

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Public Works Manager Mori Struve, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Armando Garza, A Plus Taxi, expressed concerns with Uber coming into the community and not following the same regulations he is subject to as a taxi service. City Attorney Donaldson indicated he would review the issue and report back.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New liquor license application for Seven Hills Winery, 65 George Street, Suite B.
- B. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New liquor license application for Thai Ploy Restaurant, 25 S. Spokane Street.

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- C. Washington State Liquor Control Board: Special occasion liquor license for Walla Walla Valley Youth Baseball and Softball on August 5, 2017.
- D. Resolution No. 2017-58 authorizes the purchase of several vehicles for the water distribution and sanitation divisions.
- E. Resolution No. 2017-59 authorizing contract amendments with Pacific Security and the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless for services at the homeless sleeping site.
- F. Resolution No. 2017-60 authorizing the purchase of software and related hardware from Industrial Communications to upgrade the existing Zetron public safety radio consoles.
- G. Resolution No. 2017-61 authorizing the execution of an agreement with DKS Associates for the 9th Avenue signal timing and coordination.
- H. Resolution No. 2017-62 approving the contract with Phase 2 Electric for the 13th Avenue/Rose Street intersection lighting project.
- I. Resolution No. 2017-63 authorizing renewal of a lease agreement with the U.S. General Services Administration on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for parking spaces in the Cherry Street public parking lot.

Councilmember Clark asked that Item E, Resolution No. 2017-59, be moved to the active agenda for separate consideration.

Clarification was provided on the sources of funding for Item F.

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

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through I with the exception of Item E. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- E. Resolution No. 2017-59 authorizing contract amendments with Pacific Security and the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless for services at the homeless sleeping site.

City Manager Shawa explained the need for the increase in the dollar amount of the initial contracts to continue services at the sleeping center site until April, 2018.

Councilmember Clark reported she will not be voting or participating in the discussion due to her relationship with the Alliance for the Homeless.

There was discussion on the need to seek funding from agencies responsible for dealing with homelessness in the County; and also from agencies benefitting from the City's efforts to reduce the impacts of homelessness in the downtown area.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-59. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

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

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-59 unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Clark.

- A. Washington State Liquor Control Board: New liquor license application for Blue Rooster Cellars, 1491 W. Rose Street, Suite L; and

Washington State Liquor Control Board: Application for added privilege liquor license for Plumb Cellars, 39 E. Main Street.

City Manager Shawa reported a police background check on these applications revealed felony convictions. Staff is not recommending an objection be filed on these applications. Council is simply being made aware of the existence of these convictions.

There was brief discussion on:

- Neither conviction is related to the liquor license.

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- Neither applicant is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.
- The role of the City in considering liquor license applications. The Liquor and Cannabis Board is not looking for approval from the City, just whether there are any objections.

There were no objections expressed by Council and no action was taken.

- B. Resolution No. 2017-66 determining that the City will accept a proposed annexation of approximately 10.5 acres generally located south of Taumarson Road and west of Plaza Way.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported an annexation petition had been filed for two parcels located south of Taumarson Road and west of Plaza Way. This is the ten percent petition and Council can accept, geographically modify, or reject the petition. A comment letter was received from an adjacent property owner that is not a part of the recommended annexation. Staff has made contact with this property owner. One of the petitioners, Doug Botimer, has also submitted a Comprehensive Plan amendment to change the land use designation from R-96 to R-60 but this is a separate process.

There was brief clarification on the property lying within the Urban Growth Area and the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-66. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Resolution No. 2017-65 authorizing a contract with Cascade Fire Protection to install a fire suppression sprinkler system in City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$215,500.

City Manager Shawa and Deputy City Manager Olson reported that City Hall is not in compliance with State fire codes. The proposed system is a wet system except for the attic area which will be a dry system due to the potential for freezing. No bids were received for the fire control panel so staff is working on this component through the small works roster.

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There was discussion on the cost and funding for the project; importance of complying with State codes; and pipes will be located above the ceiling with only sprinkler heads visible.

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

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-65. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Resolution No. 2017-64 adopting an updated 2017 Mill Creek and Walla Walla County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Public Works Manager Struve reviewed:

- Mission, goals and objectives of the plan.
- Potential solutions and recommendations.
- Map of the watershed and projects along the perimeter to reduce fire fuel.

There was discussion on:

- Fuel reduction projects within the watershed are not feasible due to the topography.
- Active partners in development of the plan.
- Available resources to manage the watershed. The majority of the property is owned by the U.S. Forest Service and is designated as a wilderness area.
- Use of a controlled burn is conceptual at this point.

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

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-64. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Public Works Manager Struve was commended for his work on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

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E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 28, 2017.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 28, 2017 with an amendment to page 3 to correct the not to exceed amount authorized for the contract with J-U-B Engineers for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades project to \$318,200.

Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Scribner.

F. Approval of the accounts payable register dated June 30, 2017 containing check numbers 193648 through 194043, 990807 through 990812, and 8928 through 8946 totaling \$4,298,049.90.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the accounts payable register dated June 30, 2017 containing check numbers 193648 through 194043, 990807 through 990812, and 8928 through 8946 totaling \$4,298,049.90. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Work Session held July 10; and the Planning Commission meeting held July 10.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Fourth of July celebration in Pioneer Park; the Boards & Committees meeting held July 10; the Work Session held July 10; and the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held July 11.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Development Committee meeting held July 5; the Work Session held July 10; and the Water Partnership Board meeting held July 11.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Public Works Board meeting held July 7; and the Work Session held July 10. Councilmember Cummins also reviewed the impacts of the approved State budget.

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Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Boards & Committees meeting held July 10; the Work Session held July 10; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held July 11; the Fire Pension Board meeting held July 11; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held July 11.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Boards & Committees meeting held July 10; the Work Session held July 10; a meeting with Deputy City Manager Olson regarding the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee held July 7; and the Public Library Board meeting held July 12.

Mayor Pomraning reported participation in a music video for a Seattle rock group on June 29; and attendance at the Red Badge event held June 30; the Fourth of July celebration in Pioneer Park; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held July 5; a meeting regarding electric car charging stations held July 7; the Work Session held July 10; the Fire Pension Board meeting held July 11; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held July 11.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Morgan moved to make the following appointments:

- **Paul Wemhoener to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2020;**
- **Brandon Bishop to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2020;**
- **Emily Tillotson to the Walla Walla Housing Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2020; and**
- **Elbert Hardin to the Historical Preservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2020.**

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

Councilmember Scribner moved to add a review of the draft changes to the noise ordinance to a future Work Session agenda. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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Council raised and discussed the following:

- Exploring the implementation and use of electric vehicles in the City's fleet.
- Imposing a time limitation for the discharge of fireworks when issuing special fireworks permits.
- Contracting for a study to determine impact of allowing a twenty percent utility rate discount for all low income households.
- Enforcement of City ordinances such as no dogs in the cemetery or off-leash in parks and fireworks. Staff explained enforcement is a matter of priorities and staffing.

Councilmember Moss moved to ask staff to prepare an ordinance to delegate the approval of liquor license applications to staff for future Council consideration. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Cummins.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.