

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Retreat Minutes
September 19, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pomraning called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Wheatland Village Board Room, 1500 Catherine Street, Walla Walla.

Present: Councilmembers Jim Barrow, Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Dick Morgan, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Allen Pomraning. (Councilmember Barrow arrived at 12:21 p.m.)

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. AGENDA

A. High level review of current city operations and issues.

City Manager Shawa reviewed and there was discussion on:

- Organizational improvements. Staff is working with Paul Steel to submit an application for the Performance Excellence North West award.
- Review and renewal of strategic plan.
- Citizen satisfaction survey results.
- Draft biennial strategic planning process.
- Lean training and process improvement.
- Continuity of operations planning.
- Benefits of strategic planning and organizational excellence.
- Need for organizational agility to address issues that arise outside of the strategic plan.
- Saving energy as part of efficiency goals.
- Importance of neighborhoods as an essential component for continuity of operations/emergency planning.
- Positive impacts of documenting how things are done successfully and preserving excellence.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

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Councilmember Barrow left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

City Manager Shawa and Fire Chief Yancey reviewed and there was discussion on the ambulance cost of service financial report and lack of response to the City's request to assist with funding direct costs of ambulance services outside of the City limits. After discussion, it was the consensus of a majority of Councilmembers to consider adoption of an ambulance utility effective January 1, 2020 and develop a draft implementation plan with notice and communication to surrounding jurisdictions that the City of Walla Walla will no longer provide ambulance services outside of the City limits after that date.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.