

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Planner Melissa Shumake, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Cummins 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 on any item not on the agenda.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2018-102 authorizing a contract with Murraysmith Inc. for water system planning at the Sudbury Road landfill.
- B. Resolution No. 2018-103 setting November 28, 2018 as the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for approximately 17 acres located adjacent to Airport Road and Melrose Street.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-104 setting October 24, 2018 as the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition to annex approximately three acres located south of Dell Avenue and west of Irene Street.

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- D. Resolution No. 2018-105 authorizing a contract renewal with Mara Machulsky of Northwest Solutions for legislative lobbying.
- E. Resolution No. 2018-106 declaring certain items surplus and authorizing their disposal.
- F. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held September 24, 2018.

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 Clubb seconded the motion.

Council asked what happens to the items that are declared surplus. City Manager Shawa reported there are several methods used to get rid of surplus items. Some items have no value and are thrown away, some are donated to other government jurisdictions or non-profit organizations, and others are sold at auction or other type of public sale.

The motion to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through F unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2018-38 establishing a special trunk sewer connection charge for properties connecting to The Dalles Military Road sewer extension.

City Engineer Chavre reported this is a follow up to action previously taken by Council to extend the sewer line on The Dalles Military Road for a private development. This will assess the other benefitting properties in a proportionate share. There was discussion on whether a time limit is necessary for repayment of this assessment. Staff explained this is a trunk sewer connection charge similar to what the City enacted when it extended sewer services down Cottonwood Road. The benefitting properties will pay a proportionately discounted connection fee at the time they need to connect to the City sewer.

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

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**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-38.
Councilmember Huie seconded the motion.**

City Attorney Donaldson reported his office provided notice to the affected property owners of this meeting and proposed action.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-38 unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2018-39 amending Chapter 5.05, general business license, to comply with the model business license threshold.

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported this amendment is in response to changes in State law. The goal of the changes in State law was to centralize the licensing for businesses within Washington State. The amendments required for compliance with the new State regulations were reviewed. Because the City opted to have its business licensing handled through the State's Business Licensing Service, the changes must be submitted by October 17 to be in compliance.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Sandy Finch, no address provided, had comments on the proposed roundabouts at the Alder/Park Street intersection and the Alder/Palouse Street intersection. Ms. Finch also felt that diagonal parking should not have been placed on Alder Street.

Mayor Clark reviewed the item under discussion and outlined the process for general public comments during a Council meeting.

**Councilmember Huie moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-39.
Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Public hearing: Petition by David McDaniels to vacate the remaining portion of alleyway in Block 22 of Ritz's Addition. (West Rose and North 12th alleyway area)

Planner Shumake reviewed the history of this proposed alleyway vacation. The Planning Commission recommends approval subject to a public utility easement. Staff is seeking City Council approval for the applicant to obtain an appraisal and pay one-half the appraised value for the

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property. The money from the vacation must be used for transportation projects. Clarification was provided that the alleyway does not go completely through and dead ends where it had previously been vacated by the City.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 7:29 p.m. There being no public testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Cummins moved to direct staff to have the applicant obtain an appraisal, pay the associated fees, and bring back an ordinance for further consideration. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 2018.

Councilmember Clubb moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 2018. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the employee barbecue held September 27; the Work Session held October 8; and the Fort Walla Walla Board meeting held October 9.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session held October 8; and a meeting with City Manager Shawa held October 5.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the employee barbecue held September 27; the Finance Committee meeting held September 27; a police ride-along on September 28; the Finance Committee meeting held October 1; the Work Session held October 8; and a meeting with realtors regarding REET 2 held October 10.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a police ride-along held September 27; the Jim Bock radio show held September 28; the Planning Commission meeting held October 1; the coffee with a cop held October 3; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held October 3; a "blue zones" presentation held October 4 at Whitman College; the Work Session held October 8; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held October

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9; and a meeting with Bob Castoldi of the Blue Mountain Action Council regarding the low income utility discount held October 10.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Finance Committee meetings held September 27 and October 1; a lunch with City Manager Shawa held October 2; the agenda preparation meeting held October 3; the Work Session held October 8; the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting held October 10; and the Public Library Board meeting held October 10.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the agenda preparation meeting held October 3; a meeting with representatives of the resilience initiative held October 3; the Work Session held October 8; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held October 9; and a meeting with winemakers from Spain held October 10.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on:

- Whether Heritage Park could be paved for additional parking downtown and determining whether there is adequate parking in the downtown area. Staff indicated that research would need to be conducted on whether there are any deed restrictions on the Heritage Park property that would preclude it from being used as a parking lot.
- Developing measures to survey citizens more frequently on one or two main issues, including the use of technology.
- Whether there are any objections to Councilmember Clubb using a personal video camera to livestream City Council meetings. Staff indicated that the Technology Services Department will also be researching video technology for the Council meetings.

The Association of Washington Cities adopted legislative priorities were distributed to Council.

Councilmember Cummins moved to appoint Councilmember Clubb to the City Council's legislative committee. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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There was brief discussion on a request by the Sustainability Committee for the Council to consider asking the State legislators for statewide recycling standards.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff look at amendments to the City's noise ordinance to address the issue of late night unamplified human voices disturbing neighborhoods.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.