

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2019**

**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, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Barbara Clark.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Green, Vice President of the Triple Creek Home Owners Association, asked that a street light be installed on Cottonwood Road at the entrance to their subdivision.

The following expressed their concerns or had comments on the relocation of the homeless sleeping center site to Rees Avenue/15<sup>th</sup> Street:

- Jesus Espana, homeowner at the end of Rees Avenue.
- Debbie Malone.
- Jean Hegele.
- Megan Espana, homeowner at the end of Rees Avenue.
- Chuck Hindman, Chair of the Alliance for the Homeless.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Hill announced that Items A and E were being removed from the agenda and introduced the remaining Consent Agenda, Items B, C, D and F, as follows:

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- B. Resolution No. 2019-02 authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology for stormwater facilities as part of the Park Street infrastructure repair and replacement project.
- C. Resolution No. 2019-03 authorizing repair/refurbishment of a road grader to Pape Machinery in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- D. Resolution No. 2019-04 sets February 27, 2019 as the date to consider a ten percent annexation petition for property generally located south of Wallowa Drive.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2018.

Council asked why the date for the annexation public hearing was changed from February 13 to February 27. Staff reported it was to allow for additional time to address some of the issues with the proposed annexation.

Mayor Clark invited public input

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, asked if the petition for annexation was available online. Staff reported it was available online.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items B, C, D and F. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2019-06 approving a shoreline substantial development permit for the replacement of the Spokane Street bridge including associated site and right of way improvements. (QUASI-JUDICIAL CLOSED RECORD)

Mayor Clark polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest or ex-parte contacts. None were reported.

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Senior Planner Maland reviewed the application, process, and recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission and staff.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-06. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

B. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held December 17, 2018.

**Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held December 17, 2018. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Huie.**

C. Approval of the December 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 200684 through 200910, 200917 through 201041, 990903 through 990910, 990912 through 990915 and 9316 through 9322 totaling \$5,989,506.78.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the December 31, 2018 accounts payable register containing check numbers 200684 through 200910, 200917 through 201041, 990903 through 990910, 990912 through 990915 and 9316 through 9322 totaling \$5,989,506.78, except for the checks to Walla Walla School District and the Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks to Walla Walla School District and the Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Bahena and Mayor Clark.**

**6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Commitment to Community Christmas party held December 20; the exit audit conference for the Transportation Benefit District held January 7; the Work Session held January 7; and the public information meeting on the Poplar Street corridor study held January 8.

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Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Port of Walla Walla Christmas party held December 20; and the Work Session held January 7.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Commitment to Community Christmas party held December 20; the Valley Transit Board meeting held December 20; and the Work Session held January 7.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held December 20; an interview on KUJ radio held December 21; the Housing Authority Board meeting held December 21; the exit audit conference for the Transportation Benefit District held January 7; the Work Session held January 7; and the Valley Transit exit audit conference held January 8.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla meeting and Holiday party held December 20; the Work Session held January 7; and the Planning Commission meeting held January 7.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Valley Transit Board meeting held December 20; the agenda preparation meeting held January 2; the Work Session held January 7; the Water Partnership Management Board meeting held January 8; the Mill Creek Coalition meeting held January 9; and the Public Library Board meeting held January 9.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Sustainability Committee meeting held December 20; the agenda preparation meeting held January 2; and the Work Session held January 7.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Scribner requested consideration of an item on a February Work Session for the Mill Creek general investigation study and whether the City should work to submit a letter on its preferences to their alternatives for consideration. There was discussion on clarifying the goal of having this item on a Work Session, having someone from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers present their alternatives, and whether the presentation should include participation by the landscaping architecture students from Washington State University.

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It was the consensus of a majority of Council to schedule an item for the February 11 Work Session for sixty minutes and to have a staff representative in attendance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to appoint Councilmember Scribner as the City Council liaison to the Arts Commission. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was discussion on the process and budget for installation of new street lights.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to refer to staff the request from the Triple Creek Homeowners Association for a street light on Cottonwood Drive at the entrance to their subdivision. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was brief discussion on the requests made during the public comment section of the agenda for the City to choose another location for the relocation of the sleep center site. Council expressed empathy for the residential property owners at the end of Rees Avenue but acknowledged there was no perfect location. It is anticipated that this new facility will be secure and well-managed.

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Clark announced that the City would be recessing to Executive Session to:

- Review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); and
- To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); and
- To discuss with legal counsel, litigation or potential litigation, to which the City is a party or is likely to become a party pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The Executive Session will last no more than two hours and no further business will come before the City Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 8:03 p.m.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.