

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 26, 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, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Fire Chief Bob Yancey, Library Director Erin Wells, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Deputy Fire Chief Eric Wood, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, Engineer Doug Eaton, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2021-74 setting June 23, 2021, as the public hearing date for the Berney Drive and Pleasant Street annexation.
- B. Resolution No. 2021-75 setting June 23, 2021, as the public hearing date for the Artesia Avenue annexation.
- C. Resolution No. 2021-76 setting June 23, 2021, as the public hearing date for the 505 Hatch Street annexation.
- D. Resolution No. 2021-77 authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Department of Justice Patrick Leahy bulletproof vest partnership in the amount of \$5,234 for the purchase of nine ballistic vests for the Police Department.

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- E. Resolution No. 2021-78 authorizing agreement(s) with Pacific Power for street lighting improvements as part of the citywide pedestrian safety improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
- F. Resolution No. 2021-79 rejecting the bid for the Well #6 cleaning project.
- G. Ordinance No. 2021-10 vacating the southwesterly two feet of Tukannon Street between East Main Street and East Rose Street within A.J. Cain's Addition to the City of Walla Walla.
- H. Ordinance No. 2021-11 amending the Municipal Code to eliminate library fines for adults.
- I. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held May 10, 2021.
- J. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 10, 2021.
- K. Approval of minutes of the special meeting held May 12, 2021.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one chose to address the City Council on any of these items.

There was brief discussion on Items E and F. The pedestrian improvement project does not address the recent correspondence regarding pedestrians crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Birch Street.

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

**4. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Public hearing and Resolution No. 2021-80 adopting the 2022 through 2027 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Staff reviewed the projects being added and deleted from the 2022 through 2027 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Mayor Scribner declared the public hearing open. There being no public testimony, the hearing was closed.

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Council commended the work of staff for their success in getting grants and long-range planning; the role of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee in the planning process; and the critical role of the funding received through the voter-approved Transportation Benefit District sales tax.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-80. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- B. Resolution No. 2021-81 awards the bid for the Mill Creek Sportsplex hydroseeding project to Bella Terra, LLC in the amount of \$25,562.25.

Staff described the project and reported the hydroseeding is a requirement of the Department of Ecology for the City's stormwater permit.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. There was no public input on this item.

There was discussion on how often the hydroseeding will need to be done, maintenance, funding, future plans for the area, and timing of the project.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-81. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- C. Resolution No. 2021-82 authorizing the purchase of an EV ARC solar transportable charging unit from BEAM to support fleet electrification and emergency preparedness efforts in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.

Staff reviewed the need for electric vehicle infrastructure to start the transition of the fleet to electric vehicles. This purchase will also contribute to emergency preparedness as it can be used as an auxiliary power source.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. There was no public input on this item.

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There was discussion on the battery life, warranties, savings from electrifying the fleet will fund the cost of the charging unit, and how the charging unit operates.

**Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-82. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- D. Resolution No. 2021-83 authorizing the purchase of a thermoplastic applicator and associated equipment for the streets division from Altus Traffic Management LLC dba Statewide Safety Systems in an amount not to exceed \$46,703.

Staff reported the purchase of this equipment will improve efficiencies for marking streets. It is also anticipated that the street markings will last longer through this new application method.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. There was no public input.

There was discussion on the equipment being a timesaver, providing for an easier application, and allowing the markings to last longer. The markings can only be made when the asphalt is dry, funds are budgeted for the purchase in street operations, and it is expected that the new marking material will not be slippery when wet.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-83. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- E. Resolution No. 2021-84 authorizing the lease of a field marking robot from Turf Tank, not to exceed an annual lease cost of \$12,524 totaling \$66,974 over the duration of the six-year lease program, for the parks maintenance division.

Staff reviewed the proposed lease of equipment to mark the sports fields around the city. This lease will be funded by the savings from not hiring a half-time seasonal employee to mark the sports fields, will save the City money, and will result in a faster and more efficient way of marking fields. Any necessary maintenance and repairs will be covered through the lease.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. There was no public input.

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**Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-84.  
Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously  
carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- F. Resolution No. 2021-85 awarding the bid for the Spring Terrace Sewer lift station project to POW Contracting in the amount of \$369,154.67.

Staff reported there is a very high maintenance problem with this pump station due to its design. With its proximity to Caldwell Creek, staff is very concerned with any pump failure. This redesigned pump will be more reliable and trustworthy. Three bids were received for this planned and budgeted project. POW Contracting has performed other wastewater projects and staff has been very satisfied with their work.

Mayor Scribner invited public input.

RL McFarland, Walla Walla, had questions on the number of pumps throughout the wastewater system and their operation. Staff explained the difference between submersible and vacuum pumps and that an ideal system is not to have any pump stations.

There was brief discussion on whether any sewer issues were anticipated during construction, the bids and their amounts, and the acronym POW is believed to stand for Pride of Washington.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-85.  
Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously  
carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

- G. Motion to correct the authorization amount provided by Resolution No. 2021-39 (underground inspection van system) to increase the amount by \$64,000 for a total of \$149,000.

Staff explained that there was confusion over two separate estimates that had been provided for the upgraded sewer televising system. These two estimates were to be added together instead of one superseding the other estimate.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. There was no public input.

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Staff explained the need for the purchase of a replacement sewer televising system and the substantial improvement it will provide over the current system. It is a key piece of equipment to identify the sewer pipes that can be repaired versus those that need to be replaced. The funding for this purchase is from the vehicle replacement and wastewater funds.

**Councilmember Koehler moved to increase the authorization amount of Resolution No. 2021-39 by \$64,000. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the agenda setting meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the special Work Session on Civil Service Commissions; the Work Session; and the Chief's Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at a Jim Bock radio interview; the Veteran's Memorial Golf Course meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Civil Service Commission meeting and the Work Session.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting; the Veteran's Memorial Golf Course meeting; the special Work Session on Civil Service Commissions; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at two Common Roots Housing Trust Board meetings; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting; the Finance Committee meeting; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting; the special Work Session on Civil Service Commissions; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting; the First Story wall raising for the second home; the Sustainability Committee meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the special Work Session on Civil Service Commissions; and the Work Session.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a tree planting in memory of City Manager Shawa's mother; the Finance Committee meeting; a meeting

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with staff and Councilmember Moss to discuss a town hall meeting on policing; the agenda setting meeting; the Veteran's Memorial Golf Course meeting; the special Work Session on Civil Service Commissions; and the Work Session.

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Staff introduced Resolution No. 2021-86 authorizing the surplus and sale of an ambulance to a Whitman County Fire District. This ambulance was going to be presented on a surplus list for Council on June 23, but staff was contacted by the Fire District who is in dire need and willing to pay for the ambulance. The ambulance was removed from service at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Scribner invited public input. No one chose to comment on this issue.

There was discussion on the surplus property process for vehicles. Staff reported they are turned over to a local auction business for sale. This proposed surplus and sale benefits another public safety agency and meets the legal process. The sale price is \$29,000, more than would likely be received at an auction.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-86. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

There was discussion on the formation of an ad hoc housing committee and the anticipated role and responsibilities of this committee. Mayor Scribner proposed that Councilmembers Moss, Koehler, and Clubb be appointed to this ad hoc housing committee with Councilmember Nakonieczny taking Councilmember Clubb's seat at the end of his term.

**Councilmember Koehler moved to create an ad hoc advisory committee on housing with Councilmember Koehler, serving as chair, and Councilmembers Moss and Clubb. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Mayor Scribner reported the City Council would resume meeting in public in the Council Chambers starting June 7.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.