

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, 550 W. Rose Street.

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, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Public Library Director Beth Hudson, Senior Planner Jon Maland, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, asked when he would receive a response to his email questions regarding the Blue Mountain Estates subdivision.

Sandy Finch, no address provided, expressed concerns with the proposed roundabouts to be installed, especially the one at State Route 125/9th Avenue/Plaza Way.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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- A. Resolution No. 2019-40 sets May 8, 2019 for a public hearing on the petition for vacation of the southern 65 feet of Hemlock Street.
- B. Resolution No. 2019-41 authorizing an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for Mill Creek watershed patrol/protection services through December 31, 2020 for \$101,959.
- C. Resolution No. 2019-42 accepting the bids from College Place Heating & Air Conditioning for an HVAC unit for Fire Station No. 1 in the amount of \$25,689.51.
- D. Resolution No. 2019-43 awarding the bid for a security camera system at the library to Hays Electric, LLC, in the amount of \$21,309.46.
- E. Resolution No. 2019-44 authorizing the purchase of crack sealant from Arrow Construction Supply through the State bid in the amount of \$63,392.86.

Staff provided a brief report on Item B. This is the 101st year the City and Forest Service have collaborated to protect and patrol the watershed.

There was discussion on Item C and the proposal received from College Place Heating & Air Conditioning.

Mayor Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through E. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Ordinance No. 2019-08 establishing the ambulance service to be operated as a public utility.

City Manager Shawa requested that Council table consideration of Ordinance No. 2019-08 to the May 8, 2019 City Council meeting to allow staff additional time to respond to a number of questions that have been raised.

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Councilmember Scribner distributed copies of a list of questions he would like staff to answer relating to the cost of providing ambulance services; and asked the City Council to authorize staff to respond to these questions.

Councilmember Moss moved to table Ordinance No. 2019-08 to May 8, 2019. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Scribner moved to direct the City Manager to provide answers, prior to May 8, to his list of questions in order to make an informed decision on the proposed ambulance utility. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion.

There was discussion on how much staff time will be necessary to research and respond to the list of questions provided by Councilmember Scribner. Staff indicated it may take several hours to compile responses to the questions.

The motion to direct the City Manager to provide answers, prior to May 8, to the list of Councilmember Scribner's questions in order to make an informed decision on the proposed ambulance utility unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-09 annexing approximately 75 acres located south of West Rees Avenue, west of Irene Street, east of Myra Road and adjacent to Dell Avenue.

Senior Planner Maland reviewed:

- Boundary of proposed annexation.
- Annexation process and notice provided to required agencies and surrounding residents.
- Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 7:35 p.m.

Ray Summerland, 1333 Dell Avenue, Walla Walla, asked what the benefit is to him to be annexed into the City.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

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Development Services Director Chamberlain explained the annexation process and reviewed some of the benefits of being annexed. This area is currently a County island within the City's urban growth area.

City Attorney Donaldson reported that in response to the impending relocation of the sleep center, the recently adopted no sit/no lie ordinance will cover this newly annexed area as it follows the boundary of the City.

Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-09. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Resolution No. 2019-45 authorizing an agreement with a consultant to prepare a BUILD grant for the Myra Road extension project, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

City Manager Shawa reported this was reviewed with the City Council at their April 8 Work Session. Staff is seeking City Council authorization to enter into a contract with a consultant in an amount up to \$50,000 to prepare a BUILD grant application for the Myra Road south extension project. The City has submitted two previous grant applications for this project and has been advised the application needs additional data analysis on the public safety improvements anticipated by the project. The grant has not been announced yet, but the application period is typically only sixty to ninety days. This authorization will expedite the contracting process for a consultant to prepare a BUILD grant application.

There was brief discussion on the project as a part of the County-wide transportation plan.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

R.L. McFarland, 3731 Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla, suggested the City might consider hiring a grant specialist to prepare applications rather than hiring a consultant. Staff reported the City is very successful in applying for and receiving grants. This particular grant requires a certain level of expertise that a single grant specialist would not likely possess.

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Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-45 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion.

There was clarification that the resolution also contains authorization for amendments up to another \$20,000 and there was brief discussion on whether the amount is sufficient for refining a grant application.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-45 unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- D. Approval of the March 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 201776 through 202142, 990926 through 990928, and 9368 through 9415 totaling \$2,642,972.45.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the March 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 201776 through 202142, 990926 through 990928, and 9368 through 9415 totaling \$2,642,972.45 with the exception of the checks to Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, and Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Scribner moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, and Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 3 abstentions by Councilmembers Cummins, Huie and Mayor Clark.

- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held March 25, 2019.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held March 25, 2019. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.

- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2019.

Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2019. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Moss.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at a meeting held March 17 with residents of the Edith-Carrie neighborhood regarding the ward election; the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held March 18; a meeting regarding stormwater fees held March 19; a meeting with staff and members of the Christian Aid Center held March 20; the Work Session held March 25; the Work Session held April 8; and the affordable housing task force meeting held April 9.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at a meeting with City Manager Shawa held April 2; the Work Session held April 8; and the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting held April 9.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session held April 8; and the affordable housing task force meeting held April 9.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the oath of office ceremony for Captain Braman on March 28; the retirement celebration for Dick Fondahn on March 29; and the Work Session held April 8.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting held March 28; the Planning Commission meeting held April 1; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held April 3; a meeting with the College Place City Administrator regarding land banking and housing trusts held April 4; the Work Session held April 8; the affordable housing task force meeting held April 9; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 9.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at a meeting in the East ward with citizens regarding ward elections held March 31; the Water Management Partnership Board meeting held April 1; the agenda preparation meeting held April 3; the Work Session held April 8; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting held April 9; and the Mill Creek coalition meeting held April 10.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the oath of office ceremony for Captain Braman held March 28; the agenda preparation meeting held April 3; the Work Session held April 8; the Fire Pension Board meeting held April 9; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting held April 9; and a meeting regarding the creation of a recreational hub held April 10.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Development Services Director Chamberlain reported staff will have a response for Mr. McFarland's email questions by April 12, 2019.

There was discussion on the benefits of roundabouts, including the data supporting improved safety.

Galen Tom, no address provided, commented on the efficiencies of roundabouts.

There were comments on:

- The Arts Commission will be looking at artwork for the remodeled Council Chambers.
- Restricting commercial truck traffic, such as grain trucks, on local streets, especially 2nd Avenue, for safety reasons.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been diverting water into Bennington Lake. The lake is at twenty-five percent capacity so there are no concerns for flooding within the City limits.
- The next City Council meeting will be held in the Veteran's Memorial Golf Course Clubhouse.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.