

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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: Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Planner Melissa Shumake, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Clark read and presented a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through September 23 as "Constitution Week" to Chris Crowder, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Crowder had comments on the importance of the Constitution and Mayor Clark read the preamble.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Schiller, 1414 Topaz, Walla Walla, commented in opposition to the proposed lease of Crawford Park to Valley Transit.

Jean Herbert Hegele, Reser Road, Walla Walla, reported she was an independent advocate for the homeless but many of their behaviors are illegal. Ms. Hegele had suggestions on methods to curb illegal activity and illegal camping.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2018-95 setting October 10, 2018 as the public hearing date to consider the right-of-way vacation petition for Block 22 of Ritz's Addition. (Alley access from North 12th Avenue between West Main and West Rose Streets.)
- B. Ordinance No. 2018-30 changing the regular meeting dates in November to the second and fourth Wednesdays.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-96 adopting the City's strategic plan.
- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 22, 2018.
- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held August 27, 2018.

Council asked that Item B be 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 A, C, D, and E. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- B. Ordinance No. 2018-30 changing the regular meeting dates in November to the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Councilmember Cummins reported on a conflict with the proposal to change the first meeting in November from November 7 and November 14 and requested consideration for only changing the second meeting in November. This would make the City Council meetings held on November 7 and November 28.

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Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-30 with an amendment to only change the November 21 meeting to November 28 and leave the November 7 meeting as scheduled. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- A. Resolution No. 2018-97 authorizing a contract with DKS Associates for an interchange feasibility study on Highway 12 from Second Avenue to Airport Way.

City Engineer Chavre reported this item was discussed at the Council's September 10 Work Session. It is one of the City's 2018 legislative priorities. The scope of the proposed contract has been approved by the Washington State Department of Transportation and they have agreed to fund \$100,000 of this study. The County, Port and City will split the remainder of the cost.

There was discussion on the study and the goal of the Washington State Department of Transportation to identify the right solution.

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

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-97. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2018-31 relating to and implementing a ward voting system for election of City Council members.

Councilmember Scribner reported the ward boundary map has been finalized and a majority of Council has determined that there will be two ward positions and two at large positions for election in 2019. This item is to determine which two wards will be up for election in 2019. Historically, the East and West wards have been underrepresented on the City Council.

Councilmember Scribner moved to designate the East and West wards for election in 2019. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion.

Councilmembers Clubb and Bahena expressed their preference for electing all four wards in 2019. Councilmember Bahena indicated that if

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all four wards were not elected in 2019, she would be in favor of either East or West wards with South or Central wards to help prepare candidates from the wards that have historically been underrepresented.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Lydia Caudill, Rustic Road, Walla Walla, supported electing all four wards together. The East and West wards will need more education and awareness to develop candidates.

Councilmembers expressed their individual opinions on the selection of wards for election in 2019.

The motion to designate the East and West wards for election in 2019 carried with four yes votes by Councilmembers Cummins, Huie, Moss and Scribner and 3 no votes by Councilmembers Bahena, Clubb and Mayor Clark.

City Attorney Donaldson reported an ordinance has been prepared and Council should designate the positions by number within Municipal Code Section 1.20.025. Councilmember Scribner reviewed the change in the ordinance that had been previously provided in the agenda packet with the hard copy that had been distributed. This change was to omit the following sentence from Municipal Code Section 1.20.010: "The four wards shall collectively be referred to as the City at-large."

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-31 and complete Municipal Code Section 1.20.025 as follows:

- A. City Council position 4 shall be the East ward City Council position.**
- B. City Council position 5 shall be the West ward City Council position.**
- C. City Council position 1 shall be the South ward City Council position.**
- D. City Council position 2 shall be the Central ward City Council position.**
- E. City Council positions 3, 6, and 7 shall be at large City Council positions.**

Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion.

The position numbers will be established by the County Auditor and this action does not impact current City Council terms or position numbers.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

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Brian Zoeller, no address provided, asked for clarification on the incumbents in the current City Council positions. Mr. Zoeller was provided with a copy of the ordinance page specifying this information.

Council asked if this ordinance could be amended in the future. City Attorney Donaldson commented on the ability of Council to amend the ordinance in the future.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-31 carried with 4 yes votes by Councilmembers Cummins, Huie, Moss and Scribner and 3 no votes by Councilmembers Bahena, Clubb and Mayor Clark.

C. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held August 21, 2018.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held August 21, 2018. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 3 abstentions by Councilmembers Bahena, Clubb and Scribner.

D. Approval of the August 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 199087 through 199586; 990889 through 990892; and 9228 through 9233 totaling \$4,281,299.86.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the August 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 199087 through 199586; 990889 through 990892; and 9228 through 9233 totaling \$4,281,299.86 except for the checks to Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, and Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Work Session held August 27; the presentation on regional fire service consolidation held

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August 28; the ad hoc gun safety task force meeting held August 31; a meeting held September 5 regarding property tax issues; and the Work Session held September 10.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Menlo Park block party held August 22; an interview on KUJ radio held August 23; the Work Session held August 27; the Legislative Committee meeting held August 30; the Work Session held September 10; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held September 11; and the Marcus Whitman Hotel anniversary celebration held September 11.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session held August 27; and the Work Session held September 10.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at a meeting with a local realtor regarding REET 2 funding held August 23; the Association of Washington Cities legislative priority committee meeting held August 24; the Housing Authority Board meeting held August 27; the Work Session held August 27; the Legislative Committee meeting held August 30; the ad hoc gun safety task force meeting held August 31; a lobbying trip to Washington D.C. in support of the City's BUILD grant on September 5 through September 7; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 10; the Work Session held September 10; a meeting with the legislative committee and local realtors held September 11; and the Walla Walla Public Schools Superintendent's Advisory Committee meeting held September 12.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Work Session held August 27; the presentation on regional fire service consolidation held August 28; and the Planning Commission meeting held September 10.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Work Session held August 27; the agenda preparation meeting held September 4; the Water Management Partnership Board meeting held September 4; the Work Session held September 10; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held September 11; the Mill Creek Coalition meeting held September 12; and the Public Library Board meeting held September 12.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Menlo Park block party held August 22; the Work Session held August 27; the presentation on regional fire service consolidation held August 28; the ad hoc gun safety task force

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meeting held August 31; the agenda preparation meeting held September 4; a joint agencies meeting held September 5; the walk with the Mayor held September 9; the Borleske Stadium Association Board meeting held September 10; the Work Session held September 10; and the Association of Washington Cities Mayor's Exchange held September 11 and September 12.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Updates were provided on the following:

- Applications for Art Commission.
- Council Chamber security and upgrade project.

Mayor Clark read a proclamation declaring September 17, 2018 as "Celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Blue Mountain Lodge #13, of the Free and Accepted Masons of Washington."

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

The issue raised by Ms. Schiller regarding Crawford Park will be discussed at a future Work Session.

City Attorney Donaldson reported that staff is aware of the concerns voiced by Ms. Hegele and are addressing them through enforcement policies. Deputy City Manager Olson reported that staff will be meeting with representatives from the Alliance for the Homeless.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.