

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Retreat Minutes
May 16, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Human Resource Director Pam Taylor, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Technology Services Director Chris Owen, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Police Chief Scott Bieber, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. AGENDA

A. Strategic Plan Review.

City Manager Shawa outlined:

- Purpose of having a strategic plan.
- Progress on current strategic plan goals.
- Draft strategic plan initiatives.

Staff is asking Council to review and consider the new draft strategic plan and then meet again to provide direction.

There was discussion on:

- Prioritizing programs and projects.
- Celebrating smaller programs and successes, not just major objectives.
- Strategic planning process to stay focused on initiatives and objectives before having staff start working on action plans.
- Important role of technology in performing services and meeting responsibilities.
- Need for a long-term (four to six years) financial plan for both revenues and expenses (primarily general fund).
- Business recruitment and economic development.

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B. Council discussion.

The following issues were discussed:

- Reformation of a legislative committee. Councilmember Cummins has volunteered to chair this committee and it would need two additional interested Councilmembers.
- Protocol for addressing personal attacks on staff or Council during public comments. There was extensive discussion on how best to respond; limiting comments that involve personal attacks; and allowing residents an opportunity to address the City Council.
- Use of a pedestrian scramble at the First Avenue and Main Street intersection.
- Improved tree lighting in the downtown area.
- Implicit bias training.
- Holding an additional Council Work Session on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
- Rescheduling the regular meeting of June 27 to June 25 as there will not be a quorum of Council available.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.