

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 24, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Senior Planner Jon Maland, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Fleet Services Manager Matthew Edwards, Technology Services Director Chris Owen, Police Captain Terry Heisey, and Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with stormwater control and overgrown weeds in the Iris Lane area

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Stephens introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through H, as follows:

- A. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license application for STAR Project event at St. Patrick's Church on June 11, 2017.
- B. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Special occasion liquor license application for Valley Residential Services at Gesa Powerhouse Theatre on October 7, 2017.

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- C. Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board: Change of Corporate Officers/Stockholders liquor license application for Mansion Creek Cellars.
- D. Resolution No. 20147-41 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with PBS Engineering & Environmental for 2017 design survey services in the amount of \$99,057.50.
- E. Resolution No. 2017-42 authorizing the City Manager to purchase two new police utility vehicles from Columbia Ford of Longview, Washington, in the amount of \$68,710.00.
- F. Resolution No. 2017-43 authorizing the City Manager to purchase a rough area mower for the golf course from Western Equipment Distributors for \$70,912.95.
- G. Resolution No. 2017-44 authorizing the City Manager to execute a time and materials professional services contract, not to exceed \$83,258.00, with Sargent Engineers, Inc. for inspection of National Bridge Inventory(NBI) bridges and non-bridge structures in 2017, 2019 and 2021.
- H. Resolution No. 2017-45 authorizing the renewal of a master software license agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for the geographic information systems (GIS) software for three years at an annual cost of \$38,931.75.

Brief reports were given on Items E, F and H.

Mayor Pomranning invited public input. 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 H. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Public Hearing on petition filed by Whitman College to vacate the right of way for Nakomis Lane and Linden Lane as part of the Whitman College residential dining hall development.

Senior Planner Maland reported staff has determined there is no need for public use of these two streets. Vacating this public right-of-way will benefit Whitman College and their students. Prior action was put on hold until Whitman College had acquired an adjacent property on Otis Street. This property has been purchased, the home was removed, and access is no longer an issue.

There was brief discussion on pedestrian access.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilmember Morgan moved to approve the vacation request and direct staff to bring back an ordinance. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2017-46 adopting an updated Bicycle and Pedestrian plan.

Staff reviewed the projects for addition and removal from the updated plan.

There was discussion on installation of sidewalks to close gaps for pedestrians; and connecting bicycle routes in neighboring jurisdictions

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, expressed his appreciation for distinguishing between residential and for-profit businesses when installing sidewalks and asked if a particular development will be required to install sidewalks.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt Resolution 2017-46. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion.

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There were comments on the need for improvements on School Avenue in the area of Berney Elementary School; and transportation funding from the State prioritizes multi-modal projects.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-46 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Public Hearing and Resolution No. 2017-47 adopting the 2018-2023 Six-year Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP).

City Engineer Chavre reviewed the projects proposed for addition and removal from the comprehensive transportation program.

There was brief discussion on funding for projects on the list.

Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open.

Marilee McQuarrie, 40 Wilshire Street, Walla Walla, had questions regarding the placement of stop signs at Fern and Tietan intersection and Chestnut and Howard intersection.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with a number of new developments and their impact on transportation.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-47 with the addition of the Clinton Street/Highway 12 improvement project and excluding the ADA project. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes

D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 10, 2017.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 10, 2017. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Mayor Pomraning.

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6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Business Forum held May 10; the Affordable Housing Committee meeting held May 16; the Community Investors Meeting regarding youth held May 17; and the Planning Commission meeting held May 23.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held May 18; the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 23; and a tour of the new Memorial Pool facility held May 24.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the agenda preparation meeting held May 17; the World War II Memorial Committee meeting held May 18; the Blue Mountain Action Council housing tour held May 18; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held May 23.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 15; the Valley Transit board meeting May 18; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held May 23.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 15; the Civil Service Commission meeting held May 17; a program at the Walla Walla Public Library on May 18; a visit to Fort Walla Walla Museum on May 21; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held May 23; the Sustainability Committee meeting held May 23; the VIP walk and ride held May 24; and a tour of Memorial Pool on May 24.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the VIP walk and ride held May 24; and a tour of Memorial Pool held May 24.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the LEOFF 1 Education Association Conference held May 9 through May 12; the agenda preparation meeting held May 17; the Blue Mountain Action Council housing tour held May 18; and a tour of Memorial Pool on May 24.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Deputy City Manager Olson provided an overview and report on the transition to the new homeless sleep shelter that opened on May 22, 2017. There are still some things that need to be completed, such as an overflow site and secure container storage area.

There was discussion on:

- The need for fire extinguishers on site.
- The Washington Cities Insurance Authority has been notified and reviewed the agreement with the Alliance for the Homeless.
- New locking garbage containers for storage of personal belongings.
- The City paid for the material and Walla Walla Community College students built the tent platforms. Council asked for an accounting of City expenses.

Councilmember Barrow moved that a proclamation be presented to the Walla Walla Community College President and carpentry students who donated their time to construct the platforms. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.

Councilmember Clark moved to amend the motion to include that the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless also be given a proclamation in recognition of their donation of tents and efforts in managing the homeless camp. Councilmember Scribner seconded the amendment. The motion to amend unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

The amended motion to present proclamations to the Walla Walla Community College President, carpentry students, and volunteers with the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council reported that representatives of the World War II Memorial Committee will be seeking financial support from the City at the June 14, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Scribner asked that the Council address the issue of electing some Councilmembers by wards brought before them at a previous work session.

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Councilmember Scribner moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for future consideration by the City Council to provide for the election of four council positions by wards, two each election cycle, and three positions to be elected at large, two during one election cycle and one during the next, with the change in election by wards to begin with the 2019 election. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the motion by council.

Councilmember Cummins moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion to table. The motion to table failed with 2 yes votes by Councilmembers Barrow and Cummins and 5 no votes by Councilmembers Clark, Morgan, Moss, Scribner and Mayor Pomraning.

There was additional discussion on the issue of the election of Council positions by wards including necessity, obtaining public input, whether there is a problem to solve, and how to best solicit community input.

The motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for the election of four Council positions by wards and three Council positions at large passed with 4 yes votes by Councilmembers Morgan, Moss, Scribner and Mayor Pomraning and 3 no votes by Councilmembers Barrow, Cummins, and Clark.

There was discussion on when an ordinance will come back before the City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Barrow moved to have staff prepare a work plan for seeking public input on an ordinance prior to the end of the year. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes

Council asked staff to follow up on the overgrown weed issues at the landfill and Iris Lane.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pomraning adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.