

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 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 Nabel Shawa, Assistant City Attorney Preston Frederickson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, Capital Projects Engineer Mike Laughery, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

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

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dorothy Knudson, Walla Walla, suggested looking at an affordable housing construction program on Catalina Island; and raising property taxes on second homes like Utah and Vancouver, Canada have done.

Daniel Colon, Walla Walla, asked that the crosswalks at St. Mary Medical Center be repainted.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2019-93 authorizing an application and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant (JAG) to fund both the Police Department and County Sheriff's office technology improvements in the amount of \$14,166.

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- B. Resolution No. 2019-94 awarding the bid for the Oak-Palouse water main replacement project to Sharpe & Preszler Construction in the amount of \$745,086.33.
- C. Resolution No. 2019-95 rejecting all bids for the 2019 alley sewer replacement project from Tukannon Street to Palouse Street.

There was discussion on the types of technology to be purchased with the justice assistance grant; and the reasons for rejecting the bids for the 2019 alley sewer replacement project.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Dorothy Knudson, Walla Walla, commented that the County Sheriff's office will be using the grant funds for purchasing mobile computers and docking stations.

Daniel Colon, Walla Walla, suggested obtaining a list of the equipment to be purchased with the grant funds.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through C. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2019-96 approving the purchase of an ambulance and accompanying systems with sole source protocol from Braun Northwest and Stryker Medical in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.

Staff reported and there was discussion on the purchase of an ambulance using Braun Northwest as sole source.

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

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-96. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

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- B. Resolution No. 2019-97 authorizing the intent to file for sharing of sales tax funding for housing via Substitute House Bill 1406.

Staff reported on the process and necessity for adopting a resolution of intent in order to receive a share of the State's sales tax revenue for affordable housing. An ordinance to enact the tax must be adopted by July 2020. The City is not operating independently but plans on working with Walla Walla County and the City of College Place.

Mayor Clark invited public input.

Sharon Shiller, Walla Walla, suggested there may be broader uses to further affordable housing goals than just construction.

City Clerk Hill read correspondence from Ted Koehler in support of the resolution.

Staff outlined the allowable uses for affordable housing under Substitute House Bill 1406.

There was discussion on:

- The need for thoughtful planning and review of potential projects for affordable housing.
- It is likely that more cities have not adopted Resolutions of Intent because the legislation just became effective July 28.
- Impact of adopting the Resolution of Intent and level of commitment by the City.
- Having a positive relationship and leadership role in working with the County to receive a full allocation of funds.
- Affordable housing has been an issue on the City's legislative agenda and this revenue sharing legislation is a major win for local governments.

**Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-97.**  
**Councilmember Cummins seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Public hearing and Ordinance No. 2019-16 extending interim zoning Ordinance No. 2018-28 designating camping areas in the heavy industrial zone.

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Development Services Director Chamberlain outlined the necessity to extend the interim zoning ordinance to allow staff to submit a comprehensive plan and zoning map amendment to be processed. It is likely that a second extension will be necessary before this formal process is complete. This interim ordinance was enacted to allow for the relocation of the sleep center.

Mayor Clark declared the public hearing open at 7:58 p.m.

Daniel Colon, Walla Walla, spoke in support of the extension.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Clark declared the public hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-16. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Approval of the July 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 203344 through 203686, 990946 through 990948, 990951, and 9512 through 9531 totaling \$2,988,526.33.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the July 31, 2019 accounts payable register containing check numbers 203344 through 203686, 990946 through 990948, 990951, and 9512 through 9531 totaling \$2,988,526.33 except for the checks for Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, and Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve payment of the checks to Myron Huie and Alliance for the Homeless. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmember Huie and Mayor Clark.**

**Councilmember Clubb moved to approve payment of the checks to Jerry Cummins. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 abstention by Councilmember Cummins.**

- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held July 22, 2019.

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**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session held July 22, 2019. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 24, 2019.

**Councilmember Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 24, 2019. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Council asked staff to review and report back on the payment of check number 203570.

**6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new offices of the Blue Mountain Action Council on August 9; the Open on Isaacs Road Show held August 10; the County Housing land trust subcommittee meeting held August 13; and the Walla Walla Sweets playoff game on August 13.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the National Night Out celebration held August 5; and the Walla Walla Sweets playoff game on August 13.

Councilmember Cummins reported attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new offices of the Blue Mountain Action Council on August 9; and a meeting with staff from Senator Murray's office held August 12.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Planning Commission meeting held August 5; the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting held August 7; the Community Council education sub-group meeting held August 8; and the County Housing land trust subcommittee meeting held August 13.

Councilmember Scribner reported attendance at a meeting with the Fleet Services Manager held July 29; the Mill Creek Coalition meeting held August 1; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held August 13; and the Public Library Board meeting held August 14. A recap

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was provided on the Arts Commission and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meetings.

Mayor Clark reported attendance at a meeting with YMCA youth in government students held July 30; a meeting of the outdoor recreation hub committee held August 5; the ad hoc committee on building neighborhoods held August 6; the agenda preparation meeting held August 7; a radio interview on the Grapevine held August 9; the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new offices of the Blue Mountain Action Council on August 9; and the Open on Isaacs Road Show held August 10.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Scribner moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Bahena. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was discussion on having a Work Session item on sole source purchasing. City Manager Shawa reported on staff's intent to have educational sessions for new Councilmembers after the first of the year. Bidding/purchasing procedures will be one of the topics covered.

**Councilmember Huie moved to appoint Noemi Reed to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2020. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Deputy City Manager Olson reported the Arts Commission determined the bronze tree limb to be placed in Pioneer Park is art and recommends acceptance.

**Councilmember Scribner moved to approve the Arts Commission recommendation to accept the donation of the bronze tree limb for placement in Pioneer Park. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

City Manager Shawa recognized the Chamber of Commerce, Union Bulletin, Culbert Construction, and City staff for the successful Open on Isaacs Road Show; and invited attendance at the Vista Terrace park block party on August 15 at 5:30 p.m.

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Staff will make sure that the repainting of the crosswalks around the St. Mary Medical Center are on the street division work plan.

The Washington State constitution requires the uniform taxation of property so assessing a higher tax levy on second homes is not allowed. Affordable housing issues are being worked on and discussed by several organizations and groups.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**