

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Water Distribution Supervisor Adrian Sutor, Capital Projects Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation declaring June, 2016 as "General Aviation Appreciation Month" was read and presented to Walla Walla Regional Airport Manager Jennifer Skoglund. Ms. Skoglund thanked the City Council for the proclamation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for The Weaver Family Winery, 7 Second Street.

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- B. Resolution No. 2016-74 authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2016 COPS hiring grant for two new police officer positions.
- C. Resolution No. 2016-75 approving the application and receipt of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds and authorizing the City Manager to execute the intergovernmental agreement between the City and County.
- D. Resolution No. 2016-77 authorizing a contract with Public Financial Management, Inc. for financial advisory services.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-78 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with DKS Associates for the Second Avenue signal coordination project in the amount of \$54,080.
- F. Resolution No. 2016-79 designates City delegates to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

There was discussion on:

- Item E – Impact of efficient traffic flow on traffic safety. Signalized intersections are generally safer and vehicles travelling at or below the 25 miles per hour speed limit will move through the corridor at a consistent speed.
- Item B – This grant will provide partial funding for two additional police officers to help address succession planning and retirements. Twelve of the forty-six officers are eligible to retire within the next few years and it take approximately one year to hire, train and put a new officer out on the streets solo. The City will have the option of deciding whether to accept the grant if awarded.

Council asked to have Item B removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input. 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 F with the exception of Item B. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- B. Resolution No. 2016-74 authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2016 COPS hiring grant for two new police officer positions.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-74. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.

There was additional discussion on whether additional police officers are necessary and the continuation of community crime prevention activities.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-74 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- A. Resolution No. 2016-80 approving the issuance of revenue bonds by the Walla Walla Housing Authority in the principal amount of not to exceed \$8,000,000 to finance the rehabilitation and construction of nine apartment complexes known to provide housing for low-income persons.

City Manager Shawa reported the City has no liability for these bonds and they do not affect the City's bonding capacity. Staff recommends approval. There were comments regarding approval of this action by the Walla Walla Housing Authority Board. These bonds are a typical funding mechanism for housing authorities to use outside of the State Housing Commission resources.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-80. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2016-08 authorizing the sale, issuance and delivery of not to exceed \$6,300,000 of the City's limited tax general obligation bonds, series 2016, to provide funds to replace all or a

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portion of the water meters of the City; providing for the designation, date, terms, maturities, form, payment and redemption provisions of the bonds; providing for the selling of the bonds by competitive sale; pledging the City's full faith, credit and resources to the payment of the bonds; creating and adopting certain funds and accounts and providing for deposits therein; designating the registrar; providing for registration and authentication of the bonds; covenanting to comply with certain federal tax and securities laws; delegating certain actions in connection with the sale of bonds and the preliminary official statement; and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

City Manager Shawa commented that this water meter replacement project has been under discussion since 2012. This project is a critical piece of the strategic plan to reduce unaccounted for water loss.

Susan Musselman, Financial Advisor, reported the bonds being recommended are general obligation bonds rather than revenue bonds due to cost savings. The bond market is at or near historic lows for interest rates. These bonds will have a fifteen-year repayment to coincide with the projected life of the meters and interest rates are estimated between 2.5 and 2.6 percent.

Roy Koegen, Bond Counsel, reviewed the reasons why government agencies are using limited tax general obligation bonds instead of revenue bonds, and reviewed the provisions of the ordinance.

There was discussion on:

- Any additional projects would have to come back before the City Council before they could be added to the bonds.
- Timing for issuance of the bonds.
- Selling bonds above or below par.
- Bond issuance expenses and fees.
- Marketing and competitive sale of bonds.
- Volume of municipal bonds sold daily.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-08.
Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion.

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There were additional comments on the need for the water meter replacement project.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-08 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Resolution No. 2016-81 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Intergovernmental agreement with the State Department of Enterprise Services to authorize a water meter conversion project. (Automated Metering Infrastructure – AMI – Ameresco)

City Manager Shawa reviewed the project which will be done through a contract with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services to convert water meters to an automated metering infrastructure.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-81. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- D. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2016-76 adopting a revised and extended six-year comprehensive transportation program for 2017-2022.

City Engineer Chavre reviewed the changes from the 2016-2021 comprehensive transportation plan, including the projects being added and removed.

There was discussion on:

- The comprehensive transportation program can be amended by the City Council throughout the year.
- It is unlikely the Tietan and Fern intersection would qualify for a “safe routes to schools” grant.
- None of the City’s bridges qualify for federal funds and the City does not have any funding dedicated to bridge repair and replacement.
- The plan encompasses all forms of transportation, including bicycles and pedestrians.

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- The projects support “safe routes to schools” programming.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open at 8:37 p.m. There being no public testimony, Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-76. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- E. Ordinance No. 2016-13 amending Chapter 8.13 of the Municipal Code regarding noise control to establish a variance process.

Staff reported this ordinance will establish a variance process to the existing noise levels during certain hours. This mechanism is allowed by State law and will provide the City with flexibility to grant a variance to the noise ordinance when appropriate.

There was discussion on:

- Economic factors considered for a variance are the benefits or cost savings to the City, not private contractors or developers.
- Variances and complaints will be handled through the City Manager’s office.
- Fireworks are likely an “exempt” sound if their use has been permitted or they are legally discharged.
- Public safety will also be a key factor in considering a noise variance.

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

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-13. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- F. Approval of the May 31, 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 188510 through 188862, 9907426 through 9907428, and 8695 through 8706 totaling \$4,600,185.23.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the May 31, 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 188510

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through 188862, 9907426 through 9907428, and 8695 through 8706 totaling \$4,600,185.23 with the exception of the checks for Allen Pomraning and the Department of Corrections. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

There were questions on check number 188777 to Pacific Power and the checks for watercolor and ukulele/guitar instruction.

The motion to approve payment of the May 31, 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 188510 through 188862, 9907426 through 9907428, and 8695 through 8706 totaling \$4,600,185.23 with the exception of the checks for Allen Pomraning and the Department of Correction unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks to Allen Pomraning and Department of Corrections. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Morgan and Mayor Pomraning.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting with a constituent held May 27 regarding safety; the ribbon-cutting ceremony for St. Michael Haven held May 31; the Planning Commission meeting held June 6; and a tour of the wastewater treatment plant held June 8.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the retirement celebration for Dr. VanAusdle, Walla Walla Community College President, held June 3.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held May 25; a meeting with a constituent regarding a local business held May 26; the Blue Mountain Action Council literacy volunteer recognition luncheon held May 26; the Cannara, Italy Sister City Committee meeting held May 26; the Finance Committee meeting held June 6; the Water Partnership Board meeting held June 7; and the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held June 8.

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Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the "Coffee with a Cop" meeting held June 2; the Finance Committee meeting held June 6; a presentation by College Place High School sophomores held June 7; and the ad hoc committee on Council diversity held June 8.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Senior Center Board meeting held May 26; the retirement celebration for Dr. VanAusdle, Walla Walla Community College President, held June 3, the Finance Committee meeting held June 6; the Sustainability Committee meeting held June 7; a presentation by College Place High School sophomores held June 7; and the ad hoc committee on Council diversity held June 8.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the ad hoc committee on Council diversity held June 8.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for St. Michael Haven held May 31; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held June 1; a lunch with second graders at Prospect Point Elementary School held June 2; the retirement celebration for Dr. VanAusdle, Walla Walla Community College President, held June 3; a tour of Blue Ridge Elementary preschool held June 6; an "interview with the Mayor" at Prospect Point Elementary School on June 7; and a meeting with Pat Reay, incoming Port of Walla Walla Executive Director, held June 7.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

The following issues were raised:

- Vacation rentals. This item will be discussed at the June 27 Work Session.
- Bond issuance costs. The City is not being billed hourly fees for issuance costs.
- Work Sessions and topics for Work Sessions. It was the consensus of a majority of Council that Work Session will be held the same week as the first regular City Council meeting.
- Utility discounts for all low income residents.
- Fireworks displays by private organizations outside of July 4 and December 31.
- The first "Building Better Neighborhoods" meeting is scheduled for June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Howard Tietan Park.
- The aviary dedication is scheduled for June 10 at 5:30 p.m.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.