

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 22, 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, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received prior to the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Hill introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through F, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2020-78 authorizing grant applications to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for the redevelopment of Heritage Square.
- B. Resolution No. 2020-79 ratifying the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Department of Commerce in support of childcare providers in Walla Walla.
- C. Resolution No. 2020-80 authorizing a contract with PBS Engineering & Environmental for surveying and preliminary design of the Plaza Way transportation benefit district project (Village Way to Taumarson Road/Prospect Avenue) in the amount of \$104,500.
- D. Ordinance No. 2020-25 authorizing amendments to the 2019-2020 biennium maintenance and operations budget; and

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Ordinance No. 2020-26 establishing new projects and amending the capital improvement project budget.

- E. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held July 6, 2020.
- F. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 8, 2020.

There were brief reports on Items A and B.

There was no public input received on any of these items.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through F. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

4. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Public hearing on water system plan.

David Stangel, consultant with MurraySmith, reviewed the timeline, purpose of the plan, planning data and projections, water system components, water use analysis and efficiency, source water protections, operations and maintenance, capital improvement programs, and financial projections.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open.

Richard McFarland, Walla Walla, asked about passing system costs to the developers of subdivisions; and impact of gravity on water service and requirement for lift stations. Staff and Mr. Stangel responded to the questions.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

There was discussion on addressing capital needs within the rate structure; looking at ways Council can control and impact water conservation measures; and whether the plan will improve the City's opportunities for grants and loans.

- B. Resolution No. 2020-81 declaring the City of Walla Walla will not levy a sales and use tax under RCW 82.14.540 and supporting levy and

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collection of such tax by Walla Walla County throughout the County.

Staff reviewed the provisions in the law. This action will put the authority for the levy of the existing sales tax for housing with Walla Walla County to maximize the amount allowed for the benefit of the community. The Council on Housing, with representatives throughout the County, will make the recommendations to the County Commissioners on how the funds should be used.

No public input was received on this issue.

There was discussion on how this action will maximize the funding in the County without the City having to enact a separate tax. There is faith that the County Commissioners will follow through on the recommendations made by the Council on Housing and this will be beneficial to the entire community.

Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-81. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

C. Approval of the June 30, 2020 accounts payable register containing check numbers 207657 through 207909; 207913 through 208056, and 991007 through 991012 totaling \$5,470,442.55.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the June 30, 2020 accounts payable register containing check numbers 207657 through 207909, 207913 through 208056, and 991007 through 991012 totaling \$5,470,442.55 except for the checks to Blue Mountain Action Council and Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the checks to Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Koehler.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the check to Walla Walla School District. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The

motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Bahena and Nakonieczny.

D. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held July 2, 2020.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held July 2, 2020. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Huie and Nakonieczny.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the first Town Hall meeting; the agenda setting meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; a meeting regarding the downtown parklets; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Committee on Committees meeting; the first Town Hall meeting; the Jim Bock radio show; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting; the Good Roads Committee meeting; a meeting regarding the downtown parklets; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the first Town Hall meeting; the Civil Service Commission meeting; the Work Session; and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Committee on Committees meeting; the first Town Hall meeting; the Good Roads Committee meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; a meeting regarding downtown parklets; the Work Session; and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the first Town Hall meeting; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting; the Community Land Trust meeting; the Work Session; and the Fire Pension Board meeting.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the first Town Hall meeting; the Chamber of Commerce candidates forum; the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting; a meeting at the Health Center; a meeting regarding downtown parklets; the Sustainability

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Committee meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the Work Session; and the Emergency Management Board meeting.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the first Town Hall meeting; the Grapevine radio interview; the Mill Creek Coalition meeting; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; a meeting with staff regarding the Park Street improvement project; a meeting regarding the downtown parklets; the Work Session; the agenda setting meeting; the Fire Pension Board meeting; and the Water Management Partnership Board meeting.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to make the following appointments:

- **Aimee Parmley to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026; and**
- **Ann Johnson for a term expiring June 30, 2023 and Anastasia Christman to replace Chloe LeValley for a term expiring June 30, 2022 to the Sustainability Committee.**

Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion.

There was discussion on whether an appointment to the Civil Service Commission should be delayed. Council outlined the qualifications of Ms. Parmley.

The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Council commended staff and community organizations for their graffiti clean-up efforts.

Staff reported that the guidance from the State to control COVID-19 is that people should be restricting activities to contact with no more than five people outside of their household per week.

The second Town Hall meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Clubb moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.