

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
November 5, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Riley Clubb, Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Barbara Clark.
(Councilmember Clubb arrived at 4:04 p.m.)

Absent: Councilmember Yazmin Bahena.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Public Works Manager Mori Struve, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, Solid Waste Supervisor David Jensen, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, Police Captain Chris Buttice, Deputy Fire Chief Brad Morris, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. 2019-2020 Budget review.

Public Works Director Bealey provided an in-depth overview of the proposed 2019-2020 budgets for enterprise funds managed by the Public Works Department.

There was discussion on:

- Electrical power costs for street lights and feasibility of converting lights owned by Pacific Power to LED lighting for energy savings.
- State legislation only allows one voter-approved ten-year extension for the Transportation Benefit Sales Tax.

Staff reviewed and there was discussion on the following proposals in the proposed 2019-2020 general fund budget:

- Eden upgrade to Munis software and ongoing need for the Technology Services Project Manager position.
- Human Resources Assistant.
- Crisis negotiation team throw phone.
- Sage 40mm less lethal deployment.
- Fleet services mechanic.

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B. Proposed 2019 legislative priorities.

City Manager Shawa and Legislative Committee Chair Cummins reviewed the proposed Federal and State legislative priorities.

There was discussion on:

- Transportation infrastructure funding.
- Process used in advocating the City's legislative priorities to Federal and State legislative representatives.
- Adding a State legislative priority to change the statute limiting the voter-approved sales tax increase for the Transportation Benefit District to one ten-year extension.
- Homelessness and allowing direct funding of programs to cities.
- The Washington State Department of Ecology is currently planning an educational campaign for recyclable materials.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.