

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017

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, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Human Resource Director Pam Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director Jim Dumont, Acting Parks & Recreation Director/Parks Maintenance Supervisor Andy Coleman, Arborist Kyle Clemens, Engineer Monte Puymon, CDBG Coordinator Jennifer Beckmeyer, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Arbor Day 2017 proclamation and presentations.

Mayor Pomraning read the Arbor Day proclamation and presented the 2017 City Arbor Day Award to Jim Dumont, Parks & Recreation Director.

Brad Daly, Chair of the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board, recognized Councilmember Moss, liaison to the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board and introduced Ken Armstrong, Washington Community Forestry Council.

Mr. Armstrong presented the City with its 23rd Tree City USA Award and 16th Growth Award.

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Acting Parks & Recreation Director Coleman recognized and thanked the members of the Parks, Recreation and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, Mr. Dumont, and Mr. Clemens for their support of Arbor Day activities.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kent Huxel, 1123 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with the ability of emergency services to respond during street closures for construction and community events.

The following spoke in opposition to the relocation of the homeless camp to Fort Walla Walla Park:

- Jeremy Gadaski, President of Extreme Remote RC Car Club of Walla Walla.
- Diedra Thorpe, 917 E. Alder Street, Walla Walla
- Tom Reid, Walla Walla
- Kristopher Bland, 912 Martin, Walla Walla
- John Czarnecki, Walla Walla.
- Jantzen Dyer, 1019 Bonnie Brae, Walla Walla.
- James Payne, Executive Director of Fort Walla Walla Museum, reviewed costs likely to be incurred by the museum of the homeless camp is relocated to Fort Walla Walla Park.
- Linda Emmerson, President of the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board of Directors.
- Andrew Gately, 1617 Cambridge, Walla Walla.
- Kerry Lees, 748 SE Golden Eye, College Place.
- Heather Perry, 10 Shaw Place, Walla Walla.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through M, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license application for the Washington State Association of County Treasurers on June 22, 2017.
- B. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Abeja, 1137 N. 13th Avenue.

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- C. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for A Thai Noodle House, 119 W. Alder Street.
- D. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Barrons Winery, 11 N. 2nd Avenue.
- E. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license application for Kirkman House Museum on April 22, October 21, and November 25, 2017.
- F. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Liquor license application in lieu of current privilege for Walla Walla Bread Company, 201 E. Main Street.
- G. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Secret Squirrel, 173 Middle Waitsburg Road.
- H. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license application for the Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center on May 5, 2017.
- I. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license application for Camp Fire Walla Walla on April 22, 2017.
- J. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for Corliss Estates, 511 N. 2nd Avenue.
- K. Resolution No. 2017-33 authorizing a professional services contract with PBS Engineering & Environmental in the amount of \$169,975.75 for the Howard/Bryant bridge design.
- L. Resolution No. 2017-32 appointing the Deputy City Manager and the Human Resource Director as the City's delegates to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority.
- M. Ordinance No. 2017-06 amending the 2017-2018 maintenance and operations budget and approving an interfund loan; and

Ordinance No. 2017-07 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

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Staff provided a brief report on Item K, Resolution No. 2017-33. Council asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input on the Consent Agenda. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through M with the exception of Item K. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

AA. Resolution No. 2017-33 authorizing a professional services contract with PBS Engineering & Environmental in the amount of \$169,975.75 for the Howard/Bryant bridge design.

There was discussion on the high cost to perform this design and engineering work; staff work in negotiating the contract; review by David Eids, Walla Walla County Chief of Engineering and Construction; importance of bridge replacement; and load restrictions on the current bridge.

Councilmembers expressed their individual opinions on whether the bridge/culvert should be replaced due to its high design costs.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-33. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

There were additional comments on the need for this project.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-33 carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmembers Barrow and Scribner.

A. Ordinance No. 2017-10 establishing rental fees for Veterans Memorial Pool.

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Acting Parks & Recreation Director Coleman provided an update on the pool construction project and reviewed the proposed fees for rental of the facility. The grand opening is scheduled for May 26 at 4:00 p.m. There was discussion on the fee schedule for swim team, schedule for open swim times, and comparability of fees with similar facilities in the area.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-10. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public hearing for Community Development Block Grant citizen participation plan amendment.

Deputy City Manager Olson reported the City is an entitlement City for Community Development Block Grant funds and introduced CDBG Coordinator Beckmeyer.

CDBG Coordinator Beckmeyer reported the plan update is required by a new Federal rule regarding a grantee's obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) and reviewed the proposed language. There was discussion on the HUD definition of "fair", data analysis, additional staff costs, and anticipated funding. Staff will be working to address affordable housing through the process.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open. There being no public testimony, the public hearing was closed at 9:00 p.m.

Council thanked staff for their work and data analyses for the CDBG program.

- C. Approval of the March 31, 2017 accounts payable register covering check numbers 192439 through 192838, 990793 through 990799, and 8837 through 8857 totaling \$2,910,002.19.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the March 31, 2017 accounts payable register covering check numbers 192439 through 192838, 990793 through 990799, and 8837 through 8857 totaling

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\$2,910,002.19. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held March 13, 2017.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held March 13, 2017. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.

E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held March 20, 2017.

Councilmember Scribner moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held March 20, 2017. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Moss.

F. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held March 28, 2017.

Council asked the minutes be corrected to reflect that Councilmembers Barrow and Clark were absent from the meeting.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held March 28, 2017 as amended. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Barrow and Clark.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Affordable Housing Committee meeting held March 23; the special meeting held March 28; the Planning Commission meeting held April 3; the Work Session held April 10; and the Planning Commission meeting held April 10.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held March 27; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held March 28; the special meeting held March 28; the Work Session held April 10; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held April 11; and the Arbor Day celebration at Sharpstein Elementary School held April 12.

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Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at a lunch with City Manager Shawa held March 27; the STAR Board meetings held March 27 and March 28; the Work Session held April 10; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held April 12; and the Mill Creek coalition meeting held April 12.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held March 20; the ad hoc committee meeting on increasing Council diversity held March 21; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held March 28; the special meeting held March 28; the Association of Washington Cities legislative day in Olympia on April 3; the Work Session held April 10; and the Arbor Day celebration at Sharpstein Elementary School held April 12.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Senior Citizens Board meeting held March 23; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held March 28; the Sustainability Committee meeting held March 28; the Work Session held April 10; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held April 11; and the Arbor Day celebration at Sharpstein Elementary School held April 12.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Work Session held April 10; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held April 11; and the Public Library Board meeting held April 12.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held March 28; the special meeting held March 28; an investment group meeting held March 30; a citizen meeting held April 4; a meeting with the Mayor of Dayton held April 5; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held April 5; the agenda preparation meeting held April 5; the Work Session held April 10; the presentation by City Manager Shawa to the Exchange Club on the State of the City held April 10; and the Arbor Day celebration at Sharpstein Elementary School held April 12.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Barrow moved to direct staff to suspend any further homeless camp relocation efforts until after the April 26 City Council meeting. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion.

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There was discussion on the motion and its intent.

The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Morgan moved to appoint Bonnie Bowton to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to represent organizations eligible to receive funding for a term expiring December 31, 2017. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and whether term limits should be considered.

The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Morgan and Mayor Pomraning announced they would not be seeking re-election to their Council positions. Councilmember Barrow announced he would be seeking re-election.

Councilmember Clark suggested looking at code amendments to allow tiny shelters, such as those constructed by SEA-TECH students, as transitional housing.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pomraning announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b); and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No further business will come before Council in open session. The Executive Session is estimated to last no more than ninety minutes.

The meeting was recessed at 9:47 p.m. Mayor Pomraning announced at 11:15 p.m. that the Executive Session would be extended for another ninety minutes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.