

**WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scribner called the 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. (Councilmember Clubb arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, Police Chief Scott Bieber, Technology Services Director Chris Owen, Fleet Services Manager Matt Edwards, City Engineer Neal Chavre, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jean Dolling commented on a bicycle accident she was involved in at the Rose Street/Myra Road intersection and requested a roundabout be constructed at this intersection.

Kevin Reniche asked the City Council to consider approval of a proclamation declaring June 19 as Juneteenth in Walla Walla.

Council suggested Ms. Dolling contact the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee and asked that the issue of the Juneteenth proclamation be considered under new business.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Resolution No. 2021-87 authorizing replacement of seven police patrol vehicle mobile computers at a cost not to exceed \$42,000 through a cooperative purchasing agreement.

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- B. Resolution No. 2021-88 authorizing a professional services contract with Parametrix to update the Walla Walla County Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$106,390.38.
- C. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 12, 2021.
- D. Approval of minutes of the Work Session held May 24, 2021.
- E. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 26, 2021.

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

Regarding Item A, there was discussion on the need to replace the mobile computers in the police patrol vehicles and their importance in allowing the officers to write citations and accident reports, answer calls for service, and communicate with dispatch. These computers are an essential piece of equipment, and the existing units are failing at an epic rate.

A brief report was provided on Item B.

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

**5. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2021-89 approving the 2021 Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Annual Report and work plan.

Staff reviewed the accomplishments of the Transportation Benefit District program, including the receipt of American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter Transportation Project of the Year award. An overview was provided of the 2020 projects, the \$31,285,219 in awarded grants, past projects, future projects, and the importance of the voters renewing the TBD sales tax for another ten years.

Mayor Scribner invited public input.

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Jean Dolling thanked the City for their work in obtaining grants to further funding for street projects.

R.L. McFarland commented on the importance of communicating the accomplishments to the public.

The Council commended staff for their diligence in obtaining grant funding for furthering the TBD's investment in streets, importance of Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, and having "shovel ready" projects for funding. The residents of Walla Walla were also commended for their patience while improvements are made. Council suggested the City send a postcard to residents with construction reminders.

**Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-89. Councilmember Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

B. City Council Compensation.

Staff reported the last time the compensation was adjusted for the City Council was in 2007. Council can choose to change the compensation or create a salary commission that will review the compensation and may make adjustments.

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

Council expressed their individual opinions on whether compensation adjustments are warranted and whether they should be implemented by the City Council or a Salary Commission.

**Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-12 establishing a salary commission. Councilmember Nakonieczny seconded the motion.**

There was discussion on the ordinance and the need to determine the minimum number of years the salary commission will be required to review the compensation.

**Councilmember Moss moved to amend the ordinance to require the salary commission to review the Council and Mayor compensation every three years. Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion to amend unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-12 as amended unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

C. Approval of minutes of the special Work Session held May 21, 2021.

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

**Councilmember Moss moved to approve the minutes of the special Work Session held May 21, 2021. Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions by Councilmembers Bahena and Huie.**

## **6. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at the agenda setting meeting and the Work Session.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Work Session; the Fort Walla Walla Museum Board meeting; and the Committee on Committees meeting.

Councilmember Bahena reported attendance at the Work Session and the Committee on Committees meeting.

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Committee on Committees meeting.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council executive director search meeting; the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meeting; the Work Session; and the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Transportation Benefit District Advisory Committee meeting and the Work Session.

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Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a Jim Bock radio show interview; the agenda setting meeting; the last meeting of the Water Partnership Board; a lunch meeting with Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman; the Work Session; the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; the LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting; and a lunch meeting with Councilmember Moss.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

Council recognized the efforts of the numerous volunteers that are serving on City boards, commissions, and committees.

**Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to reappoint the following:**

- **Lindsey Ryan to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2024;**
- **Steven Anderson to the Transportation Benefit District Improvement Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2024; and**
- **Tim Anderson and William Allen to the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee for terms expiring June 30, 2024.**

**Councilmember Clubb seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

**Councilmember Nakonieczny moved to appoint Hal Thomas to the engineer position on the Infrastructure Improvement Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021, and Michael Scholar to the Public Library Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.**

Councilmember Moss reported that the Chief's Advisory Committee will be holding a virtual Town Hall meeting on June 30, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Scribner read a proposed proclamation declaring June 19 as "Juneteenth." Council expressed their individual opinions on whether the proclamation should be issued.

**Councilmember Clubb moved to approve the issuance of a proclamation declaring June 19, 2021, as "Juneteenth." Councilmember Bahena seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes by Councilmembers Huie and Nakonieczny.**

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**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Scribner announced the City Council would be recessing to Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the City is a party or is likely to become a party pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session will last no more than sixty minutes and no further business will come before Council in open session.

The meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**