

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
July 10, 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, Police Chief Scott Bieber, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Short term rental regulations – follow-up discussion.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed:

- History of review of short term rental regulations.
- Planning Commission recommendation.
- Lists of short term rentals.
- Four options for consideration:
 1. Direct staff to bring forward an Ordinance with the Planning Commission's recommendation.
 2. Remand the issue back to the Planning Commission for further review.
 3. Separate the two main issues – bring an ordinance forward that would establish regulations for owner occupied (primary residence) short term rentals and address non-owner occupied short term rentals separately.
 4. Not regulate short term rentals (current code) except for a business license, which goes into effect January 1, 2018.

There was discussion on the options and policy issues for regulating short term rentals.

Staff indicated they will bring forth an ordinance for Council consideration to regulate owner-occupied short term rentals, with further discussion at

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the August Work Session regarding short term rentals that are not a primary residence.

B. Historic Preservation discussion – City Hall and Cemetery.

Development Services Director Chamberlain and Historic Preservation Commission Chair Doug Saturno reviewed reasons and policy issues for considering adding the cemetery and exterior of City Hall to the local historic register.

There was discussion on the proposal and the potential impacts for future remodels at City Hall.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff move forward with adding the cemetery property, as outlined by staff, to the local historic register; with further discussion on the potential impacts of adding City Hall to the local historic register and the role of the Historic Preservation Commission.

C. Agreement to house post-conviction inmates at the Sunnyside jail.

Police Chief Bieber reported on efforts to discuss the proposal with Walla Walla County; reasons for having an agreement for a secondary jail location; and the criteria to be used before any post-conviction inmate would be transferred to the Sunnyside jail.

There was discussion on the economic impact, potential benefit, and need of an alternative jail for continuity of operations.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff bring forward an Interlocal agreement for consideration subject to parameters to be established by Council policy.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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