

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Retreat Minutes**  
**January 9, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cummins called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. in the Conference Room, Walla Walla Service Center, 55 East Moore Street, Walla Walla.

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Dick Morgan, Steve Moss, Allen Pomraning, Tom Scribner and Mayor Jerry Cummins

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

There was discussion by staff and Council on:

- Strategic plan and 2016 major projects.
- 2015 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Representatives from Cobalt Community Research presented the results of the 2015 citizen satisfaction survey via conference call.
- Memorial pool funding. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff prepare a resolution amending the State legislative priorities to allow staff and the legislative committee to seek a capital funding allocation for Memorial Pool.
- Council goals. After discussion on the strategic planning and budgeting process, it was the consensus of a majority of Council to hold another retreat in April. Some of the goals identified for discussion in April include:
  - Establishing a bridge repair and replacement program, including the identification of bridges and their age to the public.
  - Mill Creek enhancements and public access.
  - Creation of a public plaza area in the downtown.
  - Opening the pedestrian gate at Colville/Heritage Park.
  - Regulation of vacation rentals.
  - Neighborhood watch program as a tool against gang violence.
  - Communications, including use of the County's emergency management system.
  - Complete streets ordinance.

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- Water rate structure to encourage conservation.
- Differentiating utility rates for low income residents.
- Utility rates for snowbirds.
- Encouraging annexations.
- Preparation of a quality of life index.
- Pedestrian safety and street striping.
- Increase in library hours.
- Street tree care and maintenance program.
- Commercial recycling.
- County homeless plan.
- Police: health of officers and public.
- Council/Manager relations.
- Council Committee appointments.

### **3. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dick Swenson, Craig Street, Walla Walla, commented on the following:

- Participation in the citizen satisfaction survey and clarifying whether the participant is responding as an individual or as a household.
- Areas of on-street parking and obstructed sightlines for vehicles.
- Use of the "scramble" system.
- Implementing an educational campaign regarding pedestrians.
- Quality of life index.
- River walks and improvements to Mill Creek.

City Manager Shawa reported the City had been issued an unfair labor practice by the Public Employee Relations Commission regarding a policy on use of private guns by off-duty police officers. The Commission's ruling will be publicly read during the January 13 City Council meeting.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.