

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 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, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Human Resource Director Pam Taylor, Police Chief Scott Bieber, 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. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mayor Clark read and presented a proclamation declaring May 20 to May 26 as "Public Works Week" to Public Works Director Ki Bealey.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeana Garske, 382 Catherine Street, Walla Walla, commented on the process for accepting public art and asked that the City wait to acquire any additional public art until after new policies and procedures are in place.

Bill Standish, 1440 Walla Walla Avenue, Walla Walla, commented that veterans have a problem with Councilmember Bahena not participating in the salute and pledge of allegiance.

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**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2018-40 authorizing a professional services contract with Materials Testing & Inspection for geotechnical services as part of the 2019 construction projects.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-41 authorizing a professional services contract with Reid Middleton for design of the roundabout at the Third Avenue/Tietan Street intersection as part of the Tietan & Sunset infrastructure repair and replacement project.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-42 approving a contract with the Blue Mountain Action Council for Commitment to Community Services.
- D. Resolution No. 2018-43 awarding lodging tax funds of \$2,500 to Friends of Children of Walla Walla to support the new Heritage Festival.
- E. Resolution No. 2018-44 authorizing a grant application with the Department of Justice for funding ballistic vest replacements.
- F. Resolution No. 2018-45 setting May 23, 2018 as the public hearing date for the proposed Campbell/Botimer annexation for approximately 10.5 acres located at Taumarson/Plaza Way.
- G. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held April 23, 2018.
- H. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 25, 2018.

There was brief discussion on the monitoring and reporting of performance measures associated with the Blue Mountain Action Council Commitment to Community contract; and why this contract is being presented so late in the year.

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

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2018-46 awarding the bid to Columbia Pumping & Construction for the Third Avenue to Colville/Cherry Street sewer cured-in-place lining project in the amount of \$75,531.95

Staff reviewed the proposed project and answered questions as to why the engineer's estimate was likely higher than the bid amount.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-46. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Ordinance No. 2018-11 amending the Municipal Code related to standby fire protection services.

Staff reported this ordinance is to reduce and deter illegal water use from standby fire service meters. There are currently 245 fire service meters in the City and 78 do not have detection meters. The cost is \$5 per month unless there are repeated violations.

There were comments on monitoring water intertie services with the City of College Place and Port of Walla Walla.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-11. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2018-47 awarding the bid to C&E Trenching for the Pine/Cherry Street infrastructure repair and replacement project in the amount of \$1,832,604.27.

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Staff described the project. The State is responsible for repaving Pine Street and the City had attempted to coordinate the two projects, but the State has now delayed their project until 2020. There was brief discussion on the project area.

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

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-47. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Resolution No. 2018-48 authorizing contract amendments with Pacific Security and Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless for an additional \$109,805 to extend services at the homeless sleeping site until April 30, 2019.

Staff reported this will renew the contracts for the sleeping center site for an additional year. The City is working with the County and making progress towards a joint project. The Alliance for the Homeless is also working on a secondary project to exit homelessness.

There was discussion on the existing site and impact on surrounding businesses. The intent is to have a joint solution with the County for a more permanent site by April 2019, this will include payment of the associated expenses through the legislative increase in the recording fee for this purpose. The intent is that the City will no longer be operating a homeless sleeping site after the first of next year.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Art Miller, Glen Erin Drive, Walla Walla, asked where the money is coming from for the services and why haven't the voters been asked to vote on the issue.

City Manager Shawa reported the money is coming from the general fund and the City is negotiating with the County for use of the revenue from the dedicated recording fee. This is not an issue that is required to be voted upon by the residents and citizen input on the statistically-valid survey reflects general satisfaction with the City's efforts.

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**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-48.  
Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion.**

There was additional discussion on the existing arrangement and working with the County. The City is a recipient of the Association of Washington Cities Municipal Excellence Award for its homeless sleeping site.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-48 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- E. Resolution No. 2018-49 awarding the bid for the wastewater treatment plant improvements to Pacific Civil and Infrastructure for \$1,762,939.

Staff reported this contract is to replace the headworks at the wastewater treatment plant which filters out the inorganics. It is the frontline equipment for the wastewater treatment plant.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-49.  
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.**

There was brief discussion on the life expectancy of the equipment and how mechanical equipment wears out over time. This is a scheduled replacement.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-49 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- F. Approval of the April 30, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 197601 through 197661; 197663 through 197934; 990866 through 990869; and 9129 through 9170 totaling \$3,083,945.90.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the April 30, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 197601 through 197661; 197663 through 197934; 990866 through 990869; and 9129 through 9170 totaling \$3,083,945.90 except for the checks to Alliance for**

**the Homeless and 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 Alliance for the Homeless and Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Cummins and Mayor Clark.**

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to consider new and unfinished business prior to Councilmember Meeting Reports.

## **8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Cummins reported he had been appointed to the Association of Washington Cities State Legislative Priorities Committee.

In response to the public comments by Jeana Garske, staff outlined the efforts to meet with interested parties on whether to accept the art donation "Harvest Memories" by Jeffrey Hill. Staff is also looking at updating existing policies and exploring the formation of a standing "Arts Committee." It is not anticipated there will be any decision before Council until late June or July. The existing process is being followed and no decision will be made until the public input gathering is complete.

Council expressed appreciation to the veterans in attendance that have served to protect our constitution and bill of rights. Councilmember Bahena reported that she is happy to have a private conversation with anyone that would like to know why she does not participate in the salute and recital of the pledge of allegiance.

Council asked for information on the current block watch program and number of block captains.

Council inquired about a local initiative process. City Attorney Donaldson reported there is a local initiative process, but it does not cover whether the City should provide social services or not. That is a policy decision by the City Council.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to appoint Councilmembers Huie, Bahena, and Cummins as the voting delegates at the Association of**

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Washington Cities annual conference and City Manager Shawa as the alternate voting delegate. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-50 ratifying the emergency procurement of a HVAC system for the Sudbury Road landfill scale house. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion.

There were comments on the windows of the scale house not opening because of the wind and dust in the area.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-50 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held May 3; the walkabout with the Mayor held May 6; and the Heritage Park planning meeting held May 8.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the National Day of Prayer held May 3; and the Heritage Park planning meeting held May 8.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting held May 8.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Housing Authority Board meeting held April 26; a tour with Commitment to Community held May 1; a meeting with the 13<sup>th</sup> legislative representative held May 3; and a meeting with Senator Murray's representative held May 8.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting held May 2; and the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting held May 8.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Water Management Partnership Board meeting held May 1; the agenda preparation meeting held May 2; the walkabout with the Mayor held May 6; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held May 8; the Heritage Park planning meeting held May 8; and the Public Library Board meeting held May 9.

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Mayor Clark reported attendance at the summer parkways and children's day meetings held April 26 and May 4; a meeting with the Mayor of Issaquah held April 30; the agenda preparation meeting held May 2; the walkabout with the Mayor held May 6; and the Heritage Park planning meeting held May 8.

**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 the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). 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 8:55 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.**