

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
January 11, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cummins called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Operations Manager Mori Struve, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Eastgate Storage Yard Facility.

Public Works Operations Manager Struve reviewed:

- Challenges with storing vehicles, equipment, and supplies at the Service Center.
- Proposed development of a storage facility on City property in the Eastgate area and preliminary estimate for this facility.
- The need for handicap accessible parking and adequate signage at the Service Center.

After discussion, it was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff look at other storage options and report back.

B. Veteran's Memorial Golf Course contract.

Parks & Recreation Director Dumont introduced the golf course operators, Mike Early and Chris Repass. In 2013, over \$300,000 was spent to refurbish the golf course. The City issued a request for proposals to operate and maintain the course. One proposal was received and a ten-year contract was negotiated with Early-Repass Golf. The lessees have lost \$106,000 over the last two years of operation and have submitted a request to modify the terms of the lease. Staff has been in negotiations

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and believes the proposal to eliminate the rental payment requirement is in the City's best interest.

After discussion, it was the consensus of a majority of Council to bring the proposed lease agreement revision back for consideration at a regular City Council meeting.

C. 2016 Staff sustainability projects.

City Manager Shawa reviewed the following 2016 leadership team sustainability projects:

- Internal recycling policy adoption and implementation;
- Recycling receptacles on Main Street, develop system, select receptacles and implement by Memorial Day 2016; and
- City landscaping code – review existing code to identify landscaping options that provide for less water intensive use.

Additional 2016 sustainable projects/concepts include:

- Automated metering infrastructure 2016-2017 project;
- LED bulb replacement occurring in all City facilities;
- Analyzing Pacific Corp street light acquisition and conversion to LED;
- Analyzing Tausick solar farm concept;
- Analyzing Sudbury landfill green gas concept after completion of Sudbury landfill master plan;
- Columbia Rural Electric Association facility audits for landfill building and City pumps; and
- Fire Department's reduce, reuse, and recycle program.

Fire Chief Yancey demonstrated some of the products being produced by Penitentiary inmates out of old turnout gear and uniforms.

There was brief discussion on the 2016 staff sustainability projects.

Mayor Cummins invited public input.

Sandra Cannon, 803 Valencia, Walla Walla, congratulated staff for setting goals and suggested the City publicize their efforts in attaining sustainable activities.

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Cummins reported he would be attending the January 21 presentation by Cathy McMorris Rodgers to Dr. Dan Laizure for providing dental care to veterans and invited other Councilmembers to attend.

Councilmember Barrow suggested adding two citizens to the Council Finance Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.