

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 24, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Capital Projects Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilmember Moss led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mayor Clark presented the Mayoral gavel to Allen Pomraning for his service as Mayor 2016 through 2017.
- B. Sustainable Living Center Director Erendira Cruz presented the City with an award for reducing energy consumption during the Georgetown University energy-saving competition.
- C. Erendira Cruz and Emily Bushnell reviewed and asked for endorsement of an "Open Streets" concept. This concept would entail closing three to six miles of a main arterial for a day or period of a day for use by non-motorized modes of travel. The open streets ad hoc committee would like to hold three events this year during the summer months.

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**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mary Lou Yocum, 660 Pleasant Street, Walla Walla, reported the Walla Walla Progressives are working with merchants to display posters or stickers that all are welcome in their establishments.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through C, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2018-04 awarding the contract for the Russell Creek stormwater improvements project to Total Site Services for \$115,870.75.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-05 authorizing a contract with Harmony and Health LLC for the wellness center at Jefferson Park.
- C. Withdrawal of annexation petition for approximately 4.77 acres located south of Reser Road and east of Fern Avenue.

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 C. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Salary Commission Discussion.

There was discussion on prior action by the City Council to establish a salary commission and whether there was enough public discussion before Council action was taken.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to rescind Ordinance No. 2017-48 which created a salary commission. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion.**

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Mayor Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

There was additional discussion on:

- Whether the responsibility for determining City Council compensation should be made by the City Council or a salary commission.
- Measures or a matrix to determine adequate compensation for the City Council.
- A salary commission must be independent if this alternative is used.
- Importance of public service.

**The motion to rescind Ordinance No. 2017-48 which created a salary commission unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Scribner moved to change the Council compensation from \$400 to \$600 per month and the compensation for the Mayor from \$500 to \$800 per month. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.**

There was discussion on the last change in Council compensation occurred ten years ago; and tabling action until the February 14 Council meeting to allow for additional discussion.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to table any change in Council compensation to the February 14 City Council meeting. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Discussion on letter of support for Providence St. Mary Medical Center.

There was discussion on the role of the City Council and whether it is appropriate for any action to be taken considering new facts surrounding the issue, such as the filing of a certificate of necessity by the Walla Walla Clinic and that Providence St. Mary Medical Center had not requested a letter of support.

**Councilmember Scribner moved to rescind any previous action to authorize the Mayor to draft a letter regarding the filing of a certificate of necessity by Providence St. Mary Medical Center and not support any**

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**applicant's certificate of necessity. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion.**

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Rodger Whalen, 525 Fern Avenue, Walla Walla, questioned who could file a certificate of need for the community at large.

**The motion to rescind any previous action to authorize the Mayor to draft a letter regarding the filing of a certificate of necessity by Providence St. Mary Medical Center and not support any applicant's certificate of necessity unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2018-06 approving a shoreline management substantial development permit for the City's Cherry Street infrastructure repair and replacement program project. (Closed record quasi-judicial)

Mayor Clark polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. There were no conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues reported.

Senior Planner Maland reviewed the application and process necessary for a shoreline permit to allow the City to proceed with the Cherry Street infrastructure repair and replacement project. Council clarified that this is simply a procedural necessity since the project falls within 250 feet of the Mill Creek shoreline.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-06. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2018-07 authorizing execution of a development agreement regarding the deferred site and right-of-way improvements to property located at 704, 708, and 720 West Poplar.

Mayor Clark polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. There were no conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues reported.

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Senior Planner Maland reviewed the proposal to allow the property owner and the Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram dealer to defer site improvements for up to three years to determine the viability of the location as a car sales lot. Staff supports the development agreement.

There was discussion on:

- The development process.
- Description of the site improvements that will be deferred.
- Notification to surrounding property owners.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 8:28 p.m.

Joel Olsen, representing the Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram dealership, 2695 E. Isaacs, Walla Walla, reported they have no plans to relocate their dealership from the Eastgate area but are seeking this opportunity to expand to the west side of the City. There have been some safety improvements made to the property and there will also be other improvements made. This three-year deferral will allow them to determine whether this expansion is economically feasible and will also provide the City with additional sales tax revenues.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, commented that he hopes this process is a fair playing field and asked about the role of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing closed at 8:34 p.m.

Staff offered comments on the process and lack of need for the Planning Commission to review because the property is zoned correctly. The improvements are simply being deferred to allow the applicant time to determine if the site is viable for auto sales.

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-07.**  
**Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- E. Resolution No. 2018-08 awarding the bid to P.O.W. Contracting for the Wauna Vista infrastructure repair and replacement project for \$1,207,438.06.

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Capital Projects Engineer Laughery described the project and reported that bids were opened in December. This bid is \$300,000 under the engineer's estimate and staff recommends approval.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-08. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.**

Mayor Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-08 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- F. Approval of the December 31, 2017 accounts payable register containing check numbers 196050 through 196114; 196116 through 196150; 196152 through 196409; 990833; 990834; 990836; and 990838 through 990848 totaling \$5,302,687.97.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the December 31, 2017 accounts payable register containing check numbers 196050 through 196114; 196116 through 196150; 196152 through 196409; 990833; 990834; 990836; and 990838 through 990848 totaling \$5,302,687.97 except for the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Scribner moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.**

## **7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Cannara Sister City committee meeting held January 12; and the Council retreat held January 20.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at a tour of the dispatch center held January 12; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held January 17; and the Council retreat held January 20.

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Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Council retreat held January 20.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held January 18; the Council retreat held January 20; and the legislative lobby trip to Olympia on January 22 through January 24.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held January 16; and the Council on Homelessness meeting held January 22.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Council retreat held January 20; and the Blue Mountain regional trails plan meeting held January 23.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Emergency Management Board meeting held January 16; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation annual meeting held January 16; the agenda preparation meeting held January 17; the Council retreat held January 20; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held January 22; the Blue Mountain regional trails plan meeting held January 23; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 23.

City Manager Shawa provided an update on the City's lobbying efforts in Olympia.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Council asked for additional information on the recent bicycle/truck fatality on 9<sup>th</sup> and Alder.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff research the "open streets" concept to ensure any event is handled properly.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Clark announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the City is a party or is likely to become a party pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

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The Executive Session will last no more than one hour, and further business is likely to come before Council in open session after the Executive Session.

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Mayor Clark announced at 10:13 p.m. that the Executive Session is being extended for another fifteen minutes.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:28 p.m.

**Councilmember Moss moved to confirm the appointment of the following City Council representatives; and provide declaration of remote interests pursuant to RCW 42.23.040 for any contracts entered into with the associated organizations:**

<b>Voting Membership:</b>	
Blue Mountain Action Council	Riley Clubb
Borleske Stadium Association	Jerry Cummins Barbara Clark
Firemen's Pension Board	Barbara Clark Riley Clubb
Good Roads Transportation Assoc; Dist. 5 (3 counties).	Jerry Cummins Myron Huie, Alternate
Infrastructure Improvement Committee (IRRP)	Myron Huie
LEOFF Board	Barbara Clark Riley Clubb
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee	Tom Scribner
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Riley Clubb
Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Steve Moss
Valley Transit	Jerry Cummins Yazmin Bahena Tom Scribner
VA Medical Center Task Force	Jerry Cummins Tom Scribner, Alternate
Volunteer Firemen's Board	Barbara Clark Riley Clubb
Water Partnership Management Board	Tom Scribner
Walla Walla County Emergency Management Board	Barbara Clark Tom Scribner, Alternate

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<b>External liaison:</b>	
Blue Mountain Humane Society	Tom Scribner
Criminal Justice Committee	Myron Huie
Center at the Park (Senior Center)	Barbara Clark
Downtown WW Foundation	Yazmin Bahena
Sasayama Sister City Affiliation	Steve Moss
Cannara Sister City Affiliation	Steve Moss
Mill Creek Committee	Tom Scribner
Walla Walla Housing Authority	Jerry Cummins
Walla Walla Valley Pioneer & Historical Society (Fort Walla Walla Museum)	Myron Huie
<b>Ex Officio/No vote liaison:</b>	
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Tom Scribner
Civil Service Commission	Yazmin Bahena
CDBG Citizen Advisory Group	Barbara Clark
Hearings Examiner	Tom Scribner
Historic Preservation Commission	Yazmin Bahena
Hotel & Motel Commission	Tom Scribner
Library Board	Tom Scribner
Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board	Steve Moss
Planning Commission	Riley Clubb
Sustainability Committee	Barbara Clark
Transportation Improvement Advisory Committee	Riley Clubb
Visit Walla Walla (Tourism Board)	Riley Clubb
Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee	Steve Moss
<b>Council Committees:</b>	
Boards and Commissions	Myron Huie, Chair Yazmin Bahena Riley Clubb
Finance Committee	Steve Moss, Chair Jerry Cummins Tom Scribner

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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 adjourned at 10:30 p.m.