

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
June 12, 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, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Library Director Beth Hudson, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Small Cell Technology.

Development Services Director Chamberlain and Assistant City Attorney Frederickson described small cell technology, why it is needed, possible standards to make the technology integrate more seamlessly with existing poles in the right-of-way, statutory timeframes for response, and consortium of cities who retained a law firm to lobby and draft model regulations.

There was discussion on:

- Proving the need for additional cellular telephone coverage.
- Small cell towers are a consumer driven initiative to provide faster and better cell phone coverage.
- Fees for use of public right-of-way.
- Preparation of an interim zoning ordinance to be able to react timely if an application is filed.
- Work being done by law firm representing a consortium of cities.
- Small cell technology could be useful in attracting new businesses.
- Indemnification for use of right-of-way.

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B. College Place library contract.

City Manager Shawa introduced College Place Mayor Harvey Crowder and College Place City Administrator Mike Rizzitiello.

Library Director Hudson outlined:

- Historical agreements with the City of College Place for library services.
- Potential impacts of providing library services to College Place residents on a broader scale.
- Methodology for determining cost of library services to College Place residents.
- Desire of College Place to use a data-driven approach to paying for library services.

There was discussion on:

- Impacts to library for providing services to residents of College Place.
- Funds raised from the sale of library cards to College Place will go into the general fund and then be allocated to the book budget for the library.
- The proposed cost for a library card for a household in College place is \$68, which is the estimated cost of library services to residents of Walla Walla.
- Administrative costs for billing the City of College Place monthly.
- A proposed Interlocal agreement has been tentatively reviewed. It will be presented for approval by the College Place City Council prior to consideration by the Walla Walla City Council.

C. 911 Policy Discussion.

Police Chief Bieber reviewed the communication difficulties experienced between dispatchers and command staff at the "Where's Cathy" rally back in February. This incident has led to a review and improvement of communication plans.

There was discussion on:

- Communication protocols.
- Status on the review of the City's noise ordinance.
- Jurisdictional issues with events on the County Courthouse property.
- Management of the WESCOM dispatch center.

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

Staff reported a "Conestoga tent" type facility was in front of City Hall for those wishing to view it.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.