

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 29, 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, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: Councilmember Dick Morgan.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Human Resource Director Pam Taylor, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Police Captain Chris Buttice, Building Official Riley Jones, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pomraning presented Dr. Steven VanAusdle, retired President of Walla Walla Community College, with a certificate of appreciation for his service. Dr. VanAusdle has been recognized by Governor Inslee as one of the top three leaders in Washington State. Dr. VanAusdle thanked the City Council for the recognition and commented on his appreciation for the Walla Walla community.

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 J, as follows:

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- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for M & L Productions, 202 E. Main Street.
- B. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Passatempo, 215 W. Main Street.
- C. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Change of location liquor license application for Riversands Distillery, 12 N. 2nd Avenue.
- D. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Providence St. Mary Foundation at Walla Walla Country Club on July 22, 2016.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-82 authorizing the City Manager to dispose or sell certain City surplus items.
- F. Ordinance No. 2016-14 amending the 2015-2016 maintenance and operations budget; and

Ordinance No. 2016-15 establishing projects and amending the 2016 capital improvement project budget.
- G. Resolution No. 2016-83 authorizing the City Manager to sign agreements for Technical Response Team services with the City of College Place and Walla Walla County Fire District No. 6.
- H. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 25, 2016.
- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 2016.
- J. Resolution No. 2016-85 waiving the building permit and other related charges in the amount of \$11,430.10 for the Blue Mountain Humane Society's project at 7 E. George Street.

Council asked that Item G be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Mayor Pomraning reported this would become Item AA on the Active Agenda.

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

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

AA. Resolution No. 2016-83 authorizing the City Manager to sign agreements for Technical Response Team services with the City of College Place and Walla Walla County Fire District No. 6.

There was discussion on who is authorized to activate and extend the services and ensuring the City gets paid for providing a response. Staff indicated this could be handled through operating procedures and administrative policies.

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

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-83. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

A. Ordinance No. 2016-16 amending Municipal Code Sections 3.11.050 and 3.11.070 to increase the petty cash and change revolving accounts to \$3,800.

City Manager Shawa reported this is a housekeeping item to increase the number of cash boxes for internal controls so a number of employees are not working out of the same cash box. In order to increase the number of cash boxes, it is necessary to provide additional money to allow staff to make change when necessary.

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. 2016-16. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- B. Resolution No. 2016-84 determining the City will modify an annexation proposal to annex approximately 106 acres located east of Cottonwood Road and west of Kendall Road, including the right-of-way of Cottonwood Road, from the current City limits to Kendall Road.

City Manager Shawa reported this is the first step in the annexation process in order to obtain the necessary signatures to go on to the sixty percent petition.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported staff had asked for additional time to work through potential development issues with the owner/developer. These discussions are ongoing to allow staff to look at the property holistically rather than in several small developments. Approving this resolution will allow these discussions to continue.

There was discussion on:

- The property is all within the City's urban growth area.
- Connectivity of roads within the area for transportation circulation.
- Firefighting capacity in the area and existing aid agreements.
- The boundary modification proposed by staff is to bring in adjacent roadway right-of-way.
- Property is zoned R-96 which would allow development of approximately 350 homes.
- Consideration of a planned unit development to address distance and access to commercial services such as groceries. Staff reported this would likely be done as part of the comprehensive plan update.
- Stormwater impacts on existing subdivisions.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input. The following had comments and questions regarding the proposed annexation:

- Glenn Bell, 278 Coyote Ridge, Walla Walla. President of the Table Rock Home Owners Association.
- Frank Ward, 415 Cherry Street, Walla Walla.
- Richard McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla.
- Joyce Fox, 159 Coyote Ridge, Walla Walla.

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There was additional discussion regarding:

- There is no written memorandum of understanding with Hayden Homes. Staff is in the process of drafting a document but it is in the conceptual stages.
- Timing and steps in the annexation process. The earliest this proposed annexation would be back before the City Council is fall of 2016.
- It was the decision of the property owner, not the City, to work with Hayden Homes to develop in this area.
- A stormwater and traffic impact analysis would be performed as part of the development plans which would outline the necessary improvements to the roadways.
- Ensuring the annexation and development process is as transparent as possible.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-84.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

Council expressed their appreciation for the concern by area residents; the value of the public input; and the complexity and length of the annexation process.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-84 unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Ordinance No. 2016-17 amending Chapter 15.04 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Washington Model Building and other codes and amendment of Chapter 8.05 regarding enforcement of such model building codes.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported the Washington State Building Code Council reviews and approves building code changes every three years. This ordinance will amend the building codes from 2012 to 2015 with changes to specific sections to make them easier to reference. In addition, the section pertaining to appeals has been cleaned up to utilize current nuisance procedures. Notification of these changes was sent to known local contractors.

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There was discussion on:

- No comments were received by staff from the building community. None of the proposed amendments are anticipated to greatly impact contractors.
- Whether there are any negative impacts from the building code amendments on housing affordability.
- Notification to parties to submit projects designed under the 2012 building codes before the July 1 effective date for the 2015 building codes and submittal requirements.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Allen Ketelsen, 350 Brisbane, Walla Walla, commented on the impact of code changes on builders and contractors. Staff explained that the City can impose more stringent conditions than the State but are prohibited from adopting standards that are less than what is adopted by the State.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-17. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council asked that, in the future, contractors and builders be notified as soon as staff is aware of building code changes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the aviary dedication held June 10; the Work Session held June 13; the Community Council luncheon held June 15; the Association of Washington Cities conference held June 21 through June 24; and the Work Session held June 27.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the aviary dedication held June 10; the fundraiser for the STAR project held June 12; the Work Session held June 13; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held June 14; the Community Council luncheon held June 15; the agenda preparation meeting held June 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 16; the Tietan Park community celebration held June 14; the Association of Washington Cities conference held June 21 through June 23; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held June 24; the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held June 27; and the Work Session held June 27.

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Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Work Session held June 13; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held June 14; the Community Council luncheon held June 15; the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 16; the Housing Authority exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held June 20; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held June 22; the Housing Authority Board meeting held June 25; the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held June 27; and the Work Session held June 27.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the aviary dedication held June 10; the Work Session held June 13; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held June 14; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held June 14; the Tietan Park community gathering held June 14; the Highway 12 coalition meeting held June 22; and the Work Session held June 27.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held June 14; the Community Council luncheon held June 15; and the Work Sessions held June 13 and June 27.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the aviary dedication held June 10; the fundraiser for the STAR project held June 12; the Work Session held June 13; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held June 14; a meeting with the Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding federal transportation grants held June 15; the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 15; the Tietan Park community gathering held June 14; the Association of Washington Cities conference held June 21 through June 24; the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held June 27; and the Work Session held June 27.

City Manager Shawa suggested citizens use alternative forms of transportation for the 4th of July celebration at Pioneer Park due to the closure of Alder Street. Council asked for a report on any firework-related issues.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Clark moved to appoint the following:

- Pam Ray to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2017;
- Amber Delph to the Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2016;
- Bob Carson, Penny Piatt and Bart Preecs to the Sustainability Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2019; and
- David Haire and John DeLong to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2019.

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

There was discussion on changing the consideration of new and unfinished business during Council meetings.

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 more than thirty minutes and additional business may be taken at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:19 p.m.

Ordinance No. 2016-18 authorizing execution of a labor agreement with the Walla Walla Professional Firefighters Association Local 404 International Association of Firefighters for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

City Manager Shawa reported this is a three-year contract that provides for a three percent salary increase per year and allows the shift to a

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different health insurance plan. The cost to the City over the three years is estimated at \$417,000.

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

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-18.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.