

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**October 10, 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 Troy Bell, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Stormwater Coordinator Brad Daly, Development Engineer Jay Peninger, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Resident/non-resident pool fees.

Parks & Recreation Director Dumont reviewed the pool construction progress; project revenues, donations and expenses; and the proposed fee schedule. The donations and pledges from Walla Walla County, Port of Walla Walla, and City of College Place are all contingent upon there being no differential in the fee schedule between resident and non-resident. These donations and pledges will provide for the purchase of the additive alternates for the pool.

There was discussion on:

- Participation by other jurisdictions to assist the City in paying ongoing maintenance and operations expenses at the pool.
- Operating costs for the pool are the same regardless of the number of participants.
- Scheduling of activities at the pool.
- The City's operating subsidy is estimated to be approximately \$100,000 in 2017.
- Fees for swim team and rentals still need to be worked out.
- Color of the buildings.
- Income differential between resident versus non-resident fees is approximately \$10,000.

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- The Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board has recommended the same fee structure regardless of residency.
- Seeking contributions for operating costs from partners in the future.
- Planning for ongoing maintenance and operation of the new pool facility.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to go forward with a single fee structure for residents and non-residents thereby accepting donations and moving forward with the purchase of the additive alternates in the bid, with ongoing discussion regarding operations and maintenance costs.

- B. Stormwater code review/update – professional services contract with Herrera Environmental Consultants.

City Engineer Chavre introduced Stormwater Coordinator Brad Daly and Development Engineer Jay Peninger.

Stormwater Coordinator Daly reviewed the need for assistance to perform an analysis and recommend updates to the City's stormwater codes including:

- Low impact development techniques.
- Methodology for assessment of the stormwater utility fee.
- Narrowing the focus and providing clearer guidance for stormwater design standards.

There was discussion on:

- Ensuring that everyone pays their fair share contribution towards stormwater management on public streets, parking lots, and other public property without exceptions.
- Treatment of stormwater and runoff into creeks.
- Staff does not have the resources to perform the proposed work in-house. This proposed contract will work towards implementation of the stormwater management plan.
- Determining appropriate methodology for how stormwater fees are assessed.
- Condensing the methodology and process of stormwater management for engineers and property developers.
- The assessment methodology needs to include the impact of stormwater management on public properties, not just private properties.

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### C. Stormwater development review charges.

City Engineer Chavre reviewed the goal to recover stormwater-related development review and inspection costs and seeking policy direction on the preferred approach for cost recovery.

There was discussion on combining development review and inspection costs for water, wastewater and stormwater rather than having them broken out separately.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to table this item.

### D. Agreement to house post-conviction inmates at the Sunnyside jail.

Police Chief Bieber reported that the Sunnyside jail administrator had approached the City regarding jail housing for post-conviction inmates. The proposed cost is \$42 per day, including transportation, for seven or more days. Staff recommends approval of the agreement but is uncertain how often it may be utilized.

There was discussion on:

- The number of post-conviction inmates from the City runs between one and sixteen.
- It is unknown whether any inmates have been released early due to overcrowding at the Walla Walla County jail.
- Cost of travel for attorneys or family members. The Sunnyside jail would only be used for post-conviction jail sentences when no other charges are pending.
- There is no current capacity problem at the Walla Walla County jail.
- Post conviction jail sentences run from zero to 365 days.
- Rehabilitation programs offered in jail.
- Relocating to Sunnyside could be used as a tool to break up groups of career criminals but the proposal was looked at simply as a way to save money.
- Reasons the Sunnyside jail may be less costly for housing post-conviction inmates.
- Lack of communication between the City and the County over this proposal.
- Using the contract as a backup in case the need should arise.

Mayor Pomraning invited input from the County representatives.

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Jim Duncan, Walla Walla County Commissioner, indicated there had been no discussion with the County on this proposal. The County still has to operate and maintain the jail so they would not be in favor.

Mike Bates, Walla Walla County Corrections Director, outlined some of the programs being offered or started at the County jail. There are currently no overcrowding issues and he would be happy to start a discussion on the current jail contract. Mr. Bates suggested local tax dollars should be kept within the community.

Judge Hedine, Walla Walla County District Court, felt there were many issues that need to be addressed before a jail contract with Sunnyside is considered.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to defer any action on a proposed jail contract for further staff work.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.