

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 27, 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, and Mayor Allen Pomraning.

Absent: Councilmembers Steve Moss and Tom Scribner.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Environmental Engineer Leah Fisk, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pomraning read and presented a proclamation declaring October 2017 as "Resilience Awareness Month" in Walla Walla.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2017-87 setting October 25, 2017 as the date to consider the ten percent annexation petition for property located east of Tausick Way and north of Garrison Street.
- B. Resolution No. 2017-88 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with West Safety Solutions Corporation for annual maintenance of the WESCOM telephone system in the amount of \$28,069.00.

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- C. Resolution No. 2017-89 authorizing an underground utility easement with Columbia Rural Electric Association on property located at the Sudbury Road landfill.
- D. Resolution No. 2017-90 authorizing an annual contract with Municipal Research & Services Center (MRSC) for hosting of small public works and consulting services rosters.
- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held September 11, 2017.
- F. Approval of minutes of the Town Hall meeting held September 12, 2017.
- G. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 13, 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 G. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2017-92 authorizing a professional services contract with Great West Engineering, Inc. for the bioreactor alternatives analysis, planning, and permitting at the Sudbury Road landfill in an amount not to exceed \$117,280.00.

Environmental Engineer Fisk reviewed:

- Background on proposed project.
- Current landfill is operating as a "dry tomb."
- How a bioreactor system works and benefits.
- Alternatives assessment to be performed.
- Process for research, development, and demonstration permit.

There was discussion on:

- Preventing groundwater infiltration.
- Impact on landfill costs and tipping fees. A bioreactor is anticipated to have a significant decrease on post-closure costs.

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- The project is not dependent on the sale of biogas to the penitentiary.
- Potential benefits of bioreactor systems and possible impacts on green waste for composting.

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

**Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-92.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2017-91 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Mara Machulsky for lobbying efforts in the amount of \$22,000.

City Manager Shawa explained that the City's Legislative Committee had identified a need for a focused lobbyist at the State level rather than participating in the local coalition, although the City will still work with the local coalition to align goals and on Federal issues. The City was impressed with Ms. Machulsky's outreach and work and is recommending approval of a one year contract.

Councilmember Cummins, chair of the Legislative Committee, reported on the need to add emphasis to the City of Walla Walla's legislative priorities that may be different than the local coalition's; and described Ms. Machulsky's work for the Public Works Board. City Manager Shawa explained the work done by lobbyists.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

Myron Huie, 621 E. Tietan, Walla Walla, asked who else Ms. Machulsky will be representing, her success as a lobbyist, and whether a one year contract is effective. City Manager Shawa responded that there are no conflicts of interest with Ms. Machulsky's other clients and there are very little concerns with her demonstrated due diligence. Ms. Machulsky was instrumental in efforts to save the Public Works Trust Fund.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-91.
Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion.**

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There were comments on the potential rewards of having a lobbyist and importance of having someone representing the City's interest in Olympia.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-91 unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the retreat held September 19; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held September 21; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 21; the Work Session held September 25; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held September 26.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at the retreat held September 19; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held September 19; the agenda preparation meeting held September 20; the Senior Center luncheon held September 21; the Blue Mountain Action Council Housing Board meeting held September 21; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 21; the Work Session held September 25; a central committee meeting held September 25; a visit to the homeless sleep site on September 27; the Legislative Committee meeting held September 27; and the Washington State Hospitality Association meeting held September 27.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Good Roads nominating committee meeting held September 15; the retreat held September 19; a meeting with the golf course lessee held September 20; the open house at the Paine Building held September 20; the employee barbecue held September 21; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 21; the Housing Authority Board meeting held September 25; the Work Session held September 25; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held September 26; and the Legislative Committee meeting held September 27.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the retreat held September 19; the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 19; the Civil Service Commission meeting held September 20; the open house at the Paine Building held September 20; the employee barbecue held September 21; the Diversity Day celebration held September 24; the Work Session held September 25; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held September 26; and the

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Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee meeting held September 27.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at the Good Roads nominating committee meeting held September 15; the Adam West Day celebration held September 19; the retreat held September 19; the Association of Washington Cities Mayors Exchange held September 20; the agenda preparation meeting held September 20; the employee barbecue held September 21; the Transportation Improvement Board meeting held September 21; a tour to out of town guests held September 22; the Diversity Day celebration held September 24; the Work Session held September 25; a meeting with wineries held September 26; the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Committee meeting held September 26; the Legislative Committee meeting held September 27; and a special meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization policy board held September 27.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Morgan moved to appoint Tiffany Maurer as the resident commissioner to the Housing Authority Board for a term expiring June 30, 2018. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council asked for an update on the homeless sleeping site.

City Manager Shawa reported record attendance at the employee barbecue and thanked the Council for their tolerance of the noise from the fire sprinkler installation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.