

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: Councilmembers Steve Moss and Dick Morgan.

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Troy Bell, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Andy Coleman, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

A local Boy Scout, Cosmo, led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Mayor Pomraning read and presented a proclamation declaring September 17 to September 23, 2016 as "Constitution Week in Walla Walla" to Chris Crowder, Regent with the Narcissa Prentiss Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- B. Mayor Pomraning read and presented a proclamation declaring September 26, 2016 as "Diversity Day in Walla Walla" to Dan Clark and Kim Rodgers.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcus Mendez, College Place, commented that he works with wounded warriors and requested City funding to continue the local Civil Air Patrol program.

Brian Fullen, 904 E. Alder Street, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with the newly-designated no parking areas in front of homes on Alder Street.

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Scott and Janie Larson, owners of the apartment complex at 933 E. Alder Street, expressed concerns with the impact of the newly designated no parking areas on Alder Street.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for the Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center on October 14, 2016.
- B. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Walla Walla Valley Youth Baseball and Softball on October 15, 2016.
- C. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Italian Heritage Association on October 29, 2016.
- D. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor licenses for Whitman College on September 22 through September 24, 2016.
- E. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Valley Residential Services on October 8, 2016.
- F. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Frenchtown Historical Foundation on October 8, 2016.
- G. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license for Walla Walla Chapter of Ducks Unlimited on September 24, 2016.
- H. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for The Karaoke Palace, 16 S. Colville.

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- I. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Safeway Fuel Center, 1490 Plaza Way.
- J. Acceptance of resignation from Tim Odeen from the Historic Preservation Commission, with regrets.
- L. Resolution No. 2016-118 authorizing the purchase of large water meters (3 inch and larger) and meter transmitting units from Ferguson Enterprises.
- M. Resolution No. 2016-119 authorizing the purchase of various water fittings and valves from Ferguson Waterworks of Pasco.
- N. Resolution No. 2016-120 authorizing the purchase of concrete water meter vaults from Oldcastle Precast of Spokane.
- O. Resolution No. 2016-121 authorizing the City Manager to sign Washington Traffic Safety Commission agreements for grants on behalf of the Police Department and the WESCOM dispatch center.
- P. Resolution No. 2016-122 awarding the bid to JDR Alpha for fence repair at the Sudbury Road landfill.
- Q. Resolution No. 2016-123 authorizing the purchase of a police interceptor utility vehicle from Columbia Ford of Longview.
- R. Resolution No. 2016-124 authorizing execution of necessary documents to change the LEOFF 1 retirees insurance plan.
- S. Ordinance No. 2016-25 approving a franchise with Columbia Energy, LLC (CELLC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Rural Electric Association.
- T. Resolution No. 2016-125 authorizing the sale of refunding bonds for the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Series 2009 bonds for the Police Station.
- U. Resolution No. 2016-126 authorizing an increase to the contract with Material Testing Inc. by \$5,500 to a total of \$25,000 for inspection of materials for the Veterans Memorial pool rebuild project.

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- V. Ordinance No. 2016-27 revising Walla Walla Municipal Code Section 3.21.050(G) to change the City department responsible for administering the equipment operation and maintenance fund and the equipment replacement fund.
- W. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held August 24, 2016.

There were comments on how items are determined for placement on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, asked why liquor license applications come before the City Council for consideration. City Attorney Donaldson explained the City is provided an opportunity to voice an objection but the Liquor and Cannabis Board is the agency responsible for issuing the license.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through W. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion.

There were remarks on the savings to the taxpayers through the refinancing of the police station bonds and the need for The Karaoke Palace to complete the permit process through Development Services prior to their liquor license application approval.

The motion to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through W unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2016-116 accepting the Surface Transportation Block grant in the amount of \$2,223,583. (Isaacs Avenue-Phase II project)

Deputy City Manager Bell highlighted staff efforts and success to obtain grants.

City Engineer Chavre reported the City has received this \$2.2 million grant for the Isaacs Avenue project and reviewed the project status including the project limits for Phase I and Phase II.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-116. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2016-117 accepting the Transportation Alternatives grant in the amount of \$70,000 for the Wilbur/University pedestrian and stormwater improvements project.

City Engineer Chavre reviewed the project and its purpose.

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

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-117. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Resolution No. 2016-127 approving a complete streets policy.

Deputy City Manager Bell reported this policy will provide additional opportunities for projects to be eligible for grant funding. These policies are currently in place but this action will codify these policies into one document.

City Engineer Chavre reviewed the components of the complete streets policy.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Kurt Friederich, 1526 Ruth Street, Walla Walla, encouraged support of the complete streets policy.

Lidia Friederich, 1526 Ruth Street, Walla Walla, asked the City Council to support this policy and commended the City for obtaining grant funds.

There were comments by Council in support of the complete streets policy.

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Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-127. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- D. Ordinance No. 2016-26 amending Walla Walla Municipal Code Section 13.07.080 regarding segregation of revenue received for the Cottonwood Trunk utility charges.

Staff reported the original ordinance imposing the Cottonwood Trunk charges lacked clarity. The Cottonwood Trunk charge was assessed when the City extended water and sewer lines down Cottonwood Road. This ordinance specifies how the charges are apportioned between the water and wastewater funds and is a house-keeping item.

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. 2016-26. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- E. Resolution No. 2016-128 regarding the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the John Wayne Pioneer trail.

Staff reported the City Council had directed the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to consider this request from a member of the Tekoa City Council. This is part of the rails to trails program and would connect Walla Walla if the Columbia Plateau trail is completed.

There was discussion on:

- There is no financial impact to the City of Walla Walla by supporting the resolution.
- Keeping the right-of-way in the public domain.
- Appropriateness for the City Council to voice their position since the City encourages multi-modal transportation.
- The tie-in of the trail to the City of Walla Walla.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

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- Bob Carson, 705 Boyer Drive, Walla Walla.
- Kurt Friederich, 1525 Ruth Street, Walla Walla.
- Walt Keyes, 1403 Howard Street, Walla Walla.

Mayor Pomraning reported Charles Stanger had contacted him in support of the resolution.

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-128. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- F. Resolution No. 2016-129 adopting 2017 State legislative priorities;
and

Resolution No. 2016-130 adopting 2017 Federal legislative priorities.

Deputy City Manager Bell commended the City Council for their vision in establishing priorities.

Council recognized the efforts of the City Council's legislative committee for their lobbying efforts in Olympia and Washington D.C.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-129. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-130. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- G. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held August 22, 2016.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held August 22, 2016. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- H. Approval of the August 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 189727 to 190175, 990762, 990763, 990765, and 8735 to 8741 totaling \$5,225,009.44.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the August 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 189727 to 190175, 990762, 990763, 990765, and 8735 to 8741 totaling \$5,225,009.44 with the exception of check numbers 189824, 189926, and 190051. The motion was withdrawn.

There was discussion on whether to exclude the three specific checks for a staff response as to why the purchases could not have been made locally.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the August 2016 accounts payable register containing check numbers 189727 to 190175, 990762, 990763, 990765, and 8735 to 8741 totaling \$5,225,009.44 with an explanation from staff as to why the items purchased by check numbers 189824, 189926, and 190051 could not have been purchased from a local vendor. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Water Partnership Board meeting held September 6; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held September 7; the agenda review meeting held September 7; a presentation by Dr. Carson on the great flood held September 10; the Work Session held September 12; the Mill Creek coalition meeting held September 14; the First Responders religious service held September 14; and served as a judge for the Garrison Middle School debates on September 13.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Public Works Board meeting held August 26; a meeting with the new superintendent of the school district held August 30; the Public Works Board retreat held September 8; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 12; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held September 13.

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Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Community Development Block Grant advisory committee meeting held August 30; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 12; the Work Session held September 12; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held September 13; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held September 13.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Work Session held September 12; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held September 13; and the Public Library Board meeting held September 14.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the signing of bond documents held September 6; the agenda review meeting held September 7; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting held September 8; the Work Session held September 12; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held September 13; and the First Responders religious service held September 14.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council asked staff to follow up on:

- Alder Street parking for residents of the area.
- City facilities that may be available for use by the Civil Air Patrol.
- Energy usage within City facilities and providing a comparison report.

Councilmember Clark moved to vacate the seat held by Keith Weathermon on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee due to absenteeism. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.