

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, CDBG Coordinator Jennifer Beckmeyer, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

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

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Henry Hubbard, 20 W. Walnut Street, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with Child Protective Services and police brutality.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Accept resignation of Susan Fleming from the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board.
- B. Accept resignation of Ted Cohan from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- C. Accept resignation of Abigail Scholar from the Ward Boundary Committee.

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- D. Resolution No. 2018-21 awarding the bid for the purchase of hot mix asphalt to Humbert Asphalt.
- E. Resolution No. 2018-22 awarding the bid for The Dalles Military sewer main extension project to C&E Trenching, LLC.
- F. Resolution No. 2018-23 awarding a copier services contract to Total Office Concepts.
- G. Resolution No. 2018-24 declaring items surplus and authorizing their disposal.
- H. Resolution No. 2018-25 setting the date of April 11, 2018 to determine whether the City will accept, reject, or geographically modify a proposed annexation of approximately 1.82 acres generally located south of Taumarson Road and west of Deerhaven Drive.
- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 28, 2018.

Council asked who a citizen would contact to purchase any of the items on the surplus property list. Staff suggested the Finance Department be contacted for additional information.

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 Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Public hearing for 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) annual action plan.

Deputy City Manager Olson reported this is the annual action plan update. The City is still awaiting the determination of the 2018 budget from the Federal government.

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CDBG Coordinator Beckmeyer reviewed the following in both English and Spanish:

- City of Walla Walla CDBG program.
- Proposed CDBG funded activities for 2018:
  - Home repair program and exterior security lighting - \$73,000.
  - Sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements - \$40,000.
  - Public services and citizen engagement - \$48,000.
  - Planning and administration - \$64,000.
  - Washington Park picnic shelter - \$30,000.
  - Fort Walla Walla playground - \$15,000.
  - Economic development - \$50,000.
  - Planning and administration - \$64,000.
- No action is required by the City Council. This is a program-required public hearing.

There was discussion on:

- Selection of low income homes and projects for funding are primarily identified through the Blue Mountain Action Council and neighborhood outreach.
- Home improvement loans are generally zero interest with repayment due at the sale or transfer of property.
- Economic development opportunities being explored through Craft 3; opportunity zone grant program; and community reinvestment through local banks.
- Fort Walla Walla playground is in a qualified census tract for funding.
- The Federal funding commitment for the CDBG program is generally made between March and July.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 7:31 p.m.

Ted Koehler, Blue Mountain Action Council, 1520 Kelly Place, Walla Walla, thanked the City Council for their service and City staff for their proactive partnerships. The home repair program preserves some of the City's most affordable housing.

Henry Hubbard, 20 W. Walnut Street, Walla Walla, indicated his support of the exterior security lighting program but questioned the likelihood of having the home repair loans repaid.

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Leticia Segovia, 620 North 9<sup>th</sup> Court, Walla Walla, spoke in support of the exterior security lighting program to prevent crime which supports the entire community.

Lourdes Lejia, 1024 Lowden Street, Walla Walla, commented on the necessity of the exterior security lighting and need for wheelchair accessibility in her neighborhood.

Noah Leavitt, 625 Whitman Street, Walla Walla, spoke in support of the CDBG program and the opportunities for economic development and small investments.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

There was clarification provided on the home rehabilitation loan program; funding for ADA/sidewalk improvements; and use of solar-powered security lighting.

B. City options regarding mass shootings.

Assistant City Attorney Frederickson reported that City Attorney Donaldson had prepared a memo regarding the State preemption over local jurisdictions enacting their own gun laws.

There was discussion on:

- It is unconstitutional for the City to pass any local regulations on guns with very minor exceptions such as the current prohibition on the discharge of firearms in the City limits.
- Processing applications for concealed carry permits.
- Education on current laws such as: purchasing a gun, age limits, gun safety, guns and mental health, guns and domestic violence, and straw purchases.
- Recent legislation to outlaw the purchase or possession of bump stocks.
- Applicants for a concealed carry permit must be at least twenty-one, apply in person, and the Police Department performs a background check.
- Taxing gun and ammunition purchases.
- Legality of gun-free zones in municipally-owned buildings.
- Workplace safety and active shooter training.

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- Working closely with mental health providers and protocols for persons in crisis; and the school district on protective measures.
- Voluntary proactive measures such as gun buy-back programs; and asking local gun retailers to not sell automatic weapons or firearms to persons under twenty-one.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Kevin Reniche, 1004 Frankland, Walla Walla, challenged the City to take some sort of action.

Mark Franklin, 45 Baumeister, Walla Walla, asked the City Council to pressure the State legislature to change gun laws and indicated he was impressed with youth taking a stand to change gun laws.

Henry Hubbard, 20 W. Walnut, Walla Walla, suggested banning gun shows from the City; require a waiting period for purchasing guns; enforce gun free zones; and take a proactive position with mental health providers.

Rob Lincoln, 1623 Cambridge Drive, Walla Walla, suggested the City ensure that restraining orders are entered and noted in background checks.

Emma Case, Katie Harvey, and Lily Clancy, Walla Walla High School students, reported that one-third of the student body participated in a walk out event and asked the City Council to take action.

There was consensus of a majority of Council to add this topic to a Work Session agenda and authorize the disclosure of the City Attorney's memorandum.

- C. Approval of the February 28, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 196837 through 197194, 990858 through 990862, and 9073 through 9098 totaling \$2,713,426.08.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the February 28, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 196837 through 197194, 990858 through 990862, and 9073 through 9098 totaling \$2,713,426.08, except for the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Moss 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 Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.**

**6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held March 5; the Work Session held March 12; and the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting held March 13.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at an orientation of the Public Works department held March 1; the Work Session held March 12; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held March 13; and the Victims Impact Panel held March 13.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session held March 12; and the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting held March 13.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held March 12; and the Work Session held March 12.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a tour of the Police department on March 1; an orientation of the Public Works department on March 1; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting held March 7; the Work Session held March 12; and the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held March 14.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Water Partnership Management Board meeting held March 6; the Work Session held March 12; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held March 13; and the Public Library Board meeting held March 14.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Blue Mountain subdivision open house held March 2; the open streets committee meeting held March 2; the Senior Center Board meeting held March 5; a meeting with representatives of the City of College Place, Walla Walla County, and Port

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of Walla Walla held March 7; the agenda preparation meeting held March 7; the Sustainability Committee meeting held March 8; a recording of the Grapevine podcast on March 9; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held March 12; the Work Session held March 12; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held March 13.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

There were comments on:

- The City is continuing discussions with Walla Walla County on the sleeping center and no formal City Council action is currently necessary.
- Complaints about grain trucks using 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Plaza Way in violation of weight restrictions.
- Sherwood Trust civics program and Council participation.

**Mayor Clark moved to appoint Myron Huie as the City's alternate on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board; and to appoint Councilmembers Bahena, Moss and Scribner to the ad hoc Anderson Perry Scholarship committee. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was discussion on the comments made by Mr. Hubbard regarding Child Protective Services and police brutality. The City has no jurisdiction over Child Protective Services and Mr. Hubbard was advised to file a written complaint regarding the police to City Manager Shawa.

**Councilmember Scribner moved to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for the City's small city grant application for construction of a community center in the Blue Ridge neighborhood. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.