

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021

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, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Technology Services Director Chris Owen, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Senior Planner Jon Maland, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Staff introduced the Consent Agenda, Items A through I, as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 2021-26 sets May 12, 2021 as the public hearing date for the Cottonwood Road at Ransom Road annexation.
- B. Resolution No. 2021-27 sets May 12, 2021 as the public hearing date for the Reser Road and Fern Avenue annexation.
- C. Resolution No. 2021-28 sets May 12, 2021 as the public hearing date for the Prospect Avenue and Williams Road annexation.
- D. Resolution No. 2021-29 accepting request from Early-Repass Golf, LLC, to terminate the lease for the operation of Veterans Memorial Golf Course effective November 30, 2021.

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- E. Resolution No. 2021-30 authorizing an engineering contract with Sargent Engineers, Inc. for design of scour repairs at the Wilbur Avenue bridge in the amount of \$54,604.
- F. Resolution No. 2021-31 authorizing a community paramedic program partnership with Providence Saint Mary Medical Center with \$110,000 in funding support from Saint Mary Medical Center.
- G. Resolution No. 2021-32 authorizing the purchase of servers from RackSimply in the amount of \$59,257.28 and Microsoft Windows Server licenses from CDW-G in the amount of \$28,787.24.
- H. Resolution No. 2021-33 declaring as surplus City items no longer needed and authorizes their disposal.
- I. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 24, 2021.

One email had been received and forwarded to Council from Sharon Schiller regarding the community paramedic program.

There was brief discussion on Items D, G, and H.

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

4. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2021-34 authorizing an agreement with the Port of Walla Walla, the Mill Creek Flood Control Zone District, and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation for cost sharing for the Mill Creek infrastructure improvement design and construction.

Staff described the project and agreement by the Mill Creek coalition to pay thirty-five percent of the costs for improvements to the channel running through the City. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will cover the remaining sixty-five percent of the costs. The City's estimated share is \$700,000.

There was no public input.

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There was discussion on:

- Costs are not included in the budget. A budget amendment will be required.
- There is no change to the current design of the flood control channel. The existing design adequately contained the recent flood events.
- The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is geared toward flood control and their work is commendable in protecting the City during the recent flood events.
- The Tri-State Steelheaders has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and this project will not affect fish passage.

Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-34. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Resolution No. 2021-35 authorizing a contract with David Evans & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$367,775 for final design and right-of-way of the Poplar Street – Colville Street to 5th Avenue project.

Staff reported this is the continuation of the design contract and its cost is within fifteen percent of the total project costs which is in line for federally funded projects.

There was no public input.

There was brief discussion on the scope of this project and the Park Street infrastructure repair and replacement project.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-35. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- C. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held February 22, 2021.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes for the Work Session held February 22, 2021. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Clubb.

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- D. Approval of the February 2021 accounts payable register containing check numbers 13209 through 13249; 13251 through 13493; and 138 through 151 totaling \$1,875,127.45.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve the February 2021 accounts payable register containing check numbers 13209 through 13249; 13251 through 13493; and 138 through 151 totaling \$1,875,127.45 except for the checks to the Blue Mountain Action Council and Susan Nakonieczny. Councilmember Koehler 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 the Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Nakonieczny 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 reimbursement check to Susan Nakonieczny. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Nakonieczny.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at two differential call task force meetings; the agenda setting meeting; a lunch meeting with Mayor Scribner; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at a Jim Bock radio interview and the Work Session.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting and the Work Session.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting and the Work Session.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at a Common Roots Housing Trust meeting; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting; a meeting with a representative of Bird Scooters; and the Work Session.

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Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Work Session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at the Water Management Partnership Board meeting; the Arts Commission meeting; the agenda setting meeting; the Work Session; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; and the Public Library Board meeting.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Council recognized the efforts of staff in continuing to provide City services on the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing communications regarding the pandemic.

There was discussion on concerns expressed by property owners and businesses regarding the parklets downtown and whether they are going to be allowed to continue. This issue is scheduled for discussion at a future Work Session.

Staff reported on the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act and the funding allocated to the City; and the potential rule change that threatens the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in areas under 100,000 population. It was the consensus of Council to have the Mayor sign a letter objecting to this rule change.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.