

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
March 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Dick Morgan.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Deputy City Manager Tim McCarty, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Manager Mori Struve, Water Distribution Supervisor Adrian Sutor, Fleet Services Manager Curt Shaw, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Andy Coleman, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Review of bids for Rebuild Veterans Memorial Pool project.

City Manager Shawa reviewed the history of efforts to pass a bond to rebuild Veterans Memorial Pool. Two bids were received with the low bid exceeding available funds by \$2,300,000. Staff proposes closing this gap by using \$800,000 in City funds; \$350,000 in-hand pledges; and \$1,150,000 in philanthropic contributions.

There was discussion on:

- Timing for decisions from philanthropic organizations on donations and impact on the project if goals are not reached.
- The base bid provides the minimum required by the pools bonds.
- The slides, pool toys, shade structures and other ancillary components are necessary to support ongoing maintenance and operations, and for youth entertainment.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Pat Reay, College Place City Administrator, suggested the City apply for the economic development funds administered by the Port of Walla Walla and indicated he would provide a letter of support.

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Brad Daly, 601 Village Way, Walla Walla, spoke in support of the funding plan and long term sustainability of the pool with the inclusion of the slides, pool toys and other ancillary components.

There were brief comments regarding the staff proposal; donations by other jurisdictions to reduce non-City admittance fees; and applicability of the economic development funds for this type of project.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff bring back action items to approve the bid and an interfund loan at their March 23 City Council meeting.

B. Shoreline Master Plan update.

Development Services Director Chamberlain provided an update on the shoreline master plan. The major difference in the new plan is in allowable building heights.

There was discussion on:

- Proposed height restrictions.
- Requiring Federal agencies to work within the designated shoreline area.
- Requiring public access and potential for adverse possession.
- Review of shoreline projects.
- Impact of the shoreline master plan on the visionary goals for day-lighting Mill Creek through the downtown area.
- Process for adoption of the revised shoreline master plan.
- Impact on future development along Mill Creek will be primarily west of 9th Avenue.

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

C. Water Distribution Equipment plan.

Water Distribution Supervisor Sutor reviewed the plan for future equipment acquisitions by both purchasing and leasing equipment to support ongoing efforts to reduce water loss. Funds have been included in the equipment replacement fund.

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There was discussion on:

- Reasons for historic water losses.
- Types of material used in water lines have varied over the years.
- Improving assets and ensuring the longest life cycle for the investment.
- Lead is a non-issue within the City's water system.
- Efforts to reduce non-revenue water loss.
- Financial impact to leasing certain equipment is less than projected through traditional purchase over the long term. No additional staffing is proposed.
- Implementation of radio read water meters.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.