

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
April 8, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Fulton Community Room, Police Department, 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, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, Environmental Engineer Leah Fisk, and City Clerk Kammy Hill. Also present was Willy Breshears, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator with Jacobs/OMI.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Discussion regarding next steps on the Myra Road South extension project.

City Manager Shawa and Public Works Director Bealey reviewed:

- The Myra Road extension south project is estimated at \$8.3 million.
- Staff has received word that the Federal Highway Administration will offer BUILD grant funding. The City would like to seek \$5.3 million of these grant funds.
- This project has been included in the long-term transportation plan for years and is an important piece in the multi-modal transportation network.
- This project will improve public safety response times and the proposed roundabouts will improve highway safety.
- A request for proposals was issued for a consultant to prepare the grant and fortify the technical elements.
- Staff is asking the City Council for authorization on April 10 for an agreement up to \$50,000 for assistance in preparing the grant application. Preparation of the grant application is beyond staff's

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available time and expertise. There will be a very short turnaround time after the Federal government announces the grant.

- Having preauthorization to hire a consultant will keep the project moving along.
- The City's previous application had made it through two tiers of a three-tier review. The feedback received about the previous application was the need to fortify the technical pieces related to the roundabouts, public safety, and economic benefits by reducing the sales tax leakage to the Tri-Cities.

There was discussion on locating firms to provide the technical expertise to analyze and provide data necessary for the application; and economic development benefits.

B. Contract renewal with Jacobs/OMI.

Staff reviewed:

- Existing contract with Jacobs/OMI for maintenance and operation of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Recommendation for a five-year extension of the contract.
- Intention to review code requirements with the contract provisions over the next five years.
- Relationship with Jacobs/OMI.
- Roles and responsibilities between Jacobs/OMI and the City.
- Excellent operational and safety performance.
- Availability of a national network of technical expertise.
- Maintenance, repair, upgrades, and associated costs and responsibilities.
- Rebates received by the City.
- Community partnerships and volunteer hours provided by Jacobs/OMI staff.

There was discussion on:

- Cost avoidance.
- Rebates and cost incentives.
- Benefits to the City by contracting for the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Clark announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session for the following purposes:

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- To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); and
- To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c); and
- To discuss with legal counsel, litigation or potential litigation, to which the City is a party or is likely to become a party 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 the City Council in open session. The meeting was recessed at 5:02 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.