

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
March 25, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Fulton Community Room, 54 E. Moore Street.

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

Absent: Councilmember Jerry Cummins.

City staff in attendance Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Human Resources Director Pam Taylor, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Senior Planner Jon Maland, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Overview of the annexation process.

Mayor Clark provided a brief report on the Growth Management Act.

Development Services Director Chamberlain and Public Works Director Bealey reviewed:

- The influence of the Growth Management Act on annexations.
- Restrictions on methods of annexation.
- 2014 change in Council policy to require annexation prior to provision of City utilities.
- The steps in the annexation process.
 - The ten percent petition step and statutorily required deadlines.
 - The sixty percent petition step.
- The advantages and disadvantages to annexation.
- Staff's annexation philosophy and how the proposed annexation boundaries are developed, including the inclusion of public right-of-way.

There was discussion on:

- Communications to property owners on the annexation process.

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- Process for establishment of the urban growth area boundaries.
- Establishment of boundaries for service delivery, including contiguous roadways.
- Benefits of having a Work Session prior to the meeting to determine annexation boundaries.
- Restricting the acceptance of annexation petitions to once or twice per year to review them from a more holistic point of view.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Clark announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council in the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings and to review proposals made in negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and to discuss litigation and potential litigation, in which the City is a party or is likely to become a party, with legal counsel representing 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 5:17 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.