

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 14, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, Solid Waste Supervisor David Jensen, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Clark read and presented a proclamation declaring February 18 through February 24, 2018 as "National Engineer's Week" to Public Works Director Bealey.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arlo James, no address provided, commented on recent situations at the Senior Center and distributed copies of information regarding his removal from the Senior Center.

Nadine Messer, 1205 Highland Road, Walla Walla, reported that she has operated a non-owner occupied short-term rental in Walla Walla for the last three years. She has done everything necessary to legally operate this short-term rental but misread the deadline for filing the final application. Ms. Messer asked for some consideration such as an appeal or late fee, so she may continue to legally operate her short-term rental.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Vacate seat held by Kurt Friederich on the Transportation Benefit District Improvement Committee.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-10 authorizing purchase of a compact automated side-loading refuse collection truck and a four-wheel utility vehicle with sprayer.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-11 authorizing purchase of a reel grinder and a bed knife grinder for the golf course.
- D. Ordinance No. 2018-04 repealing Ordinance No. 2017-48 which established a salary commission.
- E. Ordinance No. 2018-05 adopting rates for special service classes and/or frequencies for sanitation services.
- F. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held January 8, 2018.
- G. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 10, 2018.
- H. Approval of minutes of the retreat held January 20, 2018.
- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 24, 2018.

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

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Open Street Concept

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Parks & Recreation Director Coleman reported staff had reviewed the concept of closing a street to vehicle traffic with the ad hoc open street committee. Preliminary discussions are to close Alder Street to Sasayama Drive to Whitman Street, then to Division Street and back down Alder Street on the afternoon of June 3. Staff is seeking direction from Council on whether to proceed with the City as the sponsor of this event.

There was discussion on:

- Estimated cost to the City to manage the event is approximately \$2,000 depending on the streets that may need closed.
- Ensuring the event is planned properly even if it means moving the proposed date out further in the summer.
- Proposed route down Alder and whether the use of a primarily residential street would be more appropriate.

Councilmember Moss moved to authorize staff to proceed with the planning of an open street event and report back to Council.
Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, spoke in support of improved communication efforts.

The motion to authorize staff to proceed with the planning of an open street event and report back to Council unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2018-06 amending Municipal Code Section 2.05.060 to change the compensation for the City Council.

City Attorney Donaldson reported this ordinance will memorialize the motion taken by the City Council at the last Council meeting to increase Council compensation from \$400 to \$600 per month and the compensation for the Mayor from \$500 to \$800 per month. This increase would not impact the compensation of the current members of the City Council until after the election of their positions.

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

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Council expressed their individual opinions on whether to increase the amount of compensation for Councilmembers and the Mayor.

Councilmember Cummins moved to end debate and call for the question. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-06. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion failed with 3 yes votes by Councilmembers Bahena, Moss, and Scribner and 4 no votes by Councilmembers Clubb, Cummins, Huie and Mayor Clark.

Councilmember Scribner moved to amend the Municipal Code to reduce the compensation to zero for City Council and the Mayor. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion.

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

The motion to amend the Municipal Code to reduce the compensation to zero for City Council and the Mayor failed with 3 yes votes by Councilmembers Bahena, Moss and Scribner and 4 no votes by Councilmembers Clubb, Cummins, Huie, and Mayor Clark.

- C. Approval of the January 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 196410 through 196836; 990849 through 990857; and 9058 through 9072 totaling \$4,274,899.80.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the January 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 196410 through 196836; 990849 through 990857; and 9058 through 9072 totaling \$4,274,899.80 except for the checks to Jerry Cummins and Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins and Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Cummins and Mayor Clark.

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7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Cannara Sister City Committee meeting held January 26; the Ward Boundary Committee meeting held February 2; and the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held February 5.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at an orientation meeting held January 30 for the Fort Walla Walla Museum; the Infrastructure Improvement Committee meeting held February 6; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held February 13; and the Council Committee on Committees meeting held February 14.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held February 5; the Work Session held February 12; and the Council Committee on Committees meeting held February 14.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at a meeting with local realtors held January 25; a lobbying trip to Olympia on January 30; a tour of the Walla Walla area with 16th District legislative representative Bill Jenkin on February 4; a lobbying trip to Washington D.C. on February 5 through February 8; and the Ward Boundary Committee meeting held February 2.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a tour of the emergency communications center held February 2; the Planning Commission meeting held February 5; and the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held February 7.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Ward Boundary Committee meeting held February 2; the Water Partnership Management Board meeting held February 6; the agenda preparation meeting held February 8; the Work Session held February 12; and the Public Library Board meeting held February 14.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at a special meeting of the Senior Citizen Center Board held January 25; the Fire Pension Board meeting held January 30; the Senior Citizen Board meeting held January 31; a radio interview held February 2; the ad hoc open streets committee meeting held February 2; a meeting with Governor Inslee and staff held February 7; the ad hoc open streets committee meeting held February 8;

and a special meeting of the Senior Citizen Center Board held February 12.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Huie moved to make the following appointments:

- **Brenda Bernards to the Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2019.**
- **Erendira Cruz to the Sustainability Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2018.**
- **Carlos Flores and David Reinholz to the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board.**

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

There was discussion on the establishment of an ad hoc affordable housing task force.

Councilmember Clubb moved to form an ad hoc affordable housing task force comprised of Councilmembers Clubb, Bahena, and Moss.

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

Councilmember Moss moved to send a letter of endorsement for the election of Jerry Cummins to the Association of Washington Cities Board Position No. 2. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

City Attorney Donaldson reported he will research the issue of the short-term rental deadline and respond back to Ms. Messer.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Clark announced the City Council will be recessing to Executive Session 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); and to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

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The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and no further business will come before Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 8:46 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.