moved to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.