

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 27, 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, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, Parks & Recreation Director Andy Coleman, Senior Planner Jon Maland, Development Services Director Preston Frederickson, and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one chose to address the City Council.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Accepts resignation of Dustin Stocking from the Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Advisory Board.
- B. Accepts resignation of John DeLong from the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee.
- C. Approves minutes of the special meeting held September 29; the Work Session held October 11; and the regular meeting held October 13, 2021.

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

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

4. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2021-139 authorizing a professional services contract with MacKay Sposito for design of the Mill Creek Sportsplex improvements in the amount of \$271,018.82.

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

Staff reviewed the scope of the project, design, selection process, and cost. The Walla Walla Pickleball Association has been fundraising for the additional courts. There was discussion on this phase of improvements fitting within the scope of the master plan, sports games and positive impact on tourism, addition of pickleball courts, adequacy of restroom facilities, traffic flow, and addition of sidewalks on Garrison Street along the sportsplex. This contract is only for the design and survey work, not construction management.

Councilmember Moss moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-139. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- B. Update on recycling education and outreach.

Staff reviewed:

- Recycling ad hoc committee recommendations.
- Outreach efforts.
- Average cart weight is going down which reflects the reduction in contamination.
- Fluctuations in revenue and expenses for recycling commodities appear to have stabilized.
- Future outreach and enforcement.

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

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There was brief discussion on the education and outreach efforts and what future enforcement actions may be taken.

No action was taken by Council.

C. Ordinance No. 2021-30 eliminating the 2022 recycling commodities surcharge.

Staff reported the cost of disposal of recyclable commodities appears to have stabilized so staff is recommending setting the 2022 surcharge at zero. This reduction takes effect January 1, 2022.

There was discussion on the economic and social benefits of recycling.

Mayor Scribner invited public input.

R.L. McFarland agreed that recycling has more societal benefits, and the importance of considering the benefits of local purchasing.

Councilmember Koehler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-30. Councilmember Moss seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

D. Resolution No. 2021-140 approving the recommendation from the Hearing Examiner regarding the Preliminary Plat for Doc Bar subdivision, a 12-lot subdivision located on Sturm Avenue. (Closed record – quasi judicial)

Mayor Scribner polled the City Council for any conflicts of interest, appearance of fairness, or ex-parte contacts. None were reported.

Staff reviewed the area, proposed plat, correspondence received, and mitigating measures and conditions. There was discussion on meeting all City requirements for a development, ability of fire trucks to navigate the cul-de-sac, meeting the minimum density requirements, and 300-foot notice requirements. Council suggested a future Work Session to discuss notice requirements for developments and annexations since this will require an amendment to the Municipal Code.

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Councilmember Clubb moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-140. Councilmember Koehler seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

- E. Approve payment of the September 2021 check register containing check numbers 15713 through 15783, 15785 through 15816, 15819 through 15914, 15916 through 15974, 15976 through 16009, 16011 through 16055, and 256 through 268 totaling \$5,427,643.55.

Councilmember Moss moved to approve payment of the September 2021 check register containing check numbers 15713 through 15783, 15785 through 15816, 15819 through 15914, 15916 through 15974, 15976 through 16009, 16011 through 16055, and 256 through 268 totaling \$5,427,643.55 except for the checks to the Blue Mountain Action Council. Councilmember Huie 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 Huie seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention by Councilmember Koehler.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Councilmember Moss reported attendance at two agenda setting meetings; the Walla Walla County Community mental health assessment; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the Work Session; the Chief's Advisory Committee meeting; and the ad hoc Housing Committee meeting.

Councilmember Huie reported attendance at the Good Roads Committee meeting; the Work Session; and the Jim Bock radio show.

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

Councilmember Nakonieczny reported attendance at the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation Board meeting; the Good Roads Committee meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; and the Work Session.

Councilmember Clubb reported attendance at the Blue Mountain Action Council Executive meeting; the Legislative Committee meeting; the

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Common Roots Board meeting; the Visit Walla Walla Board meeting; the Blue Mountain Action Council Board meeting; the Finance Committee meeting; the Downtown Plaza stakeholder meeting; the Work Session; the ad hoc Housing Committee meeting; and the Legislative Committee meeting.

Councilmember Koehler reported attendance at the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting; the Emergency Management Board meeting; the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting; the Valley Transit Board meeting; the Work Session; and the ad hoc Housing Committee meeting.

Mayor Scribner reported attendance at a meeting with Finance Director Teasdale, two agenda setting meetings; the Finance Committee meeting; and the Work Session.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on tourism promotion and marketing and whether there is a strategic plan or goals. It was consensus of Council to schedule this for a future Work Session or possibly the November 20 Council retreat.

Mayor Scribner recognized the work of the Walla Walla Foundry and read portions of an article in the New York Times recognizing the international reputation of the foundry.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.