

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 28, 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, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: Councilmember Tom Scribner.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of appreciation to City Manager Nabel Shawa.

Mayor Pomraning presented City Manager Shawa with a certificate of appreciation for raising funds from the community to address the revenue shortfall for reconstruction of the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool.

Mayor Pomraning read and presented letters of appreciation to individual Councilmembers for their support of the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool project.

B. Certificates of appreciation for setup of the new homeless sleeping center.

Mayor Pomraning presented certificates of appreciation to members of the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless and Walla Walla Community College carpentry program students for their efforts in establishing the new homeless sleeping site.

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C. Proclamation declaring September 19, 2017 as "Adam West Day" in Walla Walla.

Mayor Pomraning read and presented the proclamation declaring September 19, 2017 as "Adam West Day" in Walla Walla to Jonathan Grant (dressed as Batman), Adam Lore, and Don Roff. Mr. Grant and Mr. Lore suggested possible tributes within the City to pay homage to Adam West.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alma Castillo of 1023 Lowden Street and Javier Garcia of 1017 Lowden Street, Walla Walla, expressed a need for alley lighting and street repairs in their neighborhood.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, had concerns with a stormwater drainage plans at the proposed Blue Mountain subdivision off Middle Waitsburg Road.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Ordinance No. 2017-16 vacates the right-of-way of Nakomis Lane and Linden Lane. (Whitman College)
- B. Approval of minutes of the special Work Session held June 9, 2017.
- C. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held June 12, 2017.
- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 14, 2017.

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 D. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2017-57 authorizing a professional services contract with J-U-B Engineers for the 2017 wastewater treatment plant upgrades project in an amount not to exceed \$318,200.

Utilities Engineer Nicholson introduced Willy Breshears, wastewater treatment plant operator with CH2M Hill, and reviewed the proposed project to replace the head works screens and three solids building sludge pumps. This contract will provide for the engineering and construction management for these improvements. Construction of the improvements is scheduled for 2018.

There was discussion on:

- The type of head works screens and impact on engineering costs.
- Project budget and whether this was a planned expenditure.
- Potential savings on maintenance costs.
- These projects will help offset any future plant management increases.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-57. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2017-17 approving the annexation of approximately 5.2 acres located at 410 Reser Road. (Herbert annexation)

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed the boundaries, history, and utility services within the area. Staff recommends approval.

There was discussion on:

- Accepting the annexation is not approval of any proposed development.
- Roadway connectivity is an important consideration as part of a development proposal.
- Changing density as part of the annexation. Staff explained that density can only be modified through a land use process.

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Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing open.

Jim Herbert, representative of the Herbert Family Trust, spoke in favor of the annexation.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Pomraning declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-17. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council suggested that staff look at policies and multi-family housing in the area to promote housing affordability.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held June 21; and a meeting with Lowden Street neighbors on June 27.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held June 15; and the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held June 24.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held June 15; the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 15; the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference held June 20 through June 23; and the Washington Policy Council luncheon held June 28.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 15; the Public Works Board conference call held June 23; and the Housing Authority Board meeting held June 26.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held June 20; the Civil Service Commission meeting held June 21; and the Senior Center Board meeting held June 22.

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Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at a meeting with City Manager Shawa held June 16; the agenda preparation meeting held June 22; and the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference held June 20 through June 23.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council asked for a report on the impact of the State budget on the City after it is adopted.

City Manager Shawa provided an update on attendance and revenue from the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool.

Deputy City Manager Olson outlined the statistics from the homeless sleeping site.

There was discussion on availability of scholarships for passes to Veterans Memorial Pool; and the impact on the closure of Jefferson Park pool.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.