

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 27, 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, Technology Services Director Chris Owen, Senior Planner Jon Maland, City Engineer Neal Chavre, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Clubb led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Clark invited public comments on any issue not on the agenda. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2019-17 awarding the bid for gravel and spoils hauling/disposal to Konen Rock in the amount of \$90,436.02.
- B. Resolution No. 2019-18 awarding bid for purchase of hot mix asphalt to Humbert Asphalt in the amount of \$241,758.
- C. Resolution No. 2019-19 authorizing a three-year contract for the purchase of chlorine from Oxarc, Inc. for \$23,100 each year.

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- D. Resolution No. 2019-20 awarding the contract to Frontier Fence, Inc. in the amount of \$31,954 for fence installation at 1181 W. Rees Avenue. (Sleep Center site)
- E. Resolution No. 2019-21 authorizing assignment of Charter cable franchise to Spectrum Pacific West, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter.
- F. Resolution No. 2019-22 authorizing a contract with Evco Sound and Electronics for services and equipment for audio and video upgrades for the City Hall Council Chambers in the amount of \$141,308.
- G. Resolution No. 2019-23 accepting a pedestrian safety grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation for citywide pedestrian safety treatments in the amount of \$466,000.
- H. Resolution No. 2019-24 approving an Interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for receipt of the emergency medical services levy funds.
- I. Resolution No. 2019-25 authorizing two contracts with Pacific Power for street lighting improvements on Isaacs Avenue in the amount of \$31,252.
- J. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 13, 2019.

Council asked that Item F be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

There was discussion on the total costs for relocation of the sleep center. Staff reviewed the expenses and reported Walla Walla County will be reimbursing the City \$50,000 towards the relocation costs and \$100,000 for operating expenses. The Council Commissioners were thanked for their support.

The Council recognized staff for the award of the pedestrian safety improvements grant.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

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There were questions on whether any of the surrounding jurisdictions other than Walla Walla County were helping fund the sleep center; and if the penitentiary has any safety concerns with the new location.

Staff responded that no other government agencies are providing any financial support other than Walla Walla County. The superintendent of the penitentiary has been contacted and does not have any concerns with the new location for the sleep center and supports the site.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, G, H, and I. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- F. Resolution No. 2019-22 authorizing a contract with Evco Sound and Electronics for services and equipment for audio and video upgrades for the City Hall Council Chambers in the amount of \$141,308.

Staff reported that only one proposal had been submitted in response to the City's request and outlined the scope of the project to include new audio, visual, and video streaming. There was extensive discussion on the costs of the proposal, project budget, and lack of additional proposals.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Jordan Michaels suggested looking at wireless components for potential cost savings.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, spoke in support of the proposal and importance of tools to help educate the public.

Richard Schwartz was uncomfortable with the cost and the City only receiving one proposal.

Don Anderson commented that contractors are very busy and do not need to go looking for work, so it is not surprising only one proposal was received.

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Staff reported that some of the components, such as the microphones, would utilize wireless technology, but reliability is an issue with the visual components. This was addressed with the vendor.

Councilmember Cummins moved to authorize staff to contract with Evco for the wiring of the audio/visual components. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the motion. Staff explained that the wiring and cables has been done by in-house staff, so no contract is necessary for wiring and cables.

Councilmember Cummins, with the consent of Councilmember Moss, withdrew the motion.

Councilmember Cummins moved to table this item for further discussion at a future Work Session. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 yes votes by Councilmembers Clubb, Cummins, Huie, and Moss and 3 no votes by Councilmembers Bahena, Scribner and Mayor Clark.

A. Poplar Street corridor study final report including:

Resolution No. 2019-26 supporting the preferred Poplar Street corridor study alternative including buffered bicycle lanes and roundabouts; and

Resolution No. 2019-27 amending Resolution No. 3837 to remove angled parking on Poplar Street's south side between First Avenue and Colville Street; and

Ordinance No. 2019-03 amending Municipal Code Chapter 10.13.010 to remove the two-hour parking restriction for Poplar Street between First Avenue and Colville Street.

Transportation Engineer Puymon reviewed the collision data and need for improvements to the corridor for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. This preferred alternative is an opportunity to improve safety and make the project more competitive for grants.

Scott Mansur, DKS Associates, reviewed:

- Project purpose and goals.

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- Boundaries of the corridor study.
- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Safety and collision data analysis.
- Alternative concepts and process for review.
- Feedback from public meetings.
- Alternatives advanced to the tier two screening.
- Intersection design options including two proposed roundabouts.
- Pedestrian and traffic control improvements.
- Alternative layouts.
- Modification to alternative 1 to remove the buffering of the bicycle lane from 7th Avenue to Colville Street in order to preserve the existing mature street trees.
- Comparison of alternatives and cost estimates.
- Tier two screening and recommendation to move forward with the preferred alternative 1.

Transportation Engineer Puymon reported on contact with the City of College Place who is looking at options for the Poplar Street/Myra Road/C Street intersection.

There was discussion on:

- Potential for removal of non-warranted traffic signals at certain intersections along the corridor.
- Loss of angled parking on Poplar Street adjacent to offices used by Banner Bank and available public parking in the vicinity.
- Elimination of the bicycle lane buffering and whether the City is sacrificing safety for trees.
- Impact of mature tree canopies on slowing traffic and making streets safer.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Carin Ruster, daily driver on Poplar, spoke in support of the preferred Alternative 1 and offered suggestions for pedestrian safety at 7th Avenue and Poplar Street.

Joy (last name indecipherable), spoke in support of the preferred Alternative 1.

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**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-26.
Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-27.
Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously
carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-03.
Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion.**

There was discussion on whether this block should remain as two-hour parking or eliminated as a concession to Banner Bank for giving up the angled parking.

**The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-03 carried with 4 yes votes by
Councilmembers Bahena, Cummins, Moss and Scribner and 3 no votes by
Councilmembers Clubb, Huie and Mayor Clark.**

- B. Resolution No. 2019-28 modifying a proposed annexation boundary generally located south of Wallowa Drive and adjacent to Fern Avenue.

Senior Planner Maland reviewed:

- Annexation process timeline.
- Analysis of proposed boundaries and outside utility agreements in the area.
- Recommended modification to the boundary for the proposed annexation.

There was discussion on:

- Whether the recommended boundaries create an island by taking in public right-of-way where utilities exist.
- Inclusion of properties with outside utility agreements and creating logical boundaries.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

The following spoke in favor of inclusion in the proposed annexation:

- Maria Fondahn, petitioner.
- Chris Jenkins, owner of two acres within the proposed boundaries.

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The following spoke in opposition to the proposed annexation boundaries:

- Chris Gisi.
- David Sept.
- R.L. McFarland.
- Don Anderson.
- John Butenhoff.
- Michael Neher.
- Tim Novakovich.
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There was discussion on the proposed boundaries. Staff indicated that the City does not split the boundaries of parcels if they are owned by the same person and it allows that person to determine if they want to be included in the annexation area.

Councilmember Scribner moved to reject the proposed annexation boundaries. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the impact of rejecting the proposed annexation versus modifying the boundaries.

Councilmember Scribner, with the consent of Councilmember Huie, withdrew his motion

Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-28 with a modification to the proposed boundary to only include the property identified in the annexation petition. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Council dispensed with their meeting reports.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no new or unfinished business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.