

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**September 10, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also Present: Dick Fondahn, Valley Transit General Manager.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Overview of US 12 corridor study and inter-agency partnering.

Public Works Director Bealey reported this Highway 12 corridor study between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Airport Road is on the City's legislative priorities. The cost of this study is approximately \$250,000 with the Washington State Department of Transportation contributing \$100,000 and the remaining amount split between the City, County and Port of Walla Walla. This study will look at the three at grade intersections at Clinton Street/Middle Waitsburg Road; Wilbur Street; and Rees/Park Street, but primarily Clinton and Wilbur. There is an item on the September 12 Council agenda to approve a contract.

City Manager Shawa outlined the need to be well positioned when the State legislature puts together a transportation funding package. An interchange is estimated at \$25 to \$30 million and this study will help position the City for funding.

B. Review of proposed lease with Valley Transit for Crawford Park.

Valley Transit General Manager Fondahn reviewed:

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- History of partnership between the City and Valley Transit.
- Behavior problems at Crawford Park.
- 2016 and 2017 studies recommended leasing Crawford Park to Valley Transit.
- Proposed changes to the park design including the removal of all but two of the ten trees and removal of berms.
- Change in use agreement to allow for installation of electric bus charging stations.
- Purpose of the proposed lease is to help make transit riders feel safer.

There was discussion by staff, Council and Mr. Fondahn on:

- Reluctance to remove trees in the area.
- Aesthetic upgrades and electric bus infrastructure.
- Difference in State statutes to allow Valley Transit to enforce unlawful transit conduct in the Crawford Park area.
- Enforcement of undesirable conduct and the expectation that the people contributing to this undesirable conduct will move to another location if they are trespassed from the Crawford Park area.
- Data on calls to the police for conduct in this area.
- Avoiding sterilizing the area to address behavioral problems and keeping the area in a park-like environment.
- Designing the area to have an impact on negative behaviors.
- Ensuring private security officers will not be armed with guns.

City Clerk Hill read a comment card submitted by Rob Robinson and Jeana Crawford Garske.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to have staff gather data on complaints and enforcement and revisit the issue with police representatives in attendance.

C. Stop the Bleed presentation.

Kathie Yancey, Registered Nurse with Providence St. Mary Medical Center, reported the "Stop the Bleed" program is a nationwide initiative to train bystanders to stop bleeding injuries. This program was started after the Sandy Hook school shooting event. This program is being taught community-wide to make the City more resilient. Ms. Yancey reviewed bleeding control techniques and offered to teach the program to any group at no cost.

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There was discussion on building bleed control kits, costs, and necessary components.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.