

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Susan Nakonieczny.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Police Chief Scott Bieber, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

Mayor Scribner announced this special meeting was called to discuss and consider adoption of Resolutions and/or Ordinances declaring an emergency due to the COVID-19 Corona virus and taking any such further action needed related thereto.

Staff reviewed their initiatives in response to the COVID-19 corona virus pandemic. The goal is to reduce all non-essential contact between people to reduce the threat of this quickly spreading virus. Non-designated employees will be sent home with full pay and benefits during this time.

City Attorney Donaldson reviewed the provisions of Resolution No. 2020-38 declaring an emergency concerning the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and outbreak of Corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and taking other action in connection therewith. The City has broad emergency management powers after the Governor's declaration of emergency.

There was discussion on the provisions granting the City Manager authority within the emergency declaration, compliance with the terms of the Union labor agreement, and other provisions within the resolution.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the City Council on this issue.

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Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-38. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes and 0 no votes.

There have been no confirmed positive cases of the virus within Walla Walla County although there have been three positive cases in neighboring counties.

There was discussion on enactment of an emergency moratorium on evictions due to the economic fallout of business closures and employees required to self-quarantine. The City Manager was directed to work with other agencies to take a proactive approach to ensure residents do not become homeless.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.