

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 25, 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, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Neal Chavre, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2018-62 approving the purchase of a half-ton pickup truck for the Parks & Recreation Department from Columbia Ford.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-63 awarding the bid for the 2018 TIB sidewalk project to Moreno & Nelson Construction.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-64 authorizing purchase of water meters, sensors, and meter transmitting units from Ferguson Enterprises.

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- D. Resolution No. 2018-65 approving a service contract with David Mumm for communications print services for July through December 2018.
- E. Resolution No. 2018-66 awarding the bid for the 2018 sewer and stormwater projects to Premier Excavation, Inc.
- F. Resolution No. 2018-67 authorizing the City Manager to acquire property needed to extend Myra Road from State Route 125 to Taumarson Road.
- G. Ordinance No. 2018-18 amending the 2017-2018 maintenance and operations budget; and
Ordinance No. 2018-19 amending the 2017-2018 capital improvement project budget.

Staff provided a brief overview of the plan to extend Myra Road south to Taumarson Road to improve traffic circulation and public safety response times. This authorization to begin property acquisition will also improve the City's eligibility for grants.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Sharon Shiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, asked if there is an estimate of the costs to extend Myra Road and if this extension is a result of the annexations in the southern portion of the City. Staff responded that a rough estimate for the total project is around \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. Walla Walla County designates the City's urban growth area and most of this land is to the south of the City. The City has struggled to maintain emergency response times and this proposed roadway will help.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through G. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was brief discussion on how sidewalk surfaces are finished for pedestrian safety.

Council clarified that Item F only authorizes the acquisition of property and is not approval for the entire project.

The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2018-17 authorizing the issuance of bonds for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant system in an amount not to exceed \$7,350,000.

Staff reported updates are necessary at the wastewater treatment plant. There will be no rate increases as a result of this bond as the last bonds have been paid.

Duncan Brown, Financial Advisor with PFM, provided an overview of the bond market and the plan for financing these revenue bonds.

Roy Koegen, Bond Counsel with Kutak Rock, outlined the provisions in the bond ordinance. The ordinance delegates certain authorities to staff to go to the bond market under designated parameters. Maximum flexibility has been built into the ordinance based on Federal regulations.

There was discussion on:

- Anticipated bond rating is an A+ or better.
- The percentage of wastewater revenue to be used for bond repayment.
- The likely buyers of this type and size of bond.
- The optional redemption clause is for use only at the City's discretion.
- The bonds have been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

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

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-17. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2018-69 adopting the 2019-2024 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Staff reviewed:

- The City is required by State law and grant agencies to have a six-year transportation program.

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- Unlike the Comprehensive Plan, this plan can be amended as many times as necessary over the course of the year.
- The plan contains two programs: six-year current cycle and long-range. There are five sub programs under the six-year current cycle.
- The bicycle and pedestrian plan has been incorporated into the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- Program changes include nine added projects and the removal of five projects that are either fully-funded or under construction.
- The Comprehensive Transportation Plan is consistent with the policies in the Comprehensive Plan.
- There are no immediate financial impacts by approving this plan.

There was discussion on:

- Lack of specificity on streets under the pavement preservation project. Staff explained the need for a pavement management program and system.
- The designated pedestrian improvement projects.
- Realignment of the School Avenue/Pleasant Street intersection. The analysis for this intersection is that too much additional right-of-way would be necessary for a roundabout, so the proposal is to realign the intersection.
- Clarification on the difference between the sidewalk program and the CDBG sidewalk program. Project funding will be used to address known trip and fall hazards.
- Solar-powered flashing pedestrian beacons.
- Traffic classifications and at what point City funding will be available for collectors and local streets. Staff explained the different funding programs. Local streets are only likely to be repaired when both the sewer and water lines fail along with the asphalt.
- Street funding and the plan to address the most travelled and failing roadways, along with preserving the good roadways with the limited general funds available.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 8:11 p.m. There being no public testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-69. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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C. Ordinance No. 2018-20 adopting an amended Shoreline Master Plan.

Staff reviewed the history of the shoreline master plan. The only qualifying shoreline within the City limits is Mill Creek. The City had adopted its new program in 2016 and sent it to the Department of Ecology for review and comment. The Department of Ecology has now provided conditional approval. The amendments include adding four definitions; visions and goals; and permitting process.

There was discussion on:

- How the goals in the Comprehensive Plan relate to the shoreline master plan.
- Feasibility of establishing larger shoreline buffers beyond the required thirty-five feet.
- Challenges of imposing additional buffers along an already developed corridor. The buffers are primarily for currently vacant property along Mill Creek.
- Plan would allow for the bridge over Mill Creek as part of the Heritage Park redesign.

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

Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held June 11, 2018.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held June 11, 2018. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Clubb.

E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2018.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2018. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Clubb.

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6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss had no meetings to report.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the living history presentations at Fort Walla Walla Museum on June 16 and June 17; a meeting and tour of Fire Station 1 with Fire Chief Yancey; and the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 20.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 21.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Prospect Point block party held June 14; a KUJ radio interview on June 15; the Mill Creek coalition meeting held June 20; the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 20; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 21.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at an Early Learning Leadership breakfast held May 17; an affordable housing presentation at the library held May 31; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held June 6; a visit to Cannara, Italy on June 13; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held June 20; and the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held June 21.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Mill Creek coalition meeting held June 20; the agenda preparation meeting held June 20; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 21.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Prospect Point block party held June 14; the Sustainability Committee meeting held June 19; welcomed the Washington State Transportation Commission on June 20; a meeting with Commitment to Community held June 20; the agenda preparation meeting held June 20; a debriefing for the Summer Parkways event held June 21; and the County Commissioners meeting held June 25 regarding the emergency medical services levy.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There were comments and discussion on:

- The Council Chamber security upgrade project.
- Metrics and parking in the downtown area.

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- Educating the public on the location of outlying all-day parking lots.
- The next Mayor's walk is scheduled for July 8 at 3 p.m. at Garrison Middle School.
- The City Manager and Councilmembers Bahena, Cummins and Huie will be attending the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference from June 26 to June 29.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.