

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 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, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, and Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens.

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

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jennifer Ostermann, 1032 Pomona, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with narrow streets and bicycle lane lines going northbound on South Wilbur and suggested eliminating street parking to reduce the potential for injury to bicyclists.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy City Clerk Stephens introduced the Consent Agenda, Item A, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2018-33 approving the FEMA Public Assistance Grant for street repairs.

City Manager Nabel Shawa reported this is acceptance of a grant due to damages in the winter storm of 2016-2017. The City suffered approximately \$719,862 worth of damage to the streets with

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approximately \$629,000 being reimbursed through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Item A. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2018-34 authorizing a professional services contract with DKS Associates for the Poplar Street Corridor Study in an amount not to exceed \$127,600.

Transportation Engineer Puymon reported that the Poplar Street corridor west end will tie in with College Place at Myra Road. There are multiple stakeholders in this project including: Walla Walla Town Center; Veterans Administration Medical Center; Key Technology; Children's Museum; Poplar Street Cinema; Fire Station No. 1; St. Mary Medical Center; the downtown corridor; and Public Library. The project will end at Park Street tying in with Whitman College. This 2.2-mile corridor sees approximately 8600 daily traffic, the street and underlying conditions of water and wastewater infrastructure are in poor condition. There are twelve traffic signals, more than any other road in the City. New upgrades will include auto detection for traffic lights, audio-visual protection signals, street lighting, ADA compliance, and bike lanes. Currently the street goes from two lanes to 5 lanes in some places and parking is inconsistent. The street has significant traffic accident history with 142 crashes from 2012-2016 with 3 fatalities or serious injuries.

There was discussion on:

- Time frame for study and grant opportunities.
- Selection process for DKS Associates.
- DKS Associates has allocated 1,027 hours in their scope of work with at least four trips by multiple individuals.
- The Transportation Benefit District annual plan shows Poplar Street at number eight and Howard Street at number four on the list of improvements. Poplar Street was moved forward due to infrastructure repair and replacement program (IRRP) funding.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-34. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2018-35 determining that the City will accept a proposed annexation of approximately 1.8 acres located south of Taumarson Road and west of Deerhaven Drive.

Development Services Director Chamberlain provided an overview of the proposed annexation.

There was discussion on other areas of development within the urban growth area, possibility of rezoning, pond area and permits.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Edmund Bruno, annexation petitioner, spoke in support of the annexation.

Donna Lang, annexation petitioner, spoke in support of the annexation.

Randy Grant, 212 Narcissa Place, semi-retired realtor, spoke in support of the annexation.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-35. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Ordinance No. 2018-09 amending the 2017-2018 maintenance and operations budget; and

Ordinance No. 2018-10 establishing new capital projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

Finance Director Teasdale outlined the proposed amendments which have been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

There was discussion on the general fund balance and potential impacts on interest rates, credit rating, debts, and bond ratings.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-09. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-10. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- E. Approval of the March 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 197195 through 197600; 990863 through 990865; and 9099 through 9128 totaling \$4,059,092.36

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the March 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 197195 through 197600; 990863 through 990865; and 9099 through 9128 totaling \$4,059,092.36 excluding the checks for Myron Huie, Jerry Cummins, Walla Walla School District, and the Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks to Myron Huie, Walla Walla School District, and the Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 3 abstentions by Councilmembers Bahena, Huie and Mayor Clark.**

**Councilmember Scribner moved to approve payment of the check 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.**

- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 28, 2018.

**Councilmember Scribner moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 28, 2018. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Bahena.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting on Seattle tiny homes on March 29; the Ward Boundary Committee meeting held March 30; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting on April 2; the Eritage development tour on April 3; the Work Session held April 9; and the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting held April 10.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at a KUJ radio interview with City Manager Shawa on March 30; the Eritage development tour on April 3; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held April 4; the Work Session held April 9; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held April 10; and a Boards and Commissions meeting held April 11.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at a tour of the Parks & Recreation facilities on March 23; the Work Session held April 9; and the Boards and Commissions meeting held April 11.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the VA Medical Center Vietnam Veterans recognition day on March 29; the Ward Boundary Committee meeting on March 30; the Work Session held April 9; and the Sonbridge SOS Clinic Advisory Board meeting held April 11.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a Seattle tiny homes meeting held March 29; and the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting held April 10.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at a meeting with the Parks & Recreation Director and Municipal Arborist regarding street trees on March 29, a meeting with the Water Management Partnership Director held March 30; the Ward Boundary Committee meeting held March 30; the Eritage development tour on April 3; the Water Partnership Management Board meeting held April 3; the agenda preparation meeting held April 4; the Work Session held April 9; and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held April 10.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the ad hoc summer parkway committee meeting on March 29; the agenda preparation meeting held April 4; the CDBG Advisory Committee meeting held April 5; the Children's

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Day at Washington Park on April 6; the Work Session held April 9; and a meeting regarding ambulance issues on April 10.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Scribner provided copies of the letter to Governor Inslee and legislative representatives regarding reauthorizing the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership for Mayor Clark to sign.

Councilmember Huie reported the Boards and Commissions Committee recommends James Payne for the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Shane Laib for the Historic Preservation Commission; and Kenneth Bowen for the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

**Councilmember Huie moved to approve the Boards and Commission Committee recommendations. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Councilmember Cummins reminded Council that F1 or F1A forms need to be filed with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.

**Mayor Clark introduced Resolution No. 2018-36 ratifying the emergency repair of a 48-inch ruptured line at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

There was discussion on the ruptured pipe and any foreseeable problems. Public Works Director Bealey reported leaks to smaller pipes happen routinely due to aging infrastructure.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-36. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Mayor Clark asked about a recent letter published in the Union Bulletin regarding the City's sign code. Development Services Director Chamberlain and City Attorney Donaldson have met to address the sign code, specifically the political sign portion. Amendments will be handled through the Code amendment process and brought before the City Council for consideration.

Mayor Clark reported the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee would like the City to address sidewalk signs in the downtown area.

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Development Services Director Chamberlain is working with the Downtown Foundation to remind businesses of outside seating and sign regulations and will begin an outreach campaign. Existing codes are sufficient to address concerns, the issue is enforcement.

In response to Jennifer Osterman's concerns with Wilbur Street, City Manager Shawa relayed that the street widths were not adjusted. Public Works Director Bealey reported the street meets national design standards and other requirements. The painted lines are not wearing out because of the street being too narrow. Inattention and not staying in the driving lane is the issue.

Mayor Clark would like to do Walks with the Mayor or Walks with the Council for citizens to meet with council or staff if interested. A quorum of Council will not be present to avoid potential open meeting act violations.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.**