

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 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, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Human Resource Director Pam Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, 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

Sybil Cochrane, 105 N. Spokane, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with receiving an eviction notice after having injured herself in her apartment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Accept resignation of Clayton Hudiberg from the Sustainability Committee.
- B. Resolution No. 2017-118 setting January 24, 2018 as the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for 4.77 acres of land located south of Reser Road and east of Fern Avenue.

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- C. Resolution No. 2017-119 approving a tourism promotion area contract with Visit Walla Walla as recommended by the Hotel and Motel Commission.
- D. Resolution No. 2017-120 ratifying settlement of a sewer repair claim with Kay Wessel.
- E. Ordinance No. 2017-49 amending the 2017-2018 maintenance and operations budget; and
Ordinance No. 2017-50 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement plan budget.

Council thanked Ms. Wessel for her patience while her claim was resolved.

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

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2017-51 amending the Municipal Code pertaining to solid waste handling; and
Ordinance No. 2017-52 adopting landfill rates for 2018-2023; and
Ordinance No. 2017-53 adopting sanitation rates for 2018-2023; and
Ordinance No. 2017-54 adopting recycling rates for 2018-2023.

Staff reported these rate adjustments had been reviewed at the November 13 Work Session with the consultants. These rate increases are based on a six-year cost of service study with an average increase of three percent per year. The study recommendations weighed many different factors including the proper disposal of waste. One change from when the report was presented is eliminating the minimum load requirement for wholesale compost.

There was discussion on:

- Compost is sold as "Grow Walla Walla."
- Impact on the changes in recyclable materials to China. Staff is currently strategizing with Basin Disposal Inc. and Walla Walla

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Recycling. In the present situation, the cost of processing recyclable materials is being absorbed by the sanitation fund.

- Whether it is wise to establish recycling rates for the next six years based on current market conditions.
- Future of recycling if the City is paying to have the material disposed in another landfill.

Mayor Pomraning invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, commented on the uncertainty in the number of households that are recycling and the need to keep looking for solutions.

Councilmember Barrow moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-51. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-52. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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There were comments on the fluidity and uncertainty in the recycling market and advisability of adopting a six-year rate plan. Staff advised that rates can be amended if there are major changes in market conditions.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-54. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2017-121 approving an amendment to the contract with HDR Engineers for the LT2 water treatment plant project.

Staff reported this contract amendment will cover the changes in the design and services during construction of the improvements to the water treatment plant to eliminate cryptosporidium. The last bond issuance has been paid off so there is no additional increase to the ratepayer for this project.

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There was discussion on:

- Project is currently \$1,000,000 under budget.
- Proposed amendment is within the total project contingency amount.
- Original contract was for \$2,940,000. The proposed amendment of \$323,169 is beyond the scope of the original contract. The value returned to the City is greater than the cost for this type of contract.

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

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-121. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Approval of the November 30, 2017 accounts payable register containing check numbers 195640 through 196049, 990825 through 990832, and 9042 through 9057 totaling \$4,605,634.94.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the November 30, 2017 accounts payable register containing check numbers 195640 through 196049, 990825 through 990832, and 9042 through 9057 totaling \$4,605,634.94 except for the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Barrow moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2017.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2017. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

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- E. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held December 13, 2017.

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held December 13, 2017. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Morgan.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at two meetings of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

Councilmember Morgan reported attendance at the Council Committee on Committees meeting held December 20.

Councilmember Barrow reported attendance at a radio interview on December 7; a meeting with County Commissioners regarding homeless sleep center funding; an agenda preparation meeting held December 13; the special meeting held December 13; the Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held December 14; a lunch with City Manager Shawa held December 15; the Finance Committee meeting held December 18; and the Interfaith Committee on Poverty meeting held December 20.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the special meeting held December 13; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held December 18; and the Finance Committee meeting held December 18.

Councilmember Clark reported attendance at the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held December 12; the special meeting held December 13; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held December 18; the retirement celebration for County employee Mike Bates held December 19; the Sustainability Committee meeting held December 19; the Council Committee on Committees meeting held December 20; and the Civil Service Commission meeting held December 20.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held December 12; the special meeting held

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December 13; the Public Library Board meeting held December 13; and the Council Committee on Committees meeting held December 20.

Mayor Pomraning reported attendance at a transportation meeting with officials from the Tri-Cities held December 7; the agenda preparation meeting held December 13; the Good Roads Committee meeting held December 13; a meeting with the County Commissioners regarding homeless sleep center funding held December 12; the special meeting held December 13; and a transportation meeting with officials from the Tri-Cities held December 19.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Morgan, Chair of the Council Committee on Committees, reviewed the recommendations for appointment.

Councilmember Scribner moved to make the following appointments:

- **Nancy Macduff to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2020;**
- **Brian Mahoney to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2020;**
- **Barbara Knudson to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2020;**
- **Anne Harrison and Bryan Lubbers to the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board for terms expiring December 31, 2020;**
- **Barlow Corkrum to the Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2020;**
- **Karen Szall to the Public Library Board for a term expiring December 31, 2022;**
- **Jason Selwitz to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2020; and**
- **Abra Bennett, Traci Hickman, Lynn Knapp, Marilee McQuarrie, Dick Morgan, and Abigail Scholar to the Ward Boundary Committee along with Councilmembers Jerry Cummins, Steve Moss, and Tom Scribner.**

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

Council suggested the City look at restricting the reasons a person can be evicted from their housing without cause.

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City Manager Shawa reported that Governor Inslee's proposed budget includes retroactive funding for the drinking water revolving fund and suggested Council authorize a letter recognizing the Governor's attempt to mitigate the lack of a capital budget and its impact on cities.

Councilmember Barrow moved to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Chair of the Legislative Committee to sign emails and letters to State legislators in support of the City's legislative priorities if they are legally appropriate. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

City Manager Shawa recognized the service of outgoing Councilmembers Dick Morgan, Allen Pomraning, and Jim Barrow. There were comments by each of the outgoing Councilmembers.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.