

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 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, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Barbara Clark.

Absent: Councilmember Steve Moss.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, CDBG Coordinator Jennifer Beckmeyer, Senior Planner Jon Maland, 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. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mayor Clark read and presented a proclamation declaring October 2018 as "Resilience Awareness Month in Walla Walla" to Teri Barila, Children's Resilience Initiative Director. Ms. Barila introduced Todd Sullivan from the United Kingdom who is here studying children's resiliency initiatives and reported on activities during the month of October.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam Kinzel, first year Whitman College student, commented on efforts by Whitman College students to make changes for a more sustainable community and the dangers of environmental degradation.

Robert Hohosh, Washington National Guard Staff Sergeant, introduced himself and reported that the armory is staffed if assistance by the City is needed.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2018-98 approving an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Energy Program.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-99 awarding a contract to J-U-B Engineers for the design of upgrades for the Cottonwood Sewer pump station.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-100 ratifying an emergency declaration for repairs to the Sudbury Road landfill power/electrical service network.
- D. Ordinance No. 2018-33 approving amendments to the 2017-2018 maintenance and operations budget; and  
  
Ordinance No. 2018-34 amending the 2017-2018 capital improvement project budget.
- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held September 10, 2018.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 12, 2018.

City Manager Shawa described past projects utilizing the services of Department of Enterprise Services and clarified that Item A will enable the City to apply for future energy savings programs.

There was discussion on the reasons for the reduction in business license revenue included in the budget adjustment and the data being collected.

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 F. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion.**

Council asked about the accident at the landfill requiring the emergency declaration. Staff reported that a City employee had snagged a power line with a piece of equipment resulting in the loss of power at the landfill.

**The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Ordinance No. 2018-32 revising the City's investment policy.

Staff reported on efforts to improve the City's return on investments. The investment policy amendments have been recommended by the City's financial advisor and reviewed with the Finance Committee. There was discussion on the commercial paper asset class, Fortune 500 domestic companies, and no investments in fossil fuel companies.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-32. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

B. Resolution No. 2018-101 approving a contract with GRI for the 2019-2023 pavement management program.

Staff reported this item had been reviewed with the City Council at their June 11 Work Session. This contract for preparation of a pavement management program will ensure the City is allocating resources for the right treatment on the right road at the right time. The City's streets are a \$436 million asset and citizen's highest priority. The program will provide a streets master plan and a method of measuring and analyzing improvements. Staff anticipates that grant funding agencies will be requiring agencies to have a pavement management program to be eligible for funding.

There was discussion on:

- Scope of the contract and duties versus cost of the contract. Seven firms had responded to the City's request for proposals.
- Analysis on prioritizing projects will be performed locally by staff.

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- Development of an app so citizens can determine the status of street repairs. Staff commented that specific projects can be found on the GoWallaWalla website.

Councilmembers expressed their individual opinions in support of this contract and the report by the consultant.

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. 2018-101. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

C. Public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan.

Deputy City Manager Olson reported an overview had been presented to the Council on September 24 and introduced CDBG Coordinator Beckmeyer.

CDBG Coordinator Beckmeyer outlined:

- An overview of the CDBG program and funded projects.
- The consolidated plan was developed based on data and an extensive public participation process.
- Strategic goals include:
  - Affordable housing.
  - Enhancing the quality of life.
  - Vibrant and healthy neighborhoods.
  - Economic Development.
- The micro business assistance program.
- Neighborhood revitalization strategy area.
- Eligibility criteria based on income limits.
- Proposed five-year CDBG budget.
- 2019 proposed CDBG budget.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 8:03 p.m.

Chuck Hindman, 57 Paintbrush Court, Walla Walla, member of the County Council on Homelessness, questioned whether a percentage of funding must be dedicated to a barrier free housing first program.

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Leticia Segovia, 620 9<sup>th</sup> Court, Walla Walla, commented on the benefits received from the CDBG exterior security lighting program.

James Powell, 647 Canary Avenue, Walla Walla, formerly on Carrie Drive, commented on the benefits of Commitment to Community in developing a sense of neighborhood in the area.

There being no further public testimony, the public hearing was closed at 8:07 p.m.

No action was proposed or taken on this item.

- D. Ordinance No. 2018-35 approving a rezone from R-72 single family residential to RM multifamily residential for property located at 1622 Howard Street. (Quasi-judicial, closed record).

Mayor Clark polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest.

Councilmember Huie reported he currently works for the applicants, Mr. and Mrs. Dahlke, and will be recusing himself from this item.

Councilmember Cummins announced he had worked for Mr. Dahlke in 2015 but does not believe he is biased and can remain impartial on this issue.

Mayor Clark polled the City Council for any appearance of fairness or ex-parte contacts. The only one reported was the announcement made by Councilmember Cummins. No one in the audience objected to Councilmember Cummins' participation.

Senior Planner Maland reviewed the application for the proposed rezone of the property located at 1622 Howard Street which was previously used as a church. The Hearing Examiner and staff both recommend approval. The applicant intends to use this property for professional office space through a conditional use permit.

There was discussion on:

- Professional office space being allowed in a multifamily residential zone through a conditional use permit process.
- Comprehensive plan land use and zoning must be compatible.
- Reuse of previous church buildings as part of the code update.

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- Allowable commercial uses in residential zones.
- Spot zoning for neighborhood commercial uses.
- Professional office space is allowed in multifamily residential zones through a conditional use permit process. A medical transport business might be allowed but an amended conditional use permit would be required.

**Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-35. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Huie.**

**7. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Masonic Temple rededication ceremony held September 17; the Good Roads Committee meeting held September 19; the Fort Walla Walla playground dedication held September 23; the dedication of the Christian Aid Center women's shelter held September 23; the Work Session held September 24; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 25.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held September 17; the Civil Service Commission meeting held September 19; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 20; and the Work Session held September 24.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the dedication of the Christian Aid Center women's shelter held September 23; the Finance Committee meetings held September 24 and September 25; the Housing Authority Board meeting held September 24; and the Port of Walla Walla Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 25.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Council on Housing meeting held September 17; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held September 19; affordable housing meetings held September 20 and September 21; and served as a judge for the Honor Student debates at Garrison Middle School on September 24.

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Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held September 18; the agenda preparation meeting held September 20; the Valley Transit Board meeting held September 20; the Finance Committee meetings held September 24 and September 25; and the Work Session held September 24.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Grapevine radio show on September 14; the Masonic Temple rededication ceremony held September 17; a tour of the penitentiary held September 18; the Sustainability Committee meeting held September 18; the Adam West Day ceremony held September 19; the agenda preparation meeting held September 20; the welcoming of the Horse Nations Relay on September 21; the Fort Walla Walla playground dedication ceremony held September 23; and the Work Session held September 24.

**8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

City Manager Shawa and City Attorney Donaldson reported the sleeping site is designated as a safe place for people to sleep but there are people congregating around the sleep center during the day and night, blocking sidewalk access, and creating a chaotic environment. City Attorney Donaldson filed a log of police calls in the area surrounding the sleeping center; and affidavits from surrounding business owners and from Alliance for the Homeless volunteers. Problems have intensified during the last two weeks.

Ordinance No. 2018-36 has been prepared which prohibits sitting or lying on public sidewalks around the sleeping center site.

There was discussion on:

- There is currently no overflow area to divert people once the sleeping center site is full.
- There will likely be a similar ordinance after the sleeping center site is relocated.
- This ordinance will provide a temporary fix on the problems being experienced around the sleeping center site. It does not prevent people from standing around the site, but they cannot sit or lie. Courts have found it is unconstitutional to prohibit loitering.
- The no camping ordinance will require future amendments to address unsafe triangles of property that are not a designated park.

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- The reported animal cruelty around the sleeping center site is being investigated.
- The ordinance becomes effective immediately if it is approved by five or more votes.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

The following spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance:

- Peter Brick, Alliance for the Homeless camp manager.
- Chuck Hindman, Alliance for the Homeless Chair.

David Dahlke, 514 White Street, Walla Walla, asked whether people in wheelchairs will be cited. City Attorney Donaldson explained the exceptions contained in the ordinance.

The ordinance provides that notification must be given to people prior to citing them for violation of the ordinance.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-36.  
Councilmember Huie seconded the motion.**

There were comments on needing to protect a safe place for people to sleep and businesses in the area. The Alliance for the Homeless and Police Department were commended for their service to the homeless population. The ordinance will help manage but not solve the national problem of homelessness.

**The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-36 unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.**