

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Retreat Minutes
April 27, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the retreat to order at 8:03 a.m. in the Fulton Community Room, 54 E. Moore Street, Walla Walla.

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, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

The following issues were discussed:

- Highlights of 2018 citizen satisfaction survey.
- General fund budget.
- Ambulance service funding and proposed formation of an ambulance utility.
- Information and research requests from individual Councilmembers to staff.

Councilmembers asked for consideration of the following issues at a future date:

- Budget development and Council involvement in the process.
- Whether use of the utility bill insert is an effective communication mechanism due to the billing cycles and timeliness of information.
- Use of emergency services specialty teams and cost to the City.
- Overtime for fire and emergency medical service personnel and whether a "floating" employee would reduce expenses.
- Scheduling more time for Council planning and discussion.
- Youth involvement in City government.
- Feasibility of starting and ending regular City Council meetings earlier.
- Financial stability and sustainability of the City budget.
- Establishment of a day care facility for City employees.
- Construction of a Portland "loo" in the downtown.
- Creation of a City ombudsmen program.
- Fireworks enforcement or removal of restrictions.

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- Establishing water conservation rates or program.
- Communications including holding an open house quarterly in each ward.
- Comparative analysis of budget and services.
- Legislative update.
- Establishment of a program for sidewalk repairs.
- Affordable housing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.