

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**December 2, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Jerry Cummins, Myron Huie, Steve Moss, Tom Scribner, and Mayor Barbara Clark. (Councilmember Scribner arrived at 4:08 p.m.)

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Public Works Operations Manager Mori Struve, Customer Service Supervisor Rachel Warren, Fire Captain John Knowles, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. Follow-up discussion regarding the recycling tipping point plan.

Also, in attendance for this item: Sustainability Committee Members Fred Miller, Bart Preecs, Elissa Brown, Judy Fenno, Erendira Cruz, and Rebecca Heisman.

Staff reviewed the existing situation with the lack of markets and costs of disposing recyclable commodities which resulted in the Council action to establish a tipping point for disposal of recycling materials.

There was extensive discussion on the issues surrounding the lack of markets for recyclable materials; contamination of the material; education on recyclable material; charging residents a higher rate without any guarantee the recycling will not be deposited in a landfill; various ways to recycle; how fast the domestic market might respond; the need to maintain recycling infrastructure; and issuing citations for people that contaminate recycling materials.

Council suggested that reconsideration of this issue may be on the December 18 agenda.

B. Artesia Water District – intertie discussion.

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Staff reported the last water intertie agreement with the Artesia Water District expired in 2007 and many efforts have been made to negotiate a new agreement without response from the water district. The boundaries of the district include areas of the City, the City's urban growth area, and City of College Place. Staff has prepared a fire service plan for the area and recommends closing the valve to protect the City's own water service from the potential of contamination without a backflow protection device.

There was discussion on water rates for negotiation and providing a thirty-day shut-off notice.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.