

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Cummins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Barbara Clark, Riley Clubb, Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, Steve Moss, and Tom Scribner.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, and Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Presiding Officer Cummins led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Scribner nominated Barbara Clark for Mayor. Councilmember Moss seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Barbara Clark was unanimously elected Mayor.

Councilmember Moss nominated Tom Scribner for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Huie nominated Jerry Cummins for Mayor Pro Tem.

Tom Scribner was elected Mayor Pro Tem with Councilmembers Bahena, Clubb, Moss, Scribner and Mayor Clark voting in support.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, reported he had submitted a packet of information on December 20, 2017 regarding the Blue Mountain Subdivision and resubmitted the information for Council.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Stephens introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through D, as follows:

- A. Accept resignation of Allen Litzenberger from Planning Commission.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-01 declaring certain City items surplus and authorizing the City Manager to sell or dispose of the items.
- C. Review listing of current interfund loans pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.04.020.
- D. Ordinance No. 2018-01 vacating a sewer easement reserved by Ordinance A-372 in property located at 315 E. Rose Street. (Elks Lodge)

There was discussion on the current interfund loans.

Mayor Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through D. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Providence St. Mary Medical Center letter of support from the City of Walla Walla for their purchase of former Walla Walla General Hospital.

Rob Watilo, Chief Strategy Officer for Providence Medical Center, provided background information on this request.

There was discussion on the request and services provided through an ambulatory surgery center.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

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Dan Clark, 717 N. Main Street, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with services that will not be provided by Providence St. Mary Medical Center although he is in favor of conditional approval.

Susan Blackburn, Chief Administrative Officer, Providence St. Mary Medical Center, commented on procedures that are available through the Walla Walla Clinic.

Councilmember Cummins moved to authorize a letter of support. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the proposed letter and an endorsement by the City.

Councilmember Cummins, with the consent of Councilmember Moss, withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Cummins moved to table the issue to the January 24, 2018 City Council meeting. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Mayor Clark.

Councilmember Scribner moved to have Mayor Clark draft a letter for Council consideration on January 24, 2018. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2018-02 accepting a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grant of up to \$2,022,750 for construction of the Isaacs Avenue Phase II project from Division Street to Tausick Way.

Transportation Engineer Puymon provided an update on the Isaacs Avenue project. Phase I is complete. The Phase II project from Division Street to Tausick Way will improve this safety corridor with modality benefits for all users.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, had comments on the transportation benefit district and impact fees for developers.

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**Councilmember Huie moved to adopt Resolution 2018-02.
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2018-03 accepting a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grant of \$934,850 for design and construction of the Second Avenue project (Rose Street to Highway 12).

City Manager Shawa outlined the benefits of grant funding from the Transportation Improvement Board by leveraging local dollars for projects.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, is in support of these improvements, but has concerns with Rose Street, Myra Road, and Clinton Street at Highway 12.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-03.
Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting held December 20, 2017.

Councilmember Scribner moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2017. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 3 abstentions by Councilmembers Bahena, Clubb, and Huie.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Work Session held January 8; and the Planning Commission meeting held January 8.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the oath of office ceremonies held December 22, and the Work Session held January 8.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session held January 8.

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Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit board meeting held January 8, and the Work Session held January 8.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Work Session held January 8.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Work Session held January 8; and the Public Library Board meeting held January 10.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Work Session held January 8; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held January 9.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on obtaining accident reports from the Washington State Patrol rather than the Police Department.

Councilmember Cummins moved to place the issue of establishment of a salary commission on the agenda for January 24. Mayor Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilmember Moss.

City Attorney Donaldson asked for consideration of Ordinance No. 2018-03 to amend Municipal Code Section 2.09.030. This will give the City Manager contracting authority with authorized depositories and avoids any conflict of interest with Council and Baker Boyer Bank.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-03. Councilmember Moss seconded motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Mayor Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Clark announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations

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pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b); and to discuss litigation and potential litigation in which the City of Walla Walla is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City of Walla Walla pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(a)(i).

The Executive Session will last no more than one hour, and additional business may be considered by Council in open session after the Executive Session. The meeting was recessed at 8:29 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:18 p.m.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-02 authorizing the City Manager to execute a labor agreement with the Walla Walla Local 1191-W union, Washington State Council of County and City employees, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and taking other action in connection therewith. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.