

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
January 6, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Byron Olson, Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Finance Director Jean Teasdale, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Report from the Alliance for the Homeless.

Staff reviewed the expenditures for the sleep center over the last four years. Craig Volwiler and Chuck Hindman, representing the Alliance for the Homeless, reviewed the progress of the sleep center and outlined their exit homelessness program.

There was discussion on:

- Impact on neighbors in the vicinity of the sleep center site.
- Volunteers and strategic planning for longevity and sustainability of the Alliance for the Homeless.
- Mental health system and lack of care for those seeking help.
- Ready to rent education program and permanent supportive housing.
- Community efforts to address housing and services.
- Contact number for the sleep center.

Council thanked the Alliance for the Homeless for their work and partnership.

B. Council preparation for the New Year.

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There was discussion on:

- Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on January 8.
- Seating locations at dais.
- Regular meeting time start and finish. It was the consensus of Council to have staff prepare an ordinance for consideration that will change the regular meeting start time to 6:30 p.m. and to conclude the meeting by 9:30 p.m., excluding Executive Sessions, unless the time is extended by a majority vote of the City Council.
- Responses to public comments will be considered immediately following the public comment period on the agenda.
- Council committee assignments.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.