

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Special Work Session Minutes
October 30, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pomraning called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Introduction of Mara Machulsky of Northwest Solutions; and legislative priorities discussion.

Ms. Machulsky introduced herself, provided a brief background of her education and work experience, and reviewed the current legislative environment in Olympia. It was the consensus of a majority of Council to include approval of a capital budget by the State legislature as a City priority.

There was discussion on the following City legislative priorities:

- Fully funding US Highway 12, Phase 8.
- Funding necessary to construct an overpass on US Highway 12 at the Clinton Street/Lower Waitsburg Road intersection.
- Sustainable funding for the Public Works Trust Fund.
- Dedicated revenue sources for cities to address human service programs that impact affordable housing, reduce homelessness, and drive public safety costs.
- Support funding for the Department of Natural Resources wildland fire fighting capacity and fire prevention in Eastern Washington.
- Amending the real estate excise tax (REET) 2 legislation to provide cities within GMA opt-in counties the same privilege as those currently provided to cities within GMA mandated counties.

The legislative priorities will come before Council on November 15 for formal consideration and approval.

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There was discussion on the draft Federal legislative priorities. Council suggested amendments to the wording of the priority for funding infrastructure improvements.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.