

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 14, 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, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, commented on the need for safe bicycle routes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: New liquor license application for 2nd Street Distilling Company, 727 W. Rose.
- B. Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board: Liquor license application for added privilege for Sullivan's, 625 W. Alder Street.
- C. Resolution No. 2017-48 authorizing purchase of water meter boxes and lids to HD Fowler Company in the amount of \$26,410.16.

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- D. Resolution No. 2017-49 authorizing the purchase of no-lead brass water fittings from HD Fowler Company in the amount of \$116,130.31.
- E. Resolution No. 2017-50 awarding a contract for the replacement of two roofs at the City's wastewater treatment plant to Elsom Roofing in the amount of \$24,302.12.
- F. Resolution No. 2017-51 awarding the bid to repaint the Clinton Street reservoir to Columbia Industrial Coatings in the amount of \$60,875.10.
- G. Resolution No. 2017-52 authorizing the City Manager to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus property.
- H. Resolution No. 2017-53 awarding bid to install a radio tower and related equipment and facilities and perform related work to Legacy Telecommunications in the amount of \$39,000. (Skyrocket remote site)
- I. Resolution No. 2017-54 fixing a time on July 12, 2017 to determine whether the City will accept, reject, or geographically modify a proposed annexation of approximately 10.5 acres located south of Taumarson Road and west of Plaza Way.
- J. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 24, 2017.

There was brief discussion on the sale and disposal of surplus City property.

Mayor Pomraning 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 J. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. World War II Monument Discussion.

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City Manager Shawa reported the Council had heard a presentation regarding a World War II memorial but no decisions had been made. A contribution of \$50,000 is being requested from the City for construction of the memorial.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

The following spoke in support of the City contributing \$50,000 to the construction of a World War II Memorial in Fort Walla Walla Park:

- Larry Adams, 132 Elliott Place, Walla Walla.
- Don Schack, no address provided.
- Sherilyn Jacobson, 418 SE 3rd Avenue, College Place.
- Jerry Davis, College Place.
- Dixie Ferguson, 1232 Bonsella, Walla Walla.
- James Payne, Executive Director of the Fort Walla Walla Museum.
- Bill Lake, Wainwright Place, Walla Walla.
- Neil Jacobson, 418 SE 3rd Avenue, College Place.
- Carlos Acevedo, no address provided.
- Allen Aclass, 408 Wallula, Walla Walla.
- Bill Howard, 1861 Rustic Place, Walla Walla.

Councilmember Barrow moved to authorize the City Manager to contribute \$50,000 from the general fund to the World War II Memorial project. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was discussion on:

- Whether the intent of the motion was to allow for payment of the pledge over a two-year period.
- Anticipated annual cost by the City to maintain the proposed memorial.
- Whether memorials are considered art and subject to the City's public art policies.
- Lack of a process in place for criteria in funding memorials. The City has not traditionally funded projects or memorials.
- The public commitment made to General Wainwright to construct a memorial.
- Moving forward with the contribution and then have staff begin development of a policy.
- Impact on development and construction of the memorial if adequate funding is not obtained.
- Staff has the authority to negotiate the timing of the contribution.

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The motion to authorize the City Manager to contribute \$50,000 from the general fund to the World War II Memorial project unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Scribner moved to ask the City Manager to place on a future Work Session agenda the development of a policy on the acquisition of art, monuments, and memorials. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion.

There was brief discussion and consensus on including funding for events and projects in the policy development discussion.

The motion to ask the City Manager to place on a future Work Session agenda the development of a policy on the acquisition of art, monuments, and memorials unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2017-55 authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation of a sculpture entitled "the Farmer's Prayer" from the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

City Manager Shawa reported the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation wants to gift the City a statue by artist Jeffrey Hill entitled "the Farmer's Prayer" to be located at West Main and 3rd Avenue. City Manager Shawa reviewed the provisions of the City's public art procurement policy. Staff was advised that the ad hoc art committee had voted three to one to deny the donation. Staff recommends acceptance.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Bonnie Bowton, Executive Director of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation, 109 E. Main Street, Suite 301T, Walla Walla, reviewed the purpose of public art and asked Council to accept the gift of the bronze statue.

Council asked the City Manager to include a review of the process for public art at a future Work Session.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-55. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.

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There was discussion on:

- The City's public art process.
- Past practice in accepting public art.
- The reason for the recommendation of denial by the ad hoc art committee is unknown.
- The ad hoc art committee is not a "standing committee."
- The statue had been adequately vetted through a public process facilitated by the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

Council noted a letter had been submitted by Jon Campbell regarding the lack of formal process for acceptance of this piece of public art.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-55 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Ordinance No. 2017-15 extending a moratorium on acceptance, processing, or approval of applications for development authorization and other permits for locating or placing of marijuana cooperatives and interim amendments to Title 20 of the Municipal Code regarding zoning and land use matters to address the 2015 Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the 2015 Marijuana Market Reform Act, and related regulatory matters.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the need to extend the moratorium to allow staff time to finish the regulatory process. The public hearing is scheduled to be held before the Planning Commission on July 10 with the permanent regulations scheduled for Council consideration in August.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-15. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- D. Approval of May 31, 2017 accounts payable register containing check numbers 193216 through 193647, 990804 through 990806, and 8905 through 8927 totaling \$4,521,215.70.

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Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the May 31, 2017 accounts payable register containing check numbers 193216 through 193647, 990804 through 990806, and 8905 through 8927 totaling \$4,521,215.70 with the exception of the check to Allen Pomraning. Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the check to Allen Pomraning. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Mayor Pomraning.

E. Paris Climate Accord discussion.

City Manager Shawa reported staff reviewed City policies and prepared a white paper. Staff believes existing City policies are in accord with the spirit of the Paris Climate agreement.

There was brief discussion on whether the City should be involved with international negotiations and the legal implications and costs of the City taking action.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

The following spoke in favor of the City taking a position in support of the Paris Climate Agreement due to climate change:

- Riley Clubb, 422 S. 1st Street, Walla Walla.
- Ted Cox, 159 Coyote Ridge, Walla Walla.
- Lily Seaman, 234 Whitman Street, Walla Walla.
- Rebecca Rutzick, 156 Bryant Street, Walla Walla.
- Sara Koenigsberg, 622 E. Sumach, Walla Walla.
- Nick Foster, 114 Delmas, Walla Walla.
- Scott Burdette, 415 White Street, Walla Walla.
- Chris Nelson, 1844 Brevor Drive, Walla Walla.
- Brian Wolcott, 533 Pleasant Street, Walla Walla.
- Jason Selwitz, 156 Bryant Street, Walla Walla.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m. with additional public input in support of the Paris Climate Agreement due to climate change:

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- Joyce Cox, 159 Coyote Ridge, Walla Walla.
- Terri Trick, 1607 Stuart Street, Walla Walla.
- Tracy Williams, 925 Dogwood Lane, Walla Walla.
- Linda Herbert, 621 Pleasant Street, Walla Walla.
- Sue Parrish, 68 Austin, Walla Walla.
- R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla.
- Sierra Knudson, 310 W. Poplar, Walla Walla.
- Roger Trick, 1607 Stuart Street, Walla Walla.

There was discussion on:

- Agreement on the need to prevent climate change but the Paris Climate Accord is a very political and polarized national issue that is not City Council business.
- The City has done considerable work and is committed to a continued emphasis on stewardship and being environmentally conscious.
- The City Council has received many emails on this subject. One of the roles of a Councilmember is to be a voice and conscious of the community.

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-56, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walla Walla regarding climate change, to include the "Whereas" clauses in the proposed resolution with the substitution of the words "climate change" for "the Paris Agreement"; and replacing the suggested sections under "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Walla Walla:" with the following:

- 1. Support the efforts of countries, states, cities, investors, businesses, universities and colleges, and non-governmental organizations throughout the world who are together to fight climate change and its most dangerous costly effects; and**
- 2. Re-affirms its commitment to reducing greenhouse gases as evidenced by the adoption on April 25, 2012 of Resolution Number 2012-31, A Resolution Adopting Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policies and Guidelines; and**
- 3. Re-affirms its commitment to the long-term wellbeing of this area and its residents as evidenced by the adoption on March 27, 2013 of Resolution Number 2013-42, A Resolution Adopting a Sustainability Plan for City Operations and Taking Other Necessary Action with Respect Thereto; and**

4. Re-affirms its Anti-Idling Policy 2005-01 for fleet vehicles, implemented in November 2005, its Purchasing Policy 3.5 on Recycled Products; and
5. Re-affirms its commitment to comply with all applicable policies in its comprehensive plan, adopted by Ordinance 2008-25; and
6. Re-affirms its support of and commitment to comply with Washington State policies and programs addressing climate change, including Executive order 14-04, to reduce carbon pollution and to advance development of clean energy technologies, and the State Clean Air Rule (173-422 WAC); and
7. Encourages all citizens to do their part to meet current needs without sacrificing the needs, health or environment of future generations.

Councilmember Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

The meeting recessed at 9:49 p.m. and reconvened at 9:51 p.m.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at: the Affordable Housing Committee meetings; the retirement celebration for Jim Dumont; the Planning Commission meeting; the Sherwood Trust Annual meeting; the special Work Session; and the regular Work Session.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at: the Department of Transportation Corridor Study meeting; the retirement celebration for Jim Dumont; the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office; the special Work Session; the regular Work Session; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at: the Memorial Pool tour; the special Work Session; the regular Work Session; the Community Council lunch; and the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at: the retirement celebration for Jim Dumont; the oath of office ceremony for a new police

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officer; the downtown tree lighting ceremony; the Public Works Trust Board meeting; the special Work Session; the regular Work Session; and the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at: the Senior Center Board meeting; the retirement celebration for Jim Dumont; the downtown tree lighting ceremony; the special Work Session; the regular Work Session; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; and the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting.

Councilmember Scribner stated the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board and Library Board had cancelled their regular meetings and reported attendance at: the Sherwood Trust annual meeting; the Community Council luncheon; the special Work Session; and the regular Work Session.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at: the grand opening of Memorial Swimming Pool; a meeting with an immigration group; the retirement celebration for Jim Dumont; the oath of office ceremony for a new police officer; the downtown tree lighting ceremony; the Sherwood Trust annual meeting; a breakfast with realtors; a meeting with local Mayors and the Port of Walla Walla; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting; the STAR fundraising auction; the special Work Session; the regular Work Session; the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting; and the ad hoc scholarship committee meeting.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Morgan moved to make the following reappointments:

- **Andrew Myers to the Walla Walla Housing Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2022;**
- **Clayton Hudiburg to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2020; and**
- **Kurt Othberg to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2020.**

Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pomraning announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of

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real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); and to discuss with legal counsel representing the City matters related to litigation or potential litigation to which the City is, or is likely to become a party, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(l). The Executive Session will last no more than thirty minutes and no further action will come before the City Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.