

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Barrow.

Absent: Councilmember Dick Morgan and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Police Captain Terry Heisey, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow reported the State statute provides that a Councilmember's seat is automatically vacated after three unexcused absences. Councilmember Morgan had reported he was going to be on vacation and would miss the June 29 and July 13 Council meetings.

Councilmember Cummins moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Morgan. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

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

The motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Morgan unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Scribner 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.

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for the Summer Dance Lab at Cordiner Hall on July 29, 2016.
- B. Resolution No. 2016-86 setting a public hearing for August 10, 2016 for the vacation of the right of way located south of Washington State Penitentiary and between North 15th Avenue and North 14th Avenue. (Petitioner: Linda Ross)
- C. Resolution No. 2016-87 setting a public hearing for August 10, 2016 for the Myra Road annexation (approximately 78 acres located along Myra Road and south of Mill Creek).
- D. Resolution No. 2016-88 authorizing the City Manager to sign the Interlocal agreement for payment of criminal justice ACCESS charges.
- E. Resolution No. 2016-89 authorizing the purchase of WESCOM's system-wide netclock replacement from Simulcast Solutions for \$35,425.

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow 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 E. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2016-90 authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal agreement for the Special Investigations Unit.

City Manager Shawa reported this will allow the Police Department to join the Special Investigations Unit to train detectives to investigate officer

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involved shootings. The estimated annual staff time cost for training is \$5600.

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

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-90. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2016-65 rejecting a proposed annexation of approximately four acres located at 410 Reser Road. (Herbert Family property)

City Manager Shawa reported staff is recommending rejection of this annexation petition due to the size of the annexation and current workload in Development Services. The other option would be to accept the petition with the understanding that no additional work will be done by staff until 2017.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the boundaries of the proposed annexation and reviewed two other options besides rejection. Option A is the option to accept the four acre annexation with the understanding that no additional staff work will be done until 2017. Option B is to include the properties (the Davidson property) to the south to eliminate an unincorporated island. There was discussion on the identified options.

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow invited public input.

Jim Herbert, representative of the Herbert Family Trust, reported the proposed development plans for this property began in 2011 when the County began preparations for the improvement of Reser Road. In order to subdivide the parcel into more than two properties, City water and sewer connections are necessary. There was discussion regarding the difference between developing the property within the County and City; and notification of the pipeline annexation two years ago.

Paul Tomkins, land surveyor for the Herbert Family, explained the difference in development provisions between land in the County and in the City. The Herbert Family has invested in the cost for water and sewer

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main extension and allowed for stormwater improvements on their property as part of the County's Reser Road project. Inclusion in the pipeline annexation was not pursued because the City did not require annexation prior to connection to City utilities at that time.

Jeremy Davidson, 197 Whistling Duck Road, Walla Walla, representing his grandparents, indicated they do not want their property included in the proposed annexation due to concerns with complaints about their farming activities.

Catherine Davidson, 225 Bush, Walla Walla, indicated they were strongly opposed to having their property included in the proposed annexation.

There was discussion on:

- There is sufficient value in the Herbert property to include the Davidson property in the sixty-percent annexation petition.
- Potential farming conflicts with the subdivision under construction to the east of the Davidson property.
- Transportation connectivity and number of existing subdivisions with cul-de-sacs in the southern portion of the City.

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-65 determining that the City will accept a proposed annexation of approximately four acres located south of Reser Road and east of Cottonwood Road (Option A), with the understanding that staff will not work on the annexation petition until 2017. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was additional discussion on:

- The lack of roadway connectivity and cul-de-sacs in the area.
- Connecting any development on the Herbert Family property to Silvergate Road or having an east-west roadway connection.
- Council has the ability to change its mind and reject the annexation but after tonight the boundaries of the proposed annexation area cannot be modified.
- Greater density development is preferable in an urban setting than less density.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-65 determining that the City will accept a proposed annexation of approximately four acres located south of Reser Road and east of Cottonwood Road (Option A), with the

understanding that staff will not work on the annexation petition until 2017, carried with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Cummins.

C. Approval of the minutes of the Work Session held June 13, 2016.

Councilmember Scribner moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held June 13, 2016. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of the accounts payable register dated June 30, 2016 containing check numbers 188863 through 189306, 990749 through 990759, and 8707 through 8716 totaling \$6,441,862.76.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the accounts payable register dated June 30, 2016 containing check numbers 188863 through 189306, 990749 through 990759, and 8707 through 8716 totaling \$6,441,862.76 with the exception of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting with Chamber of Commerce members held July 6 to gather input on the downtown social issues; and the Work Session held July 11.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Public Works Trust Board meeting held July 8; the Work Session held July 11; a civic award presentation to Tim Duncan of Borleske Stadium held July 11; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held July 12.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held July 5; a meeting with Chamber of Commerce members held July 6 to gather input on the downtown social issues; the Work Session held July 11; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held July 12.

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Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at a meeting held June 30 with Parks & Recreation Director Dumont and Councilmember Clark regarding the removal of street trees on Chestnut Street; the Work Session held July 11; the public hearing before the Hearing Examiner held July 7 regarding the Madison Park housing project; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held July 12; and the Public Library Board meeting held July 13.

Mayor Pro Tem Barrow reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held June 30; the Fourth of July celebration at Pioneer Park; the Water Partnership Board meeting held July 5; the public hearing before the Hearing Examiner held July 7 regarding the Madison Park housing project; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held July 11; and the Work Session held July 11.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on:

- Referring the matter of having a complete streets ordinance to staff and whether this issue can be addressed as a part of the comprehensive transportation plan. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff review the Transportation Improvement Board requirements for grant funding to determine if action on a complete streets policy is advisable prior to completion of the comprehensive transportation plan.
- A review of the Clinton Street/Middle Waitsburg Road/Highway 12 traffic revisions and communication with Washington State Department of Transportation and County Commissioner Perry Dozier regarding unsafe travel patterns occurring at this location.
- Street trees. It was the consensus of Council to schedule a discussion on street trees at an upcoming Work Session.

Councilmember Clark moved to reappoint Scott Byerley and Art Coulombe to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2018. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council asked staff to follow up on:

- Street repair of the Pioneer Park traffic circle.

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- Obtaining a copy of the Chamber of Commerce Business Summit financial report.
- A quarterly report on police department activities including the effectiveness and impact of the additional police officers, parking enforcement, traffic citations, etc.
- Feasibility of police foot patrols in the downtown area.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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