

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
August 24, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the virtual meeting to order at 4:00 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Utilities Engineer Frank Nicholson, Transportation Engineer Monte Puymon, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

Also in attendance: Alex Fazzari, Engineer with J-U-B Engineers.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. General Sewer Plan update.

Mr. Fazzari reported the focus of this study was on the Wastewater Treatment Plant to identify capital improvement projects over the next seven years to assist with capital facilities and financial planning. Mr. Fazzari reviewed:

- Project objectives.
- Influent flows.
- Influent BOD load.
- Projections.
- Key findings.
- CIP goals.
- Capital Improvement Plan.
- Next steps.
- Near-term projects to improve ability to handle high-strength waste slug loads.

There was discussion on:

- Implementing appropriate fees to address the BOD loads from high-strength waste.
- Department of Ecology loan rates and competitiveness of process.
- Ultraviolet disinfection.

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- Whether Department of Ecology requirements are subjective.
- B. A discussion regarding the possible formation of a pavement management funding task force.

Staff reported this is a follow-up to the pavement management study presented in June. The purpose of this task force would be to determine how to best utilize existing resources. Membership of this task force could be comprised of Councilmembers, Infrastructure Improvement Advisory Committee members, Transportation Benefit District Advisory Committee members, Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee members, and the public. Councilmembers Clubb and Huie volunteered to serve on the task force.

Council asked staff to put together an action item for City Council consideration at the first meeting in September.

- C. CARES Act funding report update.

Staff provided an overview of the expenditures from the Federal CARES Act funding.

Council commended City Manager Shawa, city staff, and businesses for their response during this COVID-19 pandemic.

There was discussion on:

- What happens to the parklets at the end of the season? Some businesses may try to use them throughout the year. The City has no plans to require their removal at this time.
- Ownership and storage of the chairs, tables and umbrellas purchased with CARES Act funding.
- First Avenue plaza will continue to operate through October and then the City Council can decide if it will be eliminated.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Scribner clarified that additional public comments cannot be accepted for the Herbert Estates subdivision. This is a closed record, quasi-judicial matter and the City Council can only deliberate on the existing record.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.