

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 28, 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 and Mayor Pomraning

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Communications Manager David Brauhn and Deputy City Clerk/Executive Assistant Carol Pritcher.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Mayor Pomraning read and presented a proclamation declaring October 2016 as "Resilience Awareness Month" to Teri Barila, Children's Resilience Initiative Administrator, as well as to Sergio Hernandez and Annett Bovent

Ms. Barila thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited attendance at two upcoming events.

- B. Mayor Pomraning recognized David Brauhn, Communications Manager, for two 3CMA (City-County Communications & Marketing Association) awards for the internal and external electronic City newsletters.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Clark, 717 N. Main Street, Walla Walla, provided an update on the temporary homeless campground and expressed concerns with an inability to remove disruptive campers.

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Shilo Andrews, temporary homeless camp, indicated he had caused the previous night's disruption and asked not to be removed from the camp.

Brenda Andrews, temporary homeless camp, felt that another camper was inappropriate with her and that should not result in the removal of her and her husband from the camp.

Chuck Hindman, Chairperson of the Alliance for the Homeless, commented in support of a draft ordinance that would allow for the trespass and removal of disruptive people from the camp.

Jean Herbert, Reser Road, Walla Walla, asked for adoption of an ordinance to provide authorization to remove disruptive people and handle unsafe situations at the homeless campsite.

Annett Bivent, no address provided, reported she is with the local Hope for Kids organization and is often asked to help at the temporary homeless camp. A solution is needed to handle disruptive individuals.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Pritcher introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through D, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor Board change of location application for Elephant Seven Wine Company from 1007 W. Rose Street to 1491 W. Rose Street; Suite D.
- B. Washington State Liquor Board change of corporate officers/stockholders application for Bergevin Lane Vineyards, 1215 W. Poplar; Suite B.
- C. Ordinance No. 2016-28 amending the 2015-2016 operations and maintenance budget; and

Ordinance No. 2016-29 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.
- D. Resolution No. 2016-132 authorizing the purchase of an additional \$120,000 of asphalt from Humbert Asphalt, Inc.

There was brief discussion on Item C regarding the additional purchase of asphalt and the work being done by the street division.

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

There were comments regarding audience participation on a proposed ordinance which will authorize the removal of individuals from city property.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2016-131 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with DKS Associates for preparation of a Transportation System Plan.

City Manager Shawa reported this will authorize a contract with DKS Associates to prepare a transportation system plan in an amount not to exceed \$162,880 over a two year period. This will coincide with the preparation of the amended comprehensive plan.

Mayor Pomraning noted there was no public present to invite public input on this item.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-131. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2016-30 amending sections of the Municipal Code pertaining to Utility Rates and Charges.

City Manager Shawa reported this change in this code will streamline the process for changing utility rates and charges but does not make any changes to the current rates. It is an internal housekeeping item.

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

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-30. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the 100-year rededication of the County Court House held September 27; and the ad hoc committee studying the downtown social issues meeting held September 28.

Councilmember Morgan had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Barrow reported meeting with the news media on September 15 regarding short-term rentals; an interview with a northwest periodical cable channel on September 16; and attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 15 and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation meeting held September 20.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 15; and the Housing Authority Board meeting held September 26.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 20; the Civil Service Commission meeting held September 21; a discussion regarding paid family and medical leave held September 22; the Senior Center Board meeting held September 22; the Diversity Day celebration held September 25; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 26; and the 100-year rededication of the County Court House held September 27. Councilmember Clark also reported serving as a debate judge at Garrison Middle School on September 15.

Councilmember Scribner had no meetings to report. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee had received sixteen requests for funds and will meet on October 20 to review and discuss these requests.

Mayor Pomraning reported meeting with the news media on September 15 regarding short-term rentals; an interview with a northwest periodical cable channel on September 16; and attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 15; the Good Roads Committee meeting held September 19; a meeting with the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce regarding short-term rentals held September 21; a meeting with Washington State University School of Engineering students held September 22; a meeting with the Mayor of Dayton held September

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23; the Diversity Day celebration held September 25; the 100-year rededication of the County Court House held September 25; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 26; and a meeting with the Small Business Development office held September 27. Mayor Pomraning reminded Council there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Lillie Rice Center on September 29.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Shawa shared a thank you poster from the Alder/Clinton Street area residents for the new traffic signal, pedestrian-activated crossing light, and markings on Alder Street.

Council inquired about communication with the Alder Street residents regarding the new no parking areas. Staff indicated they will follow up and report on this status.

- A. Ordinance No. 2016-31 identifying conditions for entering and remaining in city buildings and on city property, establishing provisions for the exclusion of persons who violate those conditions, and taking further action therewith.

Staff reviewed the provisions of the ordinance including its intent and impact. There were two separate and unrelated issues that occurred on city property within the past two weeks where the police were called for assistance. This ordinance will provide legal tools to address these unfortunate situations.

There was discussion on the current temporary homeless camp including authority to resolve issues; ongoing monitoring for health and safety; fire safety; and security.

City Manager Shawa shared that safety measures in City facilities will be further addressed in the proposed budget.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Dan Clark, 717 N. Main Street, Walla Walla, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-31.
Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6
yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Scribner.

There were comments about the unfortunate need for this ordinance and
exercising caution in its use and implementation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.