

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Riley Clubb.

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Manager Mori Struve, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, and Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Clark read and presented a proclamation declaring May as "Older American's month" to Kaye Peck. Ms. Peck thanked the City Council for the recognition.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Newcomb, 26 E Main, Walla Walla, requested a hardship waiver on behalf of Lorenza Pena and Reymundo Flores due to a house fire at 316 E Oak.

Erica Munsey, no address provided, asked the City to assume responsibility for an after-school tutoring and leadership program if it loses its 21 Century Grant.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Stephens introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through F, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2018-51 awarding a contract for landfill weed control to Crop Production Services in an amount not to exceed \$49,534 for a three-year period.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-52 ratifying the purchase of hot mix asphalt from Central Washington Asphalt for \$22,820.60.
- C. Ordinance No. 2018-12 changing the date for the second regular Council meeting in June from June 27 to Monday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 9, 2018.
- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 14, 2018.
- F. Approval of minutes of the retreat held May 16, 2018.

Mayor Clark announced Item A was being removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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 B through F. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- A. Resolution No. 2018-51 awarding a contract for landfill weed control to Crop Production Services in an amount not to exceed \$49,534 for a three-year period.

Public Works Manager Struve reported this bid award was for a period of three years. There will be two herbicides used to kill the vegetation, one a broad leaf application and the other for noxious weed control. Mr. Struve reported that he expects this to be a twice-yearly

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application, however the contract allows for up to four applications a year if necessary.

There was discussion on the need to use chemicals for weed control and the length of the contract. Council indicated they would prefer an annual contract instead of a three-year contract.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Heidi Dobson, 134 Whitman Street, Walla Walla, botanist, spoke in opposition to chemical herbicide application.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve Resolution 2018-51. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There were comments by Council in opposition to a three-year contract.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2018-51 failed with Councilmember Cummins voting yes and Councilmembers Bahena, Huie, Moss, Scribner and Mayor Clark voting no.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2018-53 awarding bid for Second Avenue Improvements from Rose Street to US Highway 12 to P.O.W. Contracting Inc in the amount of \$1,442,519.96

City Engineer Monte Puymon reviewed the 2nd Avenue - Rose Street to Highway 12 Reconstruction Project. The low bid was about \$55,000 more than the engineer's estimate. Work is scheduled to begin mid-June. Detours will be in place and Highway 12 access will be limited to Myra Road, Clinton Street, or Wilbur Street.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Sharon Shiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, expressed concerns with traffic congestion at 2nd Avenue and Rose Street.

Chris Howard, 734 University, Walla Walla, commented that there is no west bound turn option for Clinton Street onto Highway 12.

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Transportation Engineer Puymon acknowledged the traffic congestion at the 2nd Avenue and Rose Street intersection. Staff anticipates the new traffic signals will help with traffic flow. Mr. Howard is correct about the Clinton Street highway access. Options for traveling westbound on Highway 12 during the 2nd Avenue project are to go to Wilbur Street or Myra Road.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-53.
Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 2018-13 approving the annexation of approximately 10.5 acres generally located south of Taumarson and west of Plaza Way. (Botimer/Campbell annexation).

Development Services Director Chamberlain provided an overview of this proposed annexation. There was discussion regarding zoning on the property.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Gwen Powers, 1135 Southview Drive, Walla Walla, asked about access to the property; and had concerns with the current three different speed limit zones on Taumarson Road.

Dorothy Knudson, 250 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla, inquired about the status of a proposed roundabout on Plaza Way and 9th Avenue; and had concerns about traffic at Plaza Way and Tietan Street.

Development Services Director, Elizabeth Chamberlain responded that this is the approval process for the annexation. Property access will be determined through the development process. Speed limits on Taumarson is an issue that will have to be worked through with the respective agencies. The City is aware of the traffic issues at the 9th Avenue/Plaza Way and Tietan Street/Plaza way intersections and is working with the Washington State Department of Transportation on possible solutions, including a roundabout.

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Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-13. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Public Hearing on Walla Walla 2040 - Comprehensive Plan Update.

Development Services Director Chamberlain gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update. This update is required every eight years in accordance with State law. The updated plan carries over policies that are still applicable and includes new policies in support of affordable housing, economic development, community character and transportation. The updated Comprehensive Plan will include the City's first transportation plan and first Parks & Recreation plan. These components will open the door to grant opportunities the City was not eligible for in the past.

The City's urban growth area was also reviewed, and applications were submitted to Walla Walla County to remove the 3rd Avenue/Langdon Road area; and to expand the urban growth area to the north. The environmental impact statement was issued in March. One comment was received from the Washington State Department of Transportation in support. No action is proposed on the draft document tonight. Approval of the updated Comprehensive Plan and map amendments are slated for June 13, 2018. The Planning Commission has made recommendations on the site-specific map amendments. Two areas of the code requiring amendments pertain to manufactured homes and shoreline management.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open.

Chris Howard, 734 University Street, Walla Walla, commented on the importance of the Mill Creek channel through town and its potential to be an attractive tourist draw in addition to its flood control purpose. Mr. Howard suggested improvements to the Mill Creek channel should be a more immediate priority.

Kent Huxoll, 1123 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, commented on adding a draft policy for economic development to support economically-disadvantaged people.

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Jim Hayner, 239 Alder Street, Walla Walla, attorney representing Andy and Ann Evans on their 60-acre parcel located north of Highway 12, east of Clinton Street and Lower Waitsburg Road. This property is currently zoned R-96. They are supportive of a proposed map amendment to allow for mixed use development.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, had comments on proposed development of the Evans property and suggested a moratorium until traffic safety has been adequately addressed at the Highway 12/Clinton Street/Middle Waitsburg Road intersection.

Noah Leavitt, 625 Whitman Street, Walla Walla, commented on creation of an affordable housing plan similar to the one used in the City of Ellensburg.

Sharon Shiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, questioned why there is an emphasis on growth and annexation of property; and commented on the importance of agriculture.

Dorothy Knudson, 250 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla, doesn't agree with random annexations; and believes the Comprehensive Plan update needs to address workforce housing with details.

Norm Ostermann, 1032 Pomona, Walla Walla, commented in support of more affordable housing and having more multifamily, small, and medium sized lots.

Megan Eaton, Coldwell Banker Realtor, spoke in support of the Comprehensive Plan map amendment for the Evans property.

David Hair, 1966 Scarpelli, Walla Walla, read a letter from the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indians recommending changes to Goal 6 for improvements to the Mill Creek channel.

Steven Pao, no address provided, commented he is not putting housing on his property and would like to be able to put a repair or fabrication shop there someday so has requested a land use map change to light industrial. Mr. Pao also asked for an amendment to address floating parcels for additional development leeway.

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Galen Tom, 1464 Heritage Road, Walla Walla, had concerns with property that was recently annexed and lack of vegetation management.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Clark declared the public hearing closed.

No action was taken by Council.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Cannara Sister City Committee meeting on May 10; the Work Session on May 14; the City Council retreat on May 16; and the Ward Boundary Committee meeting on May 18.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditor's Office on May 14; the Work Session held May 14; the City Council retreat on May 16; and a ride-a-long and tour of the Police Department held May 18.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session on May 14; the City Council retreat on May 16; and the ad hoc affordable housing committee meeting on May 17.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 14; the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditor's Office on May 14; the Work Session on May 14; the Airport Infrastructure Meeting on May 15; the City Council retreat on May 16; the Valley Transit Board meeting on May 17; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on May 22.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Work Session on May 14; the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting on May 15; the City Council retreat on May 16; the agenda preparation meeting on May 17; the Ward Boundary Committee meeting on May 18; and an ad hoc Anderson Perry & Associates scholarship committee meeting.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Summer Parkway meetings on May 10 and 17; a radio interview on May 11; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held May 14; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board

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meeting held May 14; the Work Session on May 14; the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee meeting held May 16; the City Council retreat on May 16; the agenda preparation meeting held May 17; the Eastgate Block party on May 17; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory committee meeting held May 22.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Clark reported Councilmember Clubb is absent due to an out of town wedding. A majority of Council felt this did not need to be addressed as an excused absence.

Mayor Clark announced she is reconstituting the Council legislative committee with Councilmember Cummins as Chair and Councilmember Huie as a participating member. Mayor Clark will discuss this committee with Councilmember Clubb upon his return.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the appointment of Councilmember Cummins as Chair of the Legislative Committee and Councilmember Huie as a member. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.