

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24, 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, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, 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

Dorothy Knudson reported on a recent Walla Walla County Planning Commission meeting where a request to remove property from the City's urban growth area was considered. According to the County, there is currently enough developable residential land within the City limits based on growth projections.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2019-75 setting a public hearing for July 24, 2019 to consider the Wallowa Drive annexation petition.
- B. Resolution No. 2019-76 setting July 24, 2019 to determine whether to accept, reject, or geographically modify a ten percent annexation petition for property located west of Plaza Way and north of Highland Road.

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- C. Resolution No. 2019-77 authorizing a contract with Walla Walla Fence for fencing at the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$41,989.01.
- D. Resolution No. 2019-78 authorizing a change order with Konen Rock for additional spoils hauling and disposal in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
- E. Resolution No. 2019-79 authorizing a contract with MurraySmith Inc. for water system design, bidding and construction phase services at the Sudbury Road landfill in the amount of \$141,000.
- F. Resolution No. 2019-80 initiating the vacation of the remainder of 11th Avenue right-of-way.
- G. Resolution No. 2019-81 updating the City's post-issuance compliance policy.
- H. Resolution No. 2019-82 approving revisions to the City's debt policy.
- I. Resolution No. 2019-83 approving the updates to the City's credit card policy.
- J. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held June 10, 2019.
- K. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 12, 2019.

Council reported the Finance Committee reviewed Items G, H and I and recommends approval. Staff was asked for a brief report on the amendments. Finance Director Teasdale provided a brief overview of the changes to the post-issuance compliance policy, the debt policy, and the credit card policy.

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 K. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2019-84 modifying the proposed annexation boundary near Walla Walla High School (Fern/Abbott/Reser/Carmella Way area).

Development Services Director Chamberlain reviewed:

- Steps in the annexation process.
- The recommended modification to the annexation boundaries to include the properties north of Carmella Way to the City boundary on Abbott Road, the Fern Street right-of-way, and Reser Road right-of-way from Fern Street to Prospect/Cottonwood Street.
- One comment letter was received from the Saturno Family objecting to the inclusion of the Reser Road right-of-way.

There was discussion on:

- Concerns expressed by the Saturno family regarding access from their property to Reser Road. Staff reported that the property currently has access to Reser Road so this should not be an issue.
- No objections have been received from the properties north of the Carmella Way area proposed for inclusion.
- There is no current proposal to bring in the Saturno property although it is within the City's urban growth area. No assurances have been provided to the Saturno's that their property would remain in the County. Since it is within the urban growth area, it is a matter of when it will be annexed, not if it will be annexed.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

R.L. McFarland commented on the City's tendency to "land grab" and asked for assurances from all senior City staff that no promises were made to the Saturno's. With the inclusion of the Reser Road right-of-way, this proposal creates two islands of County.

Julian Saturno spoke in opposition to the inclusion of the Reser Road right-of-way in the annexation boundary.

There was discussion on correcting irregular City boundaries and the impact on the maintenance of right-of-way if Reser Road is excluded from the annexation boundaries.

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Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-84 with the exclusion of the Reser Road right-of-way. Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Ordinance No. 2019-12 amending the 2019-2020 biennium maintenance and operations budget; and Ordinance No. 2019-13 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

Finance Director Teasdale reviewed the proposed budget amendment. Council commented the Finance Committee has also reviewed these amendments and recommends approval.

Mayor Clark invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-13. Councilmember Scribner seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the County Housing Summit held June 14; the special meeting held June 14; the Finance Committee meeting held June 18; and the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board meeting held June 19.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the special meeting held June 14; the groundbreaking for The Lodge apartments held June 19; the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 19; and the Committee on Committees meeting held June 24.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the special meeting held June 14; the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting held June 18; and the Committee on Committees meeting held June 24.

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Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the special meeting held June 14; a meeting to update residents on the sleep center held June 17; the Finance Committee meeting held June 18; the groundbreaking for The Lodge apartments held June 19; the Good Roads Committee meeting held June 19; the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 20; the amateur radio operators event held June 22; and the dedication of the Doughty Home for Veteran Women held June 23.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held June 19; the Council on Housing meeting held June 24; and the Committee on Committees meeting held June 24.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Humane Society Board meeting held June 18; the Finance Committee held June 18; the agenda preparation meeting held June 19; and the Valley Transit Board meeting held June 20.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Willow Block party held June 13; the special meeting held June 14; a welcome to attendees of the Northwest Land Camp held June 18; the agenda preparation meeting held June 19; the groundbreaking for The Lodge apartments held June 19; the LGBTQ Pride Parade held June 22; the amateur radio operators event held June 22; and the dedication of the Doughty Home for Veteran Women held June 23.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council and staff commented that the City is not involved in any type of “build within program” suggested by a recent letter to the editor in the Union Bulletin. The State Constitution prohibits the gifting of public funds.

Councilmember Huie moved to make the following reappointments:

- **Bart Preecs and Bob Carson to the Sustainability Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2022; and**
- **Blair Burroughs, John DeLong and Scott Byerley to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2022.**

Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Consider the price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c); and
- Discuss with legal counsel, litigation or potential litigation involving the City 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 Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 8:02 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.