

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 10, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scribner called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Yazmin Bahena, Riley Clubb, Myron Huie, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, Engineer Doug Eaton, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Hill reported the following written public comments had been submitted and forwarded to all of City Council as follows:

Police Department funding

Alexandra Friedman  
Colleen McKibben  
Rachel Prull  
Marieke Hess  
Sadie Robinson  
Elizabeth Jean Moore  
Sam Tacheny  
Katie Pekar  
Carrie Moore  
Baker Weilert

Police Officer Nat Small tattoo

Congregation Beth Israel Walla Walla  
Elizabeth Moore  
Justine Gutierrez  
Lindsay Luna (also expressed concerns with disbandment of the Police Department's social media account)  
Ben Mattice

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Improving all citizens feeling of safety  
Noah Leavitt

There were comments by individual Councilmembers.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A and B, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2020-60 authorizing the purchase of two messaging board systems from Traffic Safety Supply Company in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.
- B. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 27, 2020.

Staff provided a brief report on Item A.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A and B. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**4. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2020-61 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Pacific Power to convert existing streetlights to LED fixtures; and  
  
Ordinance No. 2020-19 authorizing an interfund loan from the equipment replacement fund to the streets fund for the LED streetlight conversion.

Staff described the project to convert the 1570 streetlights owned by Pacific Power to LED fixtures for energy and cost-savings to the City; and funding and payback time for the project.

City Clerk Hill reported written correspondence had been received from Vicky McClellan and Casey McClellan expressing concerns with the excessively bright nature of LED lights. Staff outlined the efforts being made to address the concerns of Mr. and Mrs. McClellan. The LED lights are standard Pacific Power equipment and a deviation would increase project costs.

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Casey McClellan commented this was a significant decision and asked that a different light be used. Bill Clemens, Pacific Power, explained a different light is not a part of the bid from the contractor and the project would have to be rebid at a significant cost to the City.

**Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-61. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-19. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-20 granting a non-exclusive franchise with Verizon Wireless.

Staff reported that a franchise agreement had been approved by Council in January. Between the approval of the agreement and sending it to Verizon for acceptance, the corporate name of the entity changed. This necessitates a new franchise agreement.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open.

Jason Verduzco, Verizon Wireless, apologized for the inconvenience of having to go through the franchise process and asked for approval.

First reading of Ordinance No. 2020-20 was held.

- C. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2020-62 adopting the 2021 to 2026 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Staff reviewed the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, projects within the plan, and changes from last year.

There was brief discussion on the Myra Road project being moved to a long-range project, and funding for the pavement management program.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

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There were brief comments on the Infrastructure Repair and Replacement program and the Transportation Benefit District.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-62. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at virtual meetings of the following: the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board; the Recycling ad hoc task force; the Valley Transit Board; and the Work Session. An agenda setting meeting was also attended in person.

Councilmember Huie reported virtual attendance at the Work Session.

Councilmember Bahena reported virtual attendance at the Work Session; the making of the City's informational videos; and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation's Farmer's Market.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported virtual attendance at the Planning Commission meeting; the Valley Transit Board; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the making of the City's informational video; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Koehler reported virtual attendance at the Recycling ad hoc task force meeting; the entrance conference with representatives of the State Auditor's office; the Valley Transit Board meeting; and the Work Session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the Jim Bock radio show; the making of the City's informational videos; the Watershed Management Partnership Board; the agenda setting meeting; the Work Session; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting; and the Mill Creek Coalition meeting.

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

There were comments by Council recognizing the efforts of City staff and the community in dealing with and adapting to changes in response to the pandemic.

It was the consensus of a majority of Council to schedule a town hall meeting to open conversations with the community about the police department, racism, and diversity.

Staff recognized the need to formulate a process for public engagement and recognized the Public Works and Parks & Recreation staff for the downtown improvements.

City Clerk Hill reported two additional public comments had come in during the meeting. One from Natalie Lyons-Cohen and one from Brian Dohe. These emails have been forwarded to the entire Council.

Staff reported that \$31,000 has been raised by the community in response to the vandalism and death of fowl at the aviary. Security cameras will be a part of the improvements in addition to replacing some of the birds that were killed.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**