

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**June 10, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Police Chief Scott Bieber, City Engineer Neal Chavre, CDBG Coordinator Jennifer Beckmeyer, Environmental Engineer Leah Fisk, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also present: Walla Walla County Commissioner Todd Kimball; Walla Walla County Public Works Director Tony Garcia; and Scott Mansur, Project Manager with DKS Associates.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Status update on U.S. Highway 12 corridor alternatives project.

Staff and Mr. Mansur reviewed:

- Project corridor.
- Project schedule.
- Purpose of the project.
- Evaluation process of the alternatives.
- Alternative scenarios.
- Next steps in the process.

There was discussion on:

- Northern access at Wilbur is not feasible.
- Benefits of a partial cloverleaf interchange design at Clinton Street versus a full cloverleaf interchange.
- Reduction in speed limits if roundabouts are installed on the highway.
- Traffic counts necessary for a grade-separated option.

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- Other Pacific Northwest highways that have installed roundabouts.
- Level of input on the final recommended alternative to be built.
- Project funding and feasibility.

B. Discussion prior to adoption of the Title VI Implementation Plan.

Staff reviewed the process and steps for adoption of a Title VI, non-discrimination policy; the draft Americans with Disabilities Act update and procedures; the complaint policy; and next steps. There was clarification on the differences between Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act.

This item will be on the June 12 City Council agenda for approval.

C. Review of potential contract with Apollo, Inc. for the installation of leachate system cleanouts in the active landfill cell in an amount not to exceed \$39,787.20.

Staff reported on the project background; using the environmental exception for contracting the project; location of the cleanouts and why they are necessary; and next steps.

There was discussion on:

- Why the cleanouts are necessary and why they were not planned when the cell was initially developed.
- Benefits of continuing with the bioreactor project for carbon credits and better quality of methane gas.
- Contract costs due to potential risks of working with refuse within the cell.

D. Presentation on the water/fire suppression system improvements for the Sudbury Road landfill.

Staff reviewed the need to serve the Sudbury Road landfill with an adequate water/fire suppression system and the possible alternatives for getting adequate fire flow to the site. Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million. These improvements are necessary to meet current fire codes.

There was discussion on the cost; identifying the least costly option over the long run; and determining at some point in the future whether the City should be operating a landfill due to the risks.

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E. Discussion of City fireworks regulations and potential options.

Mayor Clark explained the 2003 fireworks code revisions to the types of fireworks allowed within the City and dates/times for discharge. These amendments were made due to citizen complaints.

Staff reported on the difficulty in enforcing the current fireworks code and recommended either a complete ban or reverting back to the allowed fireworks under the State regulations. This would make the City regulations consistent with the County and College Place. Handouts were provided on the allowed and illegal fireworks.

There was extensive discussion on:

- Mutual aid.
- Cost of staffing for public fireworks displays.
- Any trends in call volumes and mapping the calls by wards.
- Impact if the Police Department actively enforced current codes.
- Confiscation of illegal fireworks.
- Sale of fireworks is primarily in the County and College Place.
- Include whether to ban fireworks in the annual citizen survey or possibly put as an advisory vote during an election.
- Discuss with the County and College Place to see if there is any interest in having them enact the same restrictions.
- Education and additional enforcement, including having both a police officer and firefighter team up on special patrols on July 4.
- The burden on the City's emergency services.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to include a question regarding fireworks on the citizen survey and meet with Walla Walla County and City of College Place to determine if they are amenable to amending their fireworks regulations.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.