

**Walla Walla City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Riley Clubb, Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Barbara Clark.

Absent: Councilmember Yazmin Bahena.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabil Shawa, Deputy City Manager Bryon Olson, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Planner Jon Maland, Fire Chief Bob Yancey and Deputy City Clerk Jodi Stephens.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Clark advised that no public comments will be allowed on the proposed Hayden Homes development agreement or Bachtold annexation as it is a quasi-judicial matter. Citizens may submit comments and concerns in writing to the Development Services department before 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2019. All submissions will be reviewed by the City Council, there will be a Public Hearing date set, and at that time Council will take comments.

Sharon Shiller felt that sidewalk sign boards are a tripping hazard, and the Say No to Panhandling signs are in poor taste.

The following expressed concerns with the inability to comment on the proposed Hayden Homes development agreement/Bachtold annexation:

- Vern Myrick
- RL McFarland
- Colleen Myrick

Staff reviewed:

- Steps in the annexation and public hearing process.
- Land use matters are only allowed to have one hearing.
- Council members may not take comments outside of the official record in quasi-judicial matters as their participation may be challenged.

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- The time for public comments and oral objections will be during the formal public hearing.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution No. 2019-90 rejecting all bids for the 2019 Water Capital Improvement Project.
- B. Resolution No. 2019-91 approving a contract extension with the Washington State Department of Corrections for fire protection services at the Penitentiary.
- C. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held July 8, 2019.
- D. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 10, 2019.
- E. Acceptance of resignation of Brian Mahoney from the Historic Preservation Committee.

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 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

### 5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-14 approving the Wallowa Drive Annexation of approximately 3.24 acres, located south of Wallowa Drive.

Senior Planner Maland provided an overview of the annexation process, boundaries and reported staff recommends approval.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open. There being no public testimony, the hearing was closed.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-14. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

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- B. Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-15 approving the vacation of the remainder of the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way between E. Rees Avenue and E. Moore Street.

The vacation of the remaining 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way was initiated by the City. This right-of-way has never been improved. In addition, a roadway will never be constructed in that location since it would not have a southerly connection with the vacation of W. Moore St. The cost of maintaining the unimproved right-of-way and potential liabilities are greater than any benefit of keeping the right-of-way.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open. There being no public testimony, the hearing was closed.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-15. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2019-92 determining that the City will accept and geographically modify a proposed annexation, being generally located north of Highland Road and adjacent to Plaza Way.

Staff outlined the proposed boundaries and reported this is a true island and is surrounded by City limits. No objections have been received from the property owners regarding this annexation. The recommended modification to the proposed boundaries is to include the remaining properties to eliminate the island which modifies the annexation boundary from 3.6 acres to 6.3 acres.

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

**Councilmember Scribner moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-92. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

## 6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the Work Session held July 22; and the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held July 24.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance on the Jim Bock radio talk show on July 12; the council candidate forum on July 18; and the Work Session held on July 22, 2019.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the Washington State Department of Transportation board meeting held July 16; the Valley Transit Board meeting held July

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18; the Work Session held July 22; and the exit conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office held July 24.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting held July 17; the council candidate forum on July 18; and the Work Session held July 22.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at the Water Management Partnership Board meeting on July 11; the agenda preparation meeting held July 17; the council candidate forum on July 18; and the Work Session held July 22.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at the Grapevine radio show held July 12; the Emergency Management board meeting held July 16; the agenda preparation meeting held July 17; the Sustainability Committee meeting held July 18; the council candidate forum held July 18; the ad hoc neighborhood organization meeting held July 19; the City block party held July 20; and the Work Session held July 22.

### **7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new or unfinished business.

### **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Clark announced that the City Council will be recessing to Executive Session to 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 8:12 p.m.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**